

Clissene Lewis will present The Yavapai Journey. She is a tribal member of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and will focus on the history and culture of her Yavapai People with an emphasis on the Fort McDowell Indian Community. The Yavapai have had a long, arduous journey and have overcome many obstacles over the years. This presentation is an opportunity to promote dialogue with other communities, to bring an awareness of a broken past, and to share the unique government-to-government relationship between Indian Tribes and the U.S Government. Her presentation is illustrated with many historical photographs and is drawn from a mix of family, tribal, and non-tribal sources and includes some surprising stories and facts.

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