

YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION AUGUST RECAP



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✱ **3rd Annual Alcolthon**
September 5th 2026
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- ✱ **YAN HealthCare Fair**
September 11th 2026
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- ✱ **Youth Drug Trends**
September 18th 2026
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- ✱ **Pinion Harvest**
September 20th 2026
7:00 a.m. – all day
- ✱ **2026 General Election**
September 19th 2026
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ✱ **Native American Week Dinners**
September 21st – 23rd 2026
Community Dinner will be
served Monday – Wednesday @
5:30 p.m. at the Tunlii
Community Building.
- ✱ **Bulk Trash Day**
Rimrock- 8/28/26 and 9/4/26
Camp Verde- 8/28/26 and 9/4/26
Tunlii- 9/18/26 and 9/25/26
Clarkdale- 10/9/26 and 10/16/26



This Months Spotlight

Employee Appreciation Day

The Yavapai-Apache Nation recently held an Employee Appreciation Day Luncheon to recognize the hardworking employees who serve our Nation and community throughout the year. Employees gathered to enjoy good food, raffles, awards, and a well-deserved opportunity to relax, have fun, and spend time together.

The luncheon was a special way to celebrate the dedication, teamwork, and valuable contributions of employees across the Nation. Their continued commitment helps support our programs, departments, services, and community members each day.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who helped cook, organize, facilitate, and make the celebration possible. Most importantly, thank you to all Yavapai-Apache Nation employees for your hard work and service. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and we truly appreciate everything you do!

Honorable Mention

Restoring Our Acorns Exhibit

The YAN Apache Culture Department presented Chich'il' i'íimháaya: Restoring Our Acorns, an exhibit highlighting the cultural and ecological importance of Emory Oak trees to Southwestern Tribal communities. The exhibit focuses on the close relationship Western Apache and Yavapai peoples have with the evergreen tree while raising awareness of the Emory Oak Collaborative Tribal Restoration Initiative and its ongoing restoration efforts.

The exhibit was curated by Tribal member Nia Valdepena, who recently earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Museum Studies from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. During her internship with the Yavapai Culture Department, Nia worked on this initiative and presented the exhibit as part of her thesis.

YAN Camp Crew Deployed to Montana

The Yavapai-Apache Nation Camp Crew departed for the Skillet Fire in Montana's Flathead National Forest, marking the crew's fourth wildland fire assignment of the year. Their continued service supports wildfire response efforts and helps protect communities and natural resources across the country. We thank the crew for their hard work and dedication.

**Yavapai Language Class**

The final Yavapai Language Class brought community members together to learn, participate, and support the preservation of the Yavapai language. A special thank you to Albert Nelson of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for sharing his knowledge and teaching the class. Language revitalization is an important part of preserving our culture, identity, and sovereignty. We appreciate everyone who participated and supported this meaningful effort.

**Miles are Medicine**

The Yavapai-Apache Nation recently hosted the "Miles Are Medicine" Community 2-Mile Walk/Run, bringing community members together to promote wellness, physical activity, and healthy living.

We would like to thank everyone who participated and helped make the event a success. A special thank you goes to the Yavapai-Apache Nation CHR/WIC and Diabetes Programs for sponsoring and organizing this event.





This year's National Night Out brought community members together for an enjoyable evening of food, activities, and fellowship while strengthening relationships between the community and local law enforcement. A special thank you goes to the Clarkdale Police Department, Jerome Police Department, Yavapai-Apache Police Department, and Yavapai College Campus Safety for hosting the event, as well as UniSource Energy Services for its generous sponsorship. We also thank the Yavapai-Apache Royalty for proudly representing the Nation and helping make the evening even more special. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and contributed to the success of this wonderful community event.

If you need assistance finding the correct Yavapai words, they can be found in the Yavapai Dictionary or through the Yavapai Dictionary app.

A crossword puzzle grid with 7 numbered starting points. The grid is composed of white squares for letters and black squares for empty space. The numbers are: 1 (down), 2 (across), 3 (down), 4 (across), 5 (across), 6 (across), and 7 (across).

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Down:

1. Father
3. Mother
5. Paternal Grandfather
6. Paternal Grandmother

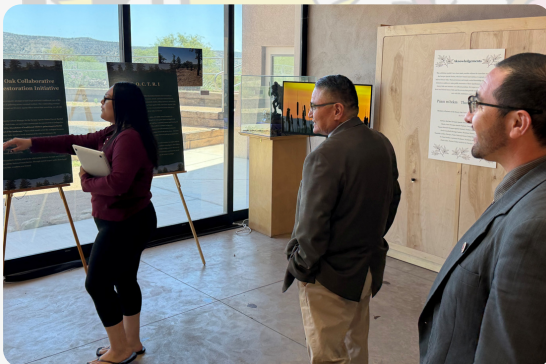
Across:

2. Maternal Grandfather

4. Daughter (Pet Name)

7. Maternal Grandmother

This Month in Pictures



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