

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chairman Huey speaks at Indian youth agriculture workshop

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Speaking before a small group of Indian youths attending an agricultural workshop in Tunlii on Saturday October 19, Mr. Huey shared some insights about exploring various career opportunities and formulas for success.

Mr. Huey said he has lived in Camp Verde his whole life and admitted that he has “never actually farmed” but has a lot of respect for the agriculture business. Mr. Huey spent 17 years on the Yavapai-Apache Nation police force and more recently was the police chief for 3 years. He has also served 2 terms on the tribal council in the past few years. And now, he is the Chairman-Executive Officer of his tribe.

“This type of lifestyle-being involved in agriculture; you have to be responsible. You can’t sleep in. You’ve got to work hard and you have to be out with the animals. You have to be in the fields constantly working. All of that creates good habits, right?” he asked the young listeners. They all nod in agreement.

Mr. Huey’s positive energies this early hour of the morning is good

for the youths. The teens come from far off places such as Peach Springs in western Arizona, the Gila River Indian community, San Carlos and Navajoland..

In Chinle High School, on the Navajo Reservation, there is a high school major for livestock meat packaging and processing according to one of the teachers chaperoning some of the students at the conference.

Mr. Huey’s words of wisdom about laziness is getting some traction this morning with the attendees. “Is being lazy a good thing?” he asks. He continues by stating that many people couldn’t keep a job if they were lazy. Then he asked another question about what does a person need to survive. “Money,” he says.

That seemed to create a sparkle in the eyes of the participants.

The association between a career and income is clearly understood by the listeners.

Mr. Huey also shares some information about some friends that he has right in Camp Verde who do farming and ranching. “It’s the quality of life that it brings to their family—there’s nothing but good things,” he said to the students.



Chairman Huey visits with agriculture students at conference in Tunill.

Mr. Huey also acknowledges that fact that many young people are not interested in the lifestyle of a farmer or a rancher. “But the fact that you are here makes me feel good because as you grow up --maybe you will get into the business with agriculture,” he added.

By sharing the early history of how the Yavapai-Apache people got their land back after the forced removal from the area in February 1875 Mr. Huey was able to paint a positive picture of how the Yavapai-Apache arose to regaining their lands that was once taken away from

them from the U.S. government. He spoke of the long winter march of 1875 from Camp Verde to San Carlos when many did not make it.

When the Yavapai and the Apache returned to Verde Valley at the turn of the century they had discovered that other non-Indians had moved into the area and established farms and ranches.

“We had to get our land back. The land where Yolanda works at (Mrs. Trujillo who is the agriculture coordinator for the Nation who co-sponsored the youth conference) was one of the property we

were able to get back,” he proudly exclaimed.

Because of the irrigation of the fields using the nearby water source of the Verde Valley, the Yavapai-Apache Nation has gained a successful economic source that grows agricultural products such as hay and now, organic beef. The added bonus is the employment it provides to the Nation’s members and non-members of Verde Valley as well.

Near the tribal ranch is a multi-million dollar sand and rock operations that who creates a source of income for the Nation.

Mr. Huey elaborat-

ed on the use of water drawn from the nearby Verde River which entitles the Nation’s rightful access to the surface water that assures sustenance for survival in the future.

“Having this land and water allow us, the Nation, to preserve our water rights,” he added.

Mr. Huey stressed to the participants of the huge responsibilities required to be involved in agronomics. “I hope this continues throughout your life. It’s a respectful and honorable life style,” he concluded.



'Drop and roll' is the recommended procedure if one's clothes are on fire.

Camp Verde Fire Department visits Montessori

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It is Fire Safety Week and The Montessori Children’s House had a visit from the Copper Canyon Fire Department.

The Firemen spoke with the children about what to do if a fire were to occur. They were told to crawl out of the house (below the smoke) and gather in a designated family meeting spot.

Remember, have a plan in case of fire and pre-arrange a meeting spot outside, they rec-

ommended the mailbox.

They also practiced what to do if their clothes ever caught on fire; STOP, DROP, COVER AND ROLL.

They were instructed on what number to call in case of emergency, “911”.

The firemen also gave the children an inside tour of both the fire engine and ambulance, it was pretty special!

We thought you may enjoy some pictures.

Have a wonderful day



Visiting the inside cab of a fire truck by the students.



A fireman with student.

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