

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Red Warrior's Society march into Arizona from California

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The Yavapai-Apache Nation community members hosted the Red Warrior's Society from the Barona, California on June 1.

This group continues to carry on the responsibilities of AIM's mission to bring about an awareness of the special problems still facing Indians in America. This includes the issues in Violence Against Women and Missing persons and the pos-

sible extinction of bee pollination, sobriety, a nuclear waste dump that is being proposed on the sea coast north of San Diego as well as national issues occurring on Indian lands such as expansion of oil pipelines across Indian lands.

Bobby Wallace of Barona and AIM's Harry Goodwolf Kindness who was close to the late Dennis Bank of AIM, carried the official AIM staff during the march from Middle Verde to the culture center a dis-

tance of 3 miles.

Just prior to arriving on the Nation's land, the California group started their march in Ft. Mohave, California on the Indian reservation a month before arriving in Camp Verde. The group also stopped on the Hualapai Nation in Peach Springs, Arizona a week before arriving in Camp Verde.

Along the way, the California group was able to discuss their agenda with the Indian communities. The Wellbriety Group of

Yavapai-Apache Nation under the direction of Gloria Lewis Garcia hosted the visitors during the group's stay in Middle Verde.

Meals were prepared and lodging arranged for the marchers. At the culture center, Gourd singers from the Hualapai Nation shared their songs with the community the last evening as a fireside meal was cooked for the community.



AIM staff carrier Chief Harry Goodwolf Kindness with YAN members



AIM Bobby Wallace marching up front



Gloria Garcia leads the circle in front of the culture center during the Red Warrior's stay in Verde Valley.



Beginning the march to the culture center from Middle Verde YAN News photos

### Council inducts new business board member

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Courtney Scott, a Nation member, was appointed as the newest member of the business enterprise board for the Nation during a council meeting on June 5.

Mr. Scott was the former Executive Director of Tribal Administration for the Nation for 10 years from 2002 until 2012.

More recently, he was the business manager for the Oovah Smoke Shop in Clarkdale on the Yavapai-Apache Nation for 3 years.

Using his GI Bill, he completed a business degree from Northern Arizona University with a Bachelors in Business Administration. During his formative years in the U.S. Army from 1968 until 1971 Mr. Scott was stationed in Germany

for a year, one year in the U.S. and a year in Thailand.

He has been a career-teacher for 26 years teaching both in the Tuba City Public School District and Greyhills High School in Tuba City.

Mr. Scott was married to the late Louise Max Scott of Tuba City who was also a school principal for many years.

Mr. Scott sees the importance of his new role as a business board member.

"It's important that the businesses are operating on a professional basis making money and providing job opportunities for tribal members and that the business board watch over these enterprises so that they are doing well for the Nation," he said.



Courtney Scott is sworn in by Chairwoman Jane Russell-Winiecki as a new business board member.

### YAN member Adela Mendez is new administrative assistant

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Visitors arriving at the tribal administration are met by Adela Mendez when they first enter the building to conduct business. Ms. Mendez has to know the individuals working in the various departments not only in the tribal administration building but in other locations as she answers incoming local telephone calls and from across the country.

"I like my work a lot and it is good experience for me. I know what I'm doing and this is a way for me to get my foot in the door to business management. It's a lot of responsibility she said.

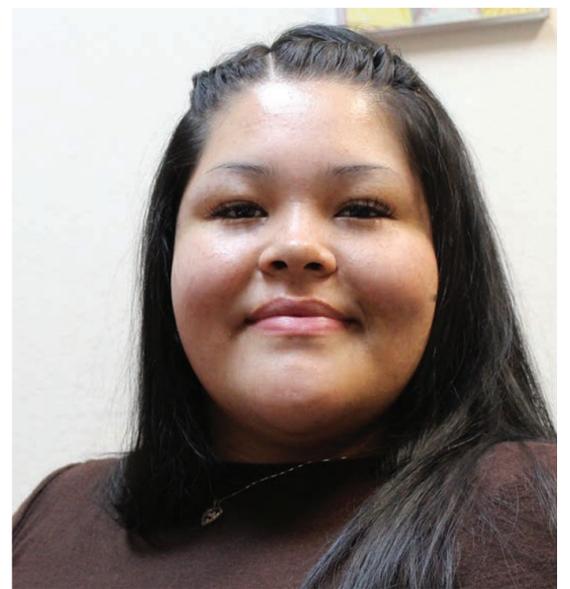
There are a million things to do in the small area where Ms. Mendez works besides answer-

ing phone calls. One has to be multi-task that may include using the computer terminal while answering a question from behind the office counter while grabbing the phone. How about the endless piles of envelopes that have to be stamped for tribal business or sorting incoming mail and placing them in their proper slots in the mail room?

Ms. Mendez was employed as a clerk at the Nation's Chevron White Hills service station for a year prior to arriving at her new employment site.

She says she keeps busy with her 20 month old son James Stout when she gets home in the evening.

Ms. Mendez mother is Tonita Fernando



Adela Mendez

who is the clerk/court administrator of the Nation's court and her grandmother is Linda Hartnett of Tunlii. Most of the elders may remember Ms. Mendez

great-grandmother Florence Engle of Ft. McDowell and her uncle is Brent Engle. The Nation is happy to have Ms. Mendez onboard.



Camp Verde High School Girl's softball won their 3rd championship in May playing Benson High School.