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New Tribal Council members are sworn-in

By Joe Dolan
STAFF WRITER

Three newly elected members to the Tribal Council were sworn-in on Oct. 6. A full-capacity crowd of tribal members, staff, and members of the Yavapai-Apache community gathered at the Middle Verde Council Chambers to witness the proceedings.

Jon Huey, David Kwail, and Billy Garner officially took their seats on the nine-member Tribal Council as the top three candidates with the most votes after tribal-wide elections held on Sept. 17. Each of the candidates was elected to serve 3-year terms. New to the Tribal Council is Jon Huey who received the most total votes in the election with 133. Huey is a police officer with the Yavapai-Apache Police Department. He has been an active figure in the community, serving in law enforcement and as the officer representative to local schools where Yavapai-Apache children attend.

"It is an honor to be here," Huey said after taking the oath of office. "I know this is a lot of weight on my shoulders. But I promise you I will work for the best interests of this Nation."

Receiving the second most votes in the election was David Kwail with 92. Kwail is no stranger to the tribe's legislative body. He has been an active voice since the 1970s. Kwail stepped down from his seat on the Council in September of last year in order to run against Jamie Fullmer for the Tribal Chairman's position. After losing a close race, Kwail took a job at the casino in finance.

"The gaming money was to be spent for this tribe...for the elderly, the youth," Kwail said after getting his old Council seat back. "I've seen a lot of what this current Council has done. A lot of it is not to my liking. The Tribal Council should be taking care of our people. That is more important than running the

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TRIBAL COUNCIL members accepted their seats on the Yavapai-Apache Nation's legislative body on Oct. 6. Sworn into office after receiving the most votes in the tribal election were, left to right: David Kwail (92), Jon Huey (133), and Billy Garner (88).

Vice Chairman resigns from Tribal Council

The Vice Chairman of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, Dennis Sine, submitted a letter of resignation to the Tribal Council on Sept. 12.

The Tribal Council officially accepted Sine's resignation during their meeting on Sept. 15. Sine was not present at the meeting. Chairman Jamie Fullmer read aloud the letter of resignation submitted by Sine.

In the letter, Sine stated he was stepping down "for the benefit of the Council." He also thanked his supporters throughout the Nation.

Sine was elected to the Vice Chairman's seat in September 2004. He won a close race for the position, beating Norman Smith by a total of 23 votes.

During his acceptance speech after being sworn-in, Sine spoke passionately about his radical leadership style.

"I am not a politician," he exclaimed. "I am a warrior. I have said time and time again, we have gone for years with nothing, and we still have nothing."

With the vacant seat on the Council, a special election will be held to fill the Vice Chair's remaining term.

"There will be a special election held after the swearing-in of Council members on Oct. 6," Libby Johnson, Chief Judge of the Election Board said.

Notice of the special election will go out to tribal members on Oct. 10. The election is scheduled to take place reservation-wide on Dec. 3, according to Johnson.

Nation receives Tribal Housing Initiative award

By Joe Dolan
STAFF WRITER

Yavapai-Apache Tribal Housing received an award from Governor Janet Napolitano on Sept. 13.

"We got this award because we have always passed every test and never been in violation of any regulations," John Walden, executive director of the Nation's Tribal Housing said.

The Governor's Tribal Housing Initiative award recognized the Nation's dedication to addressing reservation housing needs. The award singled out Y-A Tribal Housing for its development of affordable rentals using a low income tax credit from the State Housing Department.

"It was a nice honor to be given this award," said Walden. "Governor Napolitano has been very supportive with tribal housing in Indian

country. It's the first time in 10 years in the business I've seen Arizona do anything for tribal housing."

The 12 duplex rentals in Middle Verde were developed in 2002. It was the first project that utilized funding from the Low Income Tax Credit Program, according to Walden.

"This is a very good program with low risk to the tribe. It encourages

outside investors to invest in low income housing. Investors partner with organizations and receive a dollar for dollar tax credit from the IRS," explained Walden.

Walden said since the Nation has a tax-exempt status, it can sell the credits to outside investors at a price based on the variables with each project.

"The program has very strict regulations on how to manage it and must be carried out judiciously," Walden said. "Tenants have to meet low

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Wastewater treatment facility breaks ground

By Joe Dolan
STAFF WRITER

The Yavapai-Apache Nation and Yavapai County jail's new wastewater treatment facility officially broke ground on Aug. 31. County and Nation officials met at the site of the approximately \$2.5 million dollar project located on the southwestern border of the Middle Verde Reservation.

"This is a great partnership between two entities that are going to be here for as long as our lives will be here," said Jamie Fullmer, Chairman of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Fullmer spoke to participants gathered at the groundbreaking including Yavapai County Supervisors Chip Davis and Tom Thurman, as well as others who witnessed a special ceremony conducted by Councilman Vincent Randall.

Randall delivered a blessing to the project site and also sang a song in Apache alongside elder Ted Smith, Sr., the Nation's Economic Development Authority director.

"In our way we recognize the importance of the connectivity of everything around us. And if things are done the right way in the beginning, as in much of life, it stays right," Fullmer said after the blessing by Randall.

Since 1998, the tribe and county have worked on the plan for the wastewater facility that will service the county jail complex and planned tribal housing



BREAKING GROUND for the new wastewater treatment facility are officials from Yavapai County and the Yavapai-Apache Nation. The two entities have partnered in the project in order to provide services to the Yavapai County jail complex and planned tribal housing and commercial development along Hwy. 260.

and commercial development along Hwy. 260. The agreement was finally signed after overcoming obstacles that nearly scrapped the deal including a last minute objection and no vote by County Supervisor Carol Springer.

"When most people run into a wall they avoid it and walk away. But true leaders and people who are looking to the benefit of the long term, they look at that and they find a way around

it or over it or through it," Fullmer said.

"From our mindset, we've created an opportunity for the county and a good business relationship. We've also created an opportunity to put the infrastructure in for a much needed community of our own. This is the beginning step of building homes for our people. That's the number one priority that we can't meet on the other side of the river," explained Fullmer.

The Intergovernmental Agreement calls for the county to put up \$1.5 million for construction of the facility and \$80,000 yearly for wastewater service. Without the tribe, the county would have had to pay around \$2.6 million to build their own facility and approximately \$100,000 per year to run it.

Chip Davis, Yavapai County Supervisor for District 3, said the

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EDITORIAL

Letters to the Editor

Many thanks to Boys & Girls Club

Dear Chris Quasula and staff, I want to thank you and all of your great staff workers for everything you have done for my grandson Blaise Belfiglio in giving him the privilege of participating in the Boys & Girls Club summer activities on the reservation.

It has been a good experience for him to get to do the special trips, like swimming at Beaver Creek, going to the Deer Park, the Water Park in Phoenix, and the everyday computer fun, swimming at the pool and bowling trips.

It has been a great blessing to have him included in your transportation service to and from the reservation and all the activities. Many thanks go out to the bus drivers for your kindness and also for your readiness to adapt to Blaise's schedule changes for doctor appointments, etc.

You have a great program with wonderful people to work with the youth. Again, thank you so very much.

Sincerely,
Nancy Barkley
Camp Verde

Representation key to success

I received my September issue of our newsletter listing the candidates who are seeking the vacated seats on our Rez Council. There are 20 individuals with political ambitions to try to raise our standards as to how they can improve being a member of our Tribal Council, to govern our administration.

In reading your resumes, most of you have hung on in and out of the administration over the years and have learned parts of government operations. You have only touched the edge of a complex situation which to me was utmost complicated. Dealing with things, one has to make decisions on what's right or wrong for the people of the Nation.

To be wise you got to be a turtle. Be slow on your decisions. Think of the effects of your decision. Watch your pace, question your own thoughts, and clamp-up. Stay together when it gets tough and solve the problems you're faced with. Don't pass the buck as so many do.

I know many of you candidates are only thinking of the bucks that are available by being on the Council and attending a few meetings a month. Those that are employed in other capacity of the administration, holding double positions; this is a conflict of interest to me.

In the body of the government, you are able to protect yourself on the Council for the members will back you up. Most of you have the idea that when you attend a meeting

you're done. As a Council person, you're on the job 24 hours, 7 days a week, months, and years while you're on the term.

A real honest politician attends all tribal gatherings to be exposed to the people for information and to talk to the people as a good public relations person. I've been to these gatherings and haven't seen many or any and the sponsors should make a point to invite them.

Most you candidates have had the chance to prepare yourselves with some good educational background. Try to use it to benefit our Nation with your understanding of government to help the people and improve the well being of our Nation. You must remember the total responsibility upon your shoulders that the individuals had faith and trust in you to vote for you.

You will face 8 other Council members. Some are entrenched Council members who do not ever want changes, they do not want to rock the process of government, and they've got what they want.

As a tribal administrator, the importance of the Council is management. Their first goal should be creation of a superior workforce. The way I see our Council, they do not involve the directors of programs in any of the decision making. The Council endorses things they do not understand. We have had some outstanding management people working for our Nation. The Council needs to stop their military-like tactics. Our staff who have got us this far will leave because of our Council does not understand the basic concept of management procedures of government.

As a member of this Nation, I have been an advocate of true representation of the people in our 4 communities. Make these four communities into districts. We do not have equal representation. Their daily problems are not addressed by a representative from the communities.

This is not a fair government of the people. Sooner or later, the people are going to rebel being left out in the cold. A plan should be in place to do this. In years past, we had a group formed by a past Chairman, Mr. Ned Russell, who took control of E.D.A. which was administered by two other Chairmen, either Mr. Kwail or Mr. Randall. The group brainstormed on a five, ten, and a twenty year plan, took it before the Council to follow-up over the years. Nothing was ever heard back from them. These were land-use plans developed by a land developer of new communities; lay-outs were made.

What I have noticed about our leaders is they are continuing to call all the shots. The management personnel have not had any part in the decision making process. Our people bring a problem into the Council



meeting and the complaint is against a tribal program or an individual within the program. The Council will call an executive session to decide the outcome? Only the shadow knows what decision was made.

The department head or the employee is never questioned. How are the department heads to know how these problems can be corrected unless the department head is on the Council? In my opinion the Council has to handle things in a more business like manner.

What I have seen over the years is lax government procedures. We need to overhaul the play book we have been working with since the 1940s, in which the Council has had total control of all the segments of our government entities. The power structure has to spread over to our directors, who understand the problems better than our Council people.

Now is the time for you young members to question the total performance of our Tribal Council. We need to have our young politicians challenge the way we have been operating over all these years. We as a Nation have failed in our responsibility by voting for people who we thought would do the job.

What we are faced with is no accountability in the organization. Our newsletter should have program reports, so the Nation would know their monies is working for the good of our Nation as a whole.

All of these things revolve around the role of our government in modern society. I'm inclined to believe that we get the government we deserve when we vote for our politicians who do not understand the role of a government. We've had too many of these leaders in the past. I believe that our

government's primary role is to be a strong steward (people responsible) of our Rez, the State, and our Nation.

Strong stewardship demands thoughtful attention to and to invest in natural assets and the environment, tribal investments, and human capital. Planning for the future should be continued and laid out for future generation to anticipate disasters, initiate preventive measure and be prepared to act quickly. Our total infrastructure should be built on increments over a period of time so that monies will be available for a rainy day.

I know many of you who know me are saying, "That Old Buzzard is talking over his head." I probably have been in government longer than most of you think. I've seen and lived under the government most of my life and I have learned the mechanics of its mechanism.

Old Buzzard Sine

Remember why you ran for Council

By the time you read this, elections will have come and gone. If you're one of the "lucky" ones to be elected, just remember what you said and your answer to "I am running for Tribal Council because...."

The following are excerpts taken from the Candidate's Forum in last month's newspaper: "I am running for Tribal Council to make a difference in our Council and hopefully to establish trust and...be a responsible leader for you all; I recognize the Nation's people are not on the priority list at this juncture; Current legislation has completely forgot about the lost civilization, we call the Yavapai-Apache Nation; There is no economic development being done on the reservation's lands.

A lot of money was spent to start these businesses — was supposed to increase employment and revenue; Council has lost sight of the people who put them in office — so busy looking for outside ventures; I am honest... believe in the importance of continuing the tribe's native culture...the establishment of a nursing home.

The tribal government has been operating without a community approved plan since the beginning; This was a violation of our constitutional rights; I want you as tribal members to enjoy and benefit from what this tribe has available; They need to look out for the welfare of the Nation, not just for themselves and their own families; Our people are not happy, the unemployment line is growing rapidly...if anyone has violated the constitution, it is the current decision makers; It doesn't make sense to have a wealthy Nation and still have people struggling financially within; I think that the Nation has wasted enough of your money on failed or failing projects...."

These are all good and well meaning statements, however, they need to be carried out (and/or undone). We do need a change in leadership. I know you can't make promises, but you need to be strong and stand up for the truth and be honest in dealing with issues that concern us all.

We need Council members who will listen to each and every need. Every tribal member is just as important as the next. Use your best judgment and don't be swayed by the majority vote when you know it's not in the best interest of the people. Another important issue would be to keep us informed and not after the fact.

Let's put the Nation back in the hands of the people and uphold the constitution as you have sworn to do. Congratulations and good luck to the new Council.

Reba Franco

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Members Cast Their Votes



ANTHONY MORENO of the Clarkdale community casts his vote during the Tribal Council general elections on Sept. 17.

Photo by Mandy Marquez

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CRIME BEAT

From the Yavapai-Apache Police Department

The Rez Crime Beat publishes names of individuals cited or arrested for violations of the Yavapai-Apache Nation criminal codes during the previous month. If there are any questions or comments about the Rez Crime Beat, please direct all feedback to Jesse Alvey at the Yavapai-Apache Police Department, 567-4259.

All persons are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

August Citations and Arrests

8/1, Kristin R. Fambrough cited for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia;

8/2, Dushane Gerald Loring arrested for DUI and traffic violation; Donny Todd Loring cited for liquor violation; Arthur Gentry Jr. cited for liquor violation; Elson Gregory Gyce cited for liquor violation;

8/3, Matthew R. Wasley cited for traffic violation x3;

8/4, Frank Hernandez arrested for disorderly conduct;

8/5, Maurice White Jr. arrested for criminal arrest warrant; Timothy Jay Hauk arrested for theft;

8/6, Tova Magdaline Smith arrested for criminal arrest warrant and traffic violation;

8/7, Tiffany Johnson arrested for assault, trespassing and disorderly conduct;

8/8, Elvis James Garner arrested for criminal arrest warrant; Joseph Isaac arrested for criminal arrest warrant; Alicia Olvera arrested for criminal arrest warrant; Andrew James Huxford arrested for disorderly conduct;

8/9, Jonathan Brian Smith arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct; Jose Refugio Caballero-Mora arrested for aggravated DUI x2;

8/10, Kenneth Dale Logan arrested for DUI, traffic violation, criminal damage; Hector Hugo Valdez cited for contributing to minor; Jose-Francisco Juarez Felix cited for underage consumption;

8/13, Leo John Medina cited for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia;

8/14, Michael J. Spence cited for possession of marijuana; Michael Anthony Padilla arrested for weapons violation x2, possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale; Francisco Benito Mata arrested for trespassing, weapons violation x2, possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale;

8/18, Samuel David Jackson arrested for disorderly conduct;

8/19, Lisa A. Grant arrested for disorderly conduct;

8/20, Michelle Smith cited for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia; Colin McCoy cited for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia;

8/21, Joseph Stephen Vetro arrested for trespassing, criminal arrest warrant x2;

8/24, Davita Angelita Jackson arrested assault, disorderly conduct and violation of court order;

8/26, Larry Bailey Telese arrested for disorderly conduct; Arika Faye Stanio cited for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia;

8/29, Adura Ann Aspeitia arrested for weapons violation, possession of paraphernalia; Terrilyn Engle arrested for criminal arrest warrant;

8/30, Gayle Ann Stewart cited for possession of paraphernalia;

8/31, Dewayne James Beauty arrested for assault, robbery and disorderly conduct; Dominique Twanette Kaska arrested for possession of dangerous drugs.

YAFD aides in hurricane disaster

By Joe Dolan
STAFF WRITER

The Yavapai-Apache Fire Department Southwest Fire Fighters crew traveled to Mississippi to help in the aftermath of the Hurricane Katrina disaster on Sept. 7 to 21.

The crew partnered with another tribal fire fighting team from San Carlos Station 51. The firefighters put up shelters, set up camps for residents, and removed debris in the coastal areas of Gulfport and Waveland.

"When we got there it was nothing but piles of rubble and an overturned bus," said YAFD's Donald Curtis. "At the site of an old church there was just concrete."

A total of five members of YAFD flew over to the disaster area. The crew going on the mission included John Lopez, Donald Curtis, Janet Hood, Nathan Parks, and Stevie Smith. "To help people down there,

that's why we went. The scene was total destruction. Buildings were gone. There was nothing but garbage," Curtis said.

Bernadette Jackson, SWFF coordinator, said the crew is qualified to assist in natural disasters. That was the reason the call to duty was made via the Dept. of the Interior.

SWFF crew member Janet Hood said she's never seen anything like the situation they encountered in Mississippi. "It looked like a dump. People lost their homes, their families, and their mementos. You realize how blessed you are with what you have and should be thankful," she

Hood said entire bridges were taken out, along with railroad tracks destroyed and trees knocked in half from the hurricane. "The people were happy to see us helping out. There were crews from all over the U.S., Hawaii, and Alaska...all there to help."

“When we got there it was nothing but piles of rubble and an overturned bus.”

Donald Curtis,
YAFD



THE DESTRUCTION of a residential area is pictured here in a town in Mississippi that was overrun by Hurricane Katrina (above).



YAFD SWFF crew members traveled to the towns of Gulfport and Waveland, Miss., to help in the relief effort (left). Pictured left to right: John Lopez, Nate Parks, Janet Hood, Donald Curtis, and Stevie Smith.

Photos courtesy Janet Hood

Tribe to raise \$1 million for hurricane relief

By Joe Dolan
STAFF WRITER

The Nation plans to raise \$1 million to help in the relief effort for the disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina. The donation drive will be a combined effort by the tribe's government and casino.

"Dennis Sine suggested to the Council that the Nation should help in the rebuilding process in response to the hurricane," Darlene Rubio, Tribal Councilwoman said.

According to Rubio, the Tribal

Council originally decided to approve a \$100,000 donation to the Red Cross as a result of Sine's motion on Sept. 1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Billy Garner and passed unanimously.

"The tribe felt we would have a generous heart. This is a way of showing this tribe cares about others in this world," Rubio said. "It's a natural human response to help. The Council is working together on this to show compassion to others. It's the right thing to do."

At the same time as the Council decided to donate the money, Cliff

Castle Casino marketing director Steve Wood was making plans for the relief effort as well.

"We at the casino were thinking about how to do our part when I heard about what the Council decided," Wood explained.

"I approached the Council the following week and asked if they would like to use the \$100,000 as a kick off to try to raise more."

The Council approved Wood's request and made an amendment to the original motion during their Sept. 8 meeting.

According to Wood, Cliff Castle Casino will hold a drive to raise \$1 million in the month of October. The casino wants to use money from the tribe's original action as a start and will ask employees to pitch in, casino patrons, and the local community to help raise the money. The casino will also ask jackpot winners if they will give a portion of their winnings to help the cause.

"It's collective generosity," said Wood. "We felt there is a call for help and we should be able to do that. A lot of people are out of work, food, homes, and it's important to do our part to help."



THE TRIBAL COURT has gotten tougher on violations of the Yavapai-Apache Nation Criminal Code.

First jury conviction for drug offense made since new law

The verdict is in on the first jury trial since the Yavapai-Apache Nation adopted a new criminal code. Mark Feeling was found guilty of two charges: possession of dangerous drugs and production, possession for sale, or transportation of dangerous drugs. The conviction was decided by a jury of 6 tribal members.

The conviction mandates a sentence of 2 years in jail per the Nation's new criminal code, Section 306. The code states that any person convicted of a drug offense "shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 1 year," for a first offense, and "shall serve a mandatory term of imprisonment of six months before being eligible for parole."

The new criminal code was approved by Tribal Council in February. It was designed to be tougher on those who commit serious crimes on the reservation. All Indians, even non-tribal member Native Americans, are subject to the code if a crime is committed on the reservation. All drug convictions have mandatory jail sentences.

Since the defendant was convicted of 2 separate charges, he was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment and won't be eligible for parole until a period of 1 year. The sentences are to be served consecutively from Aug. 4, 2005 to Aug. 4, 2007, according to the Judgment and Sentencing Order filed with the court clerk at the Yavapai-Apache Tribal Court on

Aug. 16.

Court documents indicate that Feeling may serve part of his sentence in a residential substance abuse treatment facility under house arrest. Any remaining time left in his sentence would still have to be served.

The arrest took place at the Lodge at Cliff Castle Casino after YAPD obtained information the defendant was going to Phoenix to purchase crystal methamphetamine. When the defendant returned, YAPD executed a search warrant and took him into custody. An independent crime lab determined the evidence found at the location was crystal meth.

Feeling is currently appealing the verdict in the tribe's appellate court.

YAPD to build new bus stop for children

By Officer Jon Huey
YAVAPAI-APACHE POLICE
DEPARTMENT

A new bus stop is in the works for the children of the Yavapai-Apache Middle Verde Reservation. The YAPD has decided to build a bus stop for the children who catch the bus at the Reservation Loop Road and Hamaley Street intersection.

Children currently stand alongside the roadway while waiting for the bus. This is not safe due to the vehicles passing by. The site planned for the bus stop is located on a lot owned by Middle Verde Rock Church pastor, Dr. John W. Watson.

I contacted Dr. Watson and requested permission for the bus stop to be built and he was more than happy to allow the bus stop to be built on his property. He also showed concern for the safety of the tribal youth. The bus stop will

be a covered area with a bench seat for the students to sit or set their school stuff on.

The Yavapai-Apache Tribal Housing crew donated their time and skills by digging the post holes for the structure and getting the land leveled for construction. I would like to give very special thanks to Frank Garner and Manuel Guzman as well as the other workers who assisted the first phase of the project.

The structure itself will be built by Sgt. Cecil Bruno and director of public safety, Jesse Alvey. Both individuals will volunteer their skills of construction and welding. Anyone wanting to donate their time to assist with the project is more than welcome. Any ideas for the bus stop will also be appreciated. You can contact the YAPD for any suggestions at (928) 567-4259. Updated news and pictures will be available in the future as the project develops.



YAPD SERGEANT Cecil Bruno helps build the new bus stop for Middle Verde children at the intersection of Reservation Loop Road and Hamaley Street.

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1st Annual "Aleo" Garner

Memorial
Youth
Co-ed
Basketball
Tournament



July 29th & 30th, 2005

T-SHIRT DESIGN for the tournament. Each volunteer who helped out got a t-shirt (above)

Photos courtesy Middle Verde Boys & Girls Club.

THE FIRST ANNUAL Aleo Garner Memorial Basketball Tournament was put on by the Garner family and friends in order to get the message that drugs kill (left).

Memorial tournament stresses drug-free message

By Joe Dolan
STAFF WRITER

Losing someone close to your family like a relative or friend is never easy. It takes years to come to grips with it. Sometimes, you never fully do.

How you choose to remember someone — be it through pictures, old videos, telling stories or prayer — is a personal thing. No one can tell you what the best way is. Only you can decide.

For the Garner family of Middle Verde, memorializing their 18-year old son Aleo, who died from a drug overdose of crystal methamphetamine on July 3, 2004, has come in the form of something popular on the reservation — basketball.

"This is a way of saying he's the one giving something to the kids," says Debbie Garner,

Aleo's mother. "Aleo was a giving person. He wanted to help people."

Garner was approached by Cindy Eaton of the Middle Verde Boys & Girls Club in April with the idea for a memorial basketball tournament in honor of Aleo. All the money raised during the event would go into a fund set up for youths who can't afford to go to sports camps or other athletic activities.

"On the reservation, kids play a lot of basketball. That's the big thing here. But a lot of times they don't have money to go where they want to go," says Garner of the aspiring young athletes on the reservation.

The memorial tournament would also do something in great need on the reservation: get the message out that drugs kill.

"Drugs affect the family,

friends, everyone. It can kill you. We know that for a fact. Drugs are what took Aleo's life. He was only 18 years old. His life was just beginning. This memorial is for the kids to know it can happen," Garner emphasized.

It became the family's goal to find sponsors for the tournament and get as many teams as possible to compete. The Garners were able to get 8 teams registered totaling 80 participants. Each of the co-ed teams ranging in age from 13 to 16 years old paid the \$100 entry fee and made it out to the Yavapai-Apache Gym in Middle Verde on July 29 for the tournament.

"We had local teams and also teams who came from Hualapai, Salt River, Flagstaff, and even Las Vegas, Nevada," explains Garner.

Prizes for first, second, and third place as well as for MVP

and most three-pointers included custom trophies, designer sports bags, and medals. Several members of the community rallied together to help the cause, donating time to referee games, set up concession stands, and provide music.

"We are very thankful to everyone who helped us make this a success," Garner says.

Although Garner admits that many of the participants suggested they split up teams into male and female for next year, the overall message expressed came across loudly.

"Others who have lost a child know what it's like and I feel for parents who have gone through that. The peer pressure for young people to do drugs is strong. We're not in denial anymore about what the kids are doing in the community. If we close our eyes to the problem, our kids will be gone because of

this drug," said Garner.

"I hope that this tournament will show others that the pain we feel is real. If you are doing drugs, stop."

According to Garner, the memorial fund will grow throughout the year as the family and others puts more money into it. The Garners want to hold fundraisers in anticipation of next year's tournament. Part of the funds raised will be used to buy a headstone for Aleo Garner.

Aleo's father, Billy Garner, says he was proud to see so many of Aleo's friends and family showing their support of the memorial tournament's message.

"We're trying to get the point out that sports is more fun than drugs. This will hopefully help make the idea of zero tolerance stronger and get the word out of how drugs destroy dreams," he said.

Tournament Awards

1st place — Northern AA Wolfpack
2nd place — Middle Verde Hustlers
3rd place — Middle Verde Rez
Consolation — Jr. Baller's Furthest Traveled — Las Vegas team
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MVP Girl — Tilly Galaz
Most 3 Pointers — Eric Larson (29)
Chrissarelia a.k.a Shasha Jackson (10)

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Amos Smith	Jacob Lewis
Tyler Beauty	Jordon Lewis
Faline Smith	Chris Quasula
April Hernandez	Cindy Eaton
Stephanie Smith	Michelle Bird
Jolene Garner	

Referees:

Ralph Soqui	Albert Rodriguez
David Rodriguez	Frank Gia
J.R. Lewis	Larry Dormick
Daniel Lewis	



SLAM DUNK: More than 80 participants came out to compete in the basketball tournament. Proceeds raised will go toward a fund for youths to attend sports camps or athletic activities.



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STRETCHING OUT before the games.

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YAVAPAI-APACHE NEWS

Youth Council officers take oath of office

By Joe Dolan
STAFF WRITER

New officers for the Yavapai-Apache Youth Council took their oath of office on Aug. 30. Chief Judge Jessie Filkins administered the swearing-in of the youth leaders.

The Youth Council program began in 1997. It is an organization for Yavapai-Apache young people who are committed to staying drug and alcohol free, who are active participants in their community, and who want to be role models to others, according to Leona Wathogoma, Youth Council advisor.

One of the first projects completed by the Youth Council included finding funding for the construction of the Billy Smith Memorial Walking Trail, located on the reservation in Middle

Verde. The council also attends national UNITY conferences each year, which is a national organization for Native American youths. These conferences are held all over the country.

This year's officers are returning president, Candice Romero, vice president Frances Grey, and secretary/treasurer Michelle Grey.

Angelica "Chelly" Jackson and Nicholas Jackson hold the female and male-at-large offices. Angelica Jackson stood tall as she gave the opening prayer for the induction ceremony. During the induction, Youth Council representatives had an opportunity to say a few words to the audience who gathered in the Council Chambers in Middle Verde.

Nancy Guzman, who has been active in the Youth Council since the beginning, said she'd like to

see more youth focus on their community and give something back.

Returning vice president Frances Grey said she's glad there has been a recent increase in membership of the Youth Council, which makes it more fun for everyone.

Returning Youth Council president Candice Romero said it is this year's goal to focus on physical fitness within the local community.

The Yavapai-Apache UNITY Youth Council is open to anyone between ages 12 and 24. The locations of the meetings are switched between Clarkdale and Middle Verde. If you have any questions or need transportation please call: Leona Wathogoma, head advisor, 567-9207 ext. 18, Michelle Grey, secretary, 567-9226, or Candice Romero, president, 301-6933.



YOUTH COUNCIL officers stand with Chief Judge Jessie Filkins after taking their oath of office (above). Left to right: Nick Jackson, male-at-large, Michelle Grey, secretary/treasurer, Candice Romero, president, Frances "Camie-Jo" Grey, vice president, Angelica "Chelly" Jackson, female-at-large.



ANGELICA "CHELLY" JACKSON, left, gets a surprise happy birthday cake and flowers after the induction of the new Youth Council officers.



CANDICE ROMERO, right, who returns as Youth Council president, recognizes the importance of having a solid membership base in order for everyone to get the most out of the Youth Council program (left).

Youth Council 2005-06 Officers

Candice Romero

Ma hahm' gah, my name is Candice Romero. I'm 17 and a senior at Camp Verde High School. I am currently holding the position of president, for a second term. I joined the Youth Council, also called Unity, six years ago to help my community and find out more about who I am.

Over the years, I have become a more confident and outgoing person. Traveling to all the different parts of the country and seeing the cultures of various tribes is the best part about joining the Youth Council. With all the friends you make in the community and around the country, it really makes it fun.

As president, I hope to give back more to our community and, with a great team of officers and advisors, I feel this year will be exciting. By joining, students will become more outgoing, have more confidence in themselves, and will enjoy making new friends.

Frances "Camie Jo" Grey
Frances "Camie Jo" Grey is 18 and

attending Yavapai College. She has been involved with Unity for 4 years. After being appointed the position of vice-president last year, she ran for the position this year again and is working hard to keep the Youth Council on track. She has dedicated a great portion of time to the Youth Council.

She's more like a co-president. She can lean on me and I can lean on her, I know if I'm unable to do something we can count on her and she'll work hard. I have seen her go from the quiet shy girl to one of the most outspoken and outgoing members.

Her contagious personality brings the group to a higher level and everyone has a great time. She gets excited to see new members who succeed and are working to better themselves and will be happy to see many more join.

— Written by Candice Romero.

Michelle Grey

My name is Michelle Grey I am 15 years old and a sophomore at Camp

Verde High School. This is my second year in Unity and I'm the newly elected secretary.

I joined the Youth Council to become more motivational and outspoken, which I have become. Traveling to new places and meeting new people is the best part of Unity.

As an officer, I hope to do my best to do what I can to inspire the new youth members. By joining, others will experience new things outside of Camp Verde.

Angelica "Chelly" Jackson

My name is Chelly Jackson and I am 17 years old. I attend Mingus Union High School. I am the female representative for the Youth Council.

I joined the Youth Council in 2000 because it was an opportunity. It was an opportunity to get out and do something about the issues that face our communities. I wanted to set an example for youth. I wanted to be known for doing great deeds, and Unity has opened the door for me to do that.

Unity has taught me leadership and career building skills that have helped me gain success in many aspects of my life. However, the area that Unity has changed me is the social aspect. I love working with others in teams, as well as leading groups. These skills, I know, will help me in the future to accomplish great things. Unity has helped me realize my potential and envision my goals.

The best thing about being a part of the Youth Council is the relationships you establish. The members become your second family. You learn how to work together to get things done. Also, you make many friends on the trips to conferences. You make lifelong friends who you will never forget. It makes the entire experience that much more memorable.

As an officer, I have many goals. My main goal is to gain as much community involvement as possible. I can only imagine what impact our Youth Council could have with more support behind us. Others should join because it's taking

a step toward caring for your community and the people in it. Being a part of the Youth Council is a great responsibility. But the hard work that you put into it comes back in a positive way. It's a way of lifting up and strengthening our people.

Nick Jackson

Nick Jackson is our current male representative for his second year. He graduated from Mingus Union High School and has been involved with Unity for 3 years. He has impacted our Youth Council in a positive way by just being himself.

He is kind and caring and is always willing to give a hand when he has a chance. His outgoing charismatic personality always brings meetings and workshops to life. We appreciate all he does for us and we know things will only get better. Hold your head up and you can always count on us. God bless, from the Unity officers.

— Written by Candice Romero.



Candice Romero



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Native American Week celebrated by Yavapai-Apache Nation

Week long activities bring Nation's people together

By Mandy Marquez
STAFF WRITER

The Yavapai-Apache Nation celebrated Native American Week on September 26 to 30. Five days of diverse activities lead up to Indian Day, a tribal holiday on the Nation's calendar. The holiday is celebrated every year on the last Friday of September instead of Columbus Day.

Throughout the week community members, employees, and volunteers help honor Indian Day by celebrating their heritage. Each day, volunteers from the Nation as well as local high schools bring people together for a community gathering that includes food, elder recognition, children's activities, and sharing some time together.

The Nation started things out bright and early with a fun walk Monday morning, Sept. 26. Volunteers from the Culture Center programs, ANA, and students from Camp Verde High School got up early to cook up a delicious lunch at the Middle Verde Recreation Building.

The first community lunch featured acorn soup with short ribs, acorn dumplings, and stuffed popovers. The stuffed popovers were ANA's Monica Marquez's first time making them. They were quite delicious. The lunch also featured home made red berry juice (githea in Yavapai) that Danielle Garcia from Camp Verde High School made.

Chairman Jamie Fullmer gave a speech about focusing on bringing back our culture and spoke about taking time out to listen to the elders about their stories for the 21st century.

That evening at the Culture Center, the Apache Culture program and ANA held a felt boot making class, while Yavapai Culture hosted a pine needle basket class down the hall. Many people showed up to participate in both classes from all age groups.

On the next day, the second community lunch featured steaks that came from two little cows the tribe donated, corn stew, tortillas, and potato salad. The ASA program, Judicial, and YAPD prepared all that tasty food. Officer Jon Huey was grilling up all those tortillas along with Margie Campos.

Leimomi Montijo kicked the afternoon feast off with a prayer, while volunteers served the elders first. Leahla Garcia won first place for the traditional dress contest and received a \$40 gift card from Wal-Mart, while Amber Dansdill won second place, and Apphia Shirley came in third. A little over 200 people showed up and it was a success.

Later that evening at the REC building, the ANA program held



CALVIN AND CAROL Williams of the Yavapai-Apache Nation display a boot design made during the felt boot making activity during Indian Week. The annual week-long tribal celebration included community meals, elders' recognition, and evening cultural activities on Sept. 26 to 30.

a gourd candle making class. The 30 gourds made took some time, but ultimately it paid off for the gourds. Denise Hood, Amos Smith, Bethany Lowry, Debbie Manakaja, and Lucas Jackson were among the people who attended.

The third day's community lunch featured red chili stew, squash stew, fry bread, and tortillas. REC, the Boys & Girls Club, and Mingus Native American Club prepared the food that day.

"It feels good to help out and to represent Native Americans," said one Mingus student. "It's fun making dough," said Mingus student Hector Herrera, about his first time making

fry bread.

At noon, the cooks, preps, and high school students were all doing a great job serving everyone because all who attended got their lunch before 12:30 p.m.

Delores Plunkett and Linda Evans sang a song in Yavapai to get the entertainment going. Second up were kids from the Montessori School who performed some songs for the elders.

Cora-lei Marquez gave a speech about our history and said "whenever we feel lost turn to the elders." Afterwards her son, Brandon Marquez, performed a song in Yavapai while Brandon's auntie Delight

Plunkett and little sister KD Marquez danced a bird dance.

Following the performances, Delores Plunkett and Monica Marquez of the Culture Center, along with staff from the Yavapai-Apache Daycare, presented gifts to the elders to honor them. Elder Naomi Deloney was excited to receive a nice handbag.

The ANA program held a bingo night in Middle Verde at the REC building later that night. Monica Marquez called the numbers out in Yavapai while Debbie Garner called them out in Apache.

The first winner was Danielle Garcia. Calvin Williams came in second while third went to Keanu Garcia. The night was lots of fun and very educational for everyone.

The last day's community lunch on Thursday featured fry bread, red and green chili stew, macaroni salad, potato salad, and a superb peach cobbler. Lavina Sanchez was the head cook that whipped every thing up.

Rapping the week up at the Council Chambers was movie night by the Yavapai Culture program. Adding to the night festivities was a social dance held in Middle Verde River.

This year's Native American Week had a lot of time and effort that went into it from many people. The ANA and culture programs as well as many other volunteers from all the different departments were crucially involved. You all deserve many thanks for putting on the best Indian Week yet.



GRABBING SOME GRUB is executive director Courtney Scott, right, who has a laugh with Land and Water's Yolanda Trujillo (above).

MONTESSORI CHILDREN sing "Where Is Thumbkin?" in the Yavapai language during the elder recognition day. The children made burden baskets out of paper with candy corn inside and made pouches with sage to give as gifts to the elders (left).



LEAHLA GARCIA, freshman at CVHS, took first place in the traditional dress contest.



CAMP VERDE High school's Gabrielle Jackson, Jolene Garner, and Justine Jackson mix dough with Debbie Garner in the background on the first day of Indian Week.



GOURD CANDLES sit neatly to dry after a very popular activity during Indian Week.



KEANU GARCIA holds up his prize he won during bingo night.

Yavapai-Apache Nation Elders Age 62 and Older

Male Members

(Last Name, First Name, Age)
Bear, Bob, 72
Beecher, Wilson, 91
Bonnaha Sr., Charles A., 66
Bonnaha Sr., Irvin, 69
Bonnaha, Allen Willman, 67
Gowan Jr., Marvin, 64
Hans, Alfred Jay, 63
Harris Sr., Leonard W., 86
Irving, Charles, 81
Irving, Danny, 62
Irving, Lyman, 62
Irving, Harvey, 66
Jackson, Melvin Clifford, 68
Jackson Jr., Benjamin B., 62
Jackson, Stanley David, 79
Jackson, Virgil Alvin, 70
Johnson Sr., Morgan, 75
Kwai, Sanford, 72
Lewis, Neil Vernon, 68
Lewis Sr., Orville Robert, 66
Quail, Nathan Lee, 63
Quesada, Montezuma, 69
Quesada, Baxter, 67
Randall, Everett Kidde, 73
Randall, Vincent Everett, 65
Russell, Ned, 81
Russell, Aaron Howard, 75
Sine, Dennis, 74
Sine, David W., 84
Smith Sr., Theodore, 82
Smith, Victor, 77
Smith, Perry, 77
Smith, Lloyd, 65
Smith, Ernest, 77
Stacey Jr., Johnson Henry, 73
Starr Jr., Henry, 78
Tapija Sr., Daniel David, 66
Titla Sr., Phillip, 62
Wathogoma, Ronald, 65
Wathogoma, Roger, 62
Williams, Tillman R., 78
Total: 41

Female Members

(Last Name, First Name, Age)
Agapinan, Marjorie Astor, 80
Beauty, Mary Quail, 67
Byrn, Sally, 69
Clark, Clara Starr, 83
Coffman, Shirley Ann, 62
Cunningham, Kathryn Bonnaha, 64
Deloney, Naomi, 74
Domingues, Elsie, 68
Durant, Winona, 72
Eswonia, Frieda Ann, 66
Gibson, Jennie, 64
Halstead, Naomi Jane, 74
Hazelwood, Sadie Angie, 66
Hines, Rozella, 69
Hunter, Virginia, 87
Jackson, Elda Jean, 67
Jones, Liza Laura, 74
Keller, Margaret, 67
Lennon, Rhoda, 67
Lewis, Nora Hans, 74
Lewis, Barbara Jean, 68
Lewis, Mary Alice Kinsey, 76
Lewis, Eathel Frances, 70
Lopez, Patricia Agnes, 71
Manuel, Myrtle Helen, 65
Marquez, Genevieve, 78
Martin, LaVerne Joy, 64
Mendoza, Amy, 80
Mocasque, Naomi, 73
Montano, Nancy, 95
Polequaptewa, Roselind, 71
Preston, Priscilla Mae, 76
Puggie, Hattie, 63
Randall, Betsy Carol, 68
Rocha, Elizabeth, 72
Rovie, Faith, 72
Russell, Joanna, 72
Shepherd, Betty Bonnaha, 69
Shiosee, Yvonne Lois, 68
Siow, Hazel B., 71
Starr, Rosalind, 65
Vaughn, Jane Russell, 64
Victor, Diana Germaine, 69
Williams, Lucille, 75
Wilson, Lottie Sylvia, 64
Wright, Genevieve Stacey, 67

Total: 46



NAOMI DELONEY smiles for the camera with her gift during the elder recognition day



BRANDAN MARQUEZ sings a song in Yavapai beside his mother Miss Pai, Cora-lei Marquez and little sister KD.



HAVING A breather are Yolanda Trujillo, Nancy Guzman, Vida Smith, Jennifer Gia, and Esther Garcia on the first day of the festivities.



FLORA EPPINGER works hard on her gourd candle during an activity on the second evening of Indian Day.



AMY MENDOZA takes a look at her new handbag given to the elders during the elder recognition day on the third day of Indian Week.



YAPD OFFICERS Bob Davis and Cecil Bruno grill out some steaks from the tribal heard with Albert Wathogoma of Clarkdale.



LEIMOMI MONTIJO proudly shows her gourd she crafted during Indian Week.



LEFTY HARRIS waits for his numbers to be called during the bingo night activity on Wednesday evening. The numbers were called in Yavapai and Apache languages during the bingo game.



PREPARING POTATO salad are Carole Williams and Amber Dansdill during the Indian Week celebration.



CHARLENE JACKSON from Rimrock holds her note pad with pen gift given to the elders from the Yavapai-Apache Nation Day Care.



PEGGY WHITE walks along the stage during the traditional dress contest held on the second day of Indian Week.



CROWN DANCERS perform during the evening community meal held in Clarkdale on Friday during Native American Week.



NATHAN QUAIL holds up his coffee mug he received as a gift during the elder's recognition activity.



TALOA HOOD works patiently on her gourd candle during the evening activity.



EMMA MOCASQUE puts some finishing touches on her felt boot design during the first evening activity for Indian Week at the Culture Center.



ELIZABETH ROCHA holds up her gift during the recognition of the elders. The Culture Center programs picked out the bags and coffee cups given away.

Mingus NAC helps out during Indian Week

Submitted By Jessica Jackson
MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL
NATIVE AMERICAN CLUB

During the assembly we had a visit from the Apache Crown Dancers, fancy dancers, and bird dancers in celebration of Native American Week.

The Mingus Union High School Native American Club served lunch to the elders and Montessori kids on Wednesday, September 28. We prepared fry bread, squash casserole, corn on the cob, red chili stew, tortillas, fruit salad and watermelon. This is a service project that goes towards our big end of the year trip. We had about 32 club members help cook, prepare, and serve the food.

Last month, we attended the ropes course at NAU. This was a challenging course that consists of pole climbing and other activities. This course helped build our team spirit for our self confidence and leadership skills.

One of our club members who went said "that it was exciting and it helps you learn about your limitations as to how far you're willing to push yourself towards your goals."

The Native American Club also held a school assembly on Thursday, September 29.

Next month we are going to the ASU West Native American Youth Conference.



STUDENTS MIX the dough for the fry bread during Native American Week. From left to right: Shaina Guyce, Janelle Nez, Harriet Mitchell, Kirsten Smith, and Raul Razo.

MINGUS STUDENTS Jerelyn Butler, Cody Yazzie, Jaime Nez, Reyna Gonzalez, Lawrence Jackson, Mitchell Fields, Devon Martinez, and Jay-R Lewis hang around during day three of Indian Day. Students from the high school Native American Club helped put on the community meal.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Up to the last frontier...again

By Gary James

On June 30, my mom Darlene Manuel and I, my two aunts, Lynn and Vickie, and my grandma Myrtle Manuel jumped aboard an America West airplane on a five hour flight from Phoenix to Anchorage, Alaska.

We went on the trip because I wanted to see the last frontier...again.

In Alaska, we mostly went shopping. The time was confusing over there because it was mostly daylight 24 hours straight. After two days in Anchorage, we traveled north to Denali to see what the landscape looked like.

In Denali, we did some more shopping around and then we drove on back to Anchorage. The next day, we all traveled south to the town of Seaward for a boat cruise. As I was on the boat, I saw sea lions, sea otters, eagles, glaciers, and even a whale.

On our last day in Alaska, which was on July 4, we went to the Alaska Zoo and saw many arctic animals of the north. We then did some other things and headed to the airport.

After the plane took off I said "goodbye Alaska" and I thought what a perfect place to be in the



GARY JAMES looks right at home at a seaport outside of Anchorage, Alaska. He and family took a summer trip up to the 49th State where it stays light all-day-long during the summer months.

summer. This is one vacation I will never forget.



Photo courtesy Michael Wyngaard, M.A.

ALASKA HAS many incredible mountains and bodies of water that are awe inspiring to the senses.

Trip to California is memorable for elders

From the Yavapai-Apache Senior's Program

The Yavapai-Apache Senior's program took 45 elders on a trip to California on August 8 to 13. Especially 4-U Tours helped us with this trip by making sure we had a tour bus, hotel rooms booked, and all our eating arrangements.

Our tour guide, Dani, was wonderful and our bus driver, Roman, was a great driver and a big help. Our first stop was at Knott's Berry Farm for their famous chicken dinner. Then we headed for our hotel for the night. The next day was our first day at Disneyland. We saw Disney's famous parade in the afternoon and then we went back to our hotel to rest. We returned later that evening to see the fireworks.

The next day we spent half

a day at Disneyland and then went to see the famous Crystal Cathedral. Then we returned to Disney to pick up the elders who wanted to stay the whole day. On the next day, we were headed for Universal Studios where we spent about 6 hours touring the place. Then we hopped back on our bus and headed for our hotel.

The next two days were spent touring the beaches, sights, and shopping on the Southern California coast. On our last day, we stopped by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and museum on our way home.

The weather was very nice and not like last year when we had fog - ha, ha. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and can't wait for next year. We might need to get a bigger bus or even two busses next time.



THE ELDERS enjoy some refreshments while at Universal Studios in Southern California. In front, left to right are Naomi Halstead, Priscilla Preston, and Winona Durant (above).



THE BOAT HARBOR behind the hotel where the elders stayed for two nights in Oxnard offered some fresh air by the ocean (left).



TOURING AROUND the many sites in Alaska are family members who who stop for a photo.

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Y-A co-ed softball teams end the season

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OFFICER JON HUEY of the YAPD stands with his co-ed softball team coached by Tammy Happlod (above).



SEASON CHAMPS the Highrollers, coached by Annette Mendez, pose for a picture after taking first place during the co-ed softball league sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club and Camp Verde Parks and Recreation (left).

COMMUNITY NEWS



THE HIGHROLLERS women's softball team rolled into Whiteriver to compete during the 80th annual White Mountain Rodeo and Fair.

Softball team gets it going

From Annette Mendez

The Highrollers women's softball team traveled to Whiteriver to play at the 80th annual White Mountain Rodeo and Fair. The 12 teams competing were: Cedar Creek, R.C. Girls, Lady Outlaws, Dirty Dozen, Luepp, Last Chance, AZ Storm, Rattlers, Bravettes, Looney Tunes, Native Sistaz, and Highrollers.

The Highrollers played on Saturday to Last Chance from Ft. McDowell, losing 15-5, and then returning on Sunday to play the Rattlers from Whiteriver, the Lady Outlaws from Ft. Mohave, and again Last Chance. The Highrollers won all three games.

We returned on Monday to play AZ Storm from Salt River, but lost 16-5. The Highrollers got a consolation prize and had two all-tourney selections, Lynn Santana and Tina Fenton, from Prescott.

We would like to say thank you to Yavapai-Apache Construction for sponsoring the Highrollers during the "Beat the Heat Co-Ed Softball Tournament," which was held in Ft. McDowell on August 19 and 20.

The Highrollers lost to Crank Yankers earlier during the day with a score of 6-4. We had to play them for championship in a winner take-all match up with the Highrollers winning by one run, 8-7. Players selected for all-tourney for the Highrollers were Jeff Hood and Heather Holden.



BEAT THE HEAT t-shirts were given out during the co-ed softball tournament sponsored by Y-A Construction in Ft. McDowell.

Youth basketball camp fun for kids

From the Boys & Girls Club, MIDDLE VERDE BRANCH

The Boys & Girls Club, with the help of Ricardo Pacheco, held a basketball camp for grades three to five during the week of September 19 to the 22.

Ricardo instructed the youth on the basics of the game. This included dribbling exercises, passing to teammates and shooting the basketball. The youth were also able to work on their lay-ups and free-throw shooting.

Ricardo Pacheco is a sophomore at Camp Verde High School and was the only freshman last year to make the varsity team. Congratulations to Ricardo. The Boys & Girls Club would like to extend our gratitude to Ricardo for taking the time and giving to the youth of the Nation. Thanks again you are awesome!

Root for the Home Team



Photo courtesy Christine Garner

YOUTH MEMBERS Cassandra Trujillo, Nieja Garner and Taya Smith traveled to Payson to cheerlead for the Camp Verde Youth Football teams. This was the first football game of the season.

ART SUBMISSION



"Yavapai-Apache Warrior," Original drawing by Gary James.

Tribal member Gary James is 12 years old and attends Camp Verde Middle School. He likes to draw freehand. He also likes to gourd sing, bead, and participate cultural activities that take place in the community. This drawing depicts a warrior in front of Bell Rock. In the background, an image of the planet Earth falls behind Bell Rock. The Nation's seal surrounds the landscape off to the side, the outline of the reservation is drawn next to an agave plant. The warrior carries a burden basket and bow-and-arrow.

To submit your artwork:

If you have original artwork you'd like to submit for publication in the Gah'nahvah / Ya Ti' tribal newspaper, send to: Newspaper Office, 2400 W. Datsi St., Camp Verde, AZ, 86322. Send copies or original prints. Please indicate name of artist, title of artwork, name of person submitting artwork, personal info about the artist, and mailing address where to return originals to.

CASINO NEWS

The Smallest Give Away



CLIFF CASTLE Casino's "smallest giveaway" winner John LaDue of Scottsdale gets into his new Mini Cooper during a contest held on Sept. 9.

Dividend and Christmas Bonus Disbursements

Attention Tribal Members:

Dividend checks will be disbursed on **Friday, October 7.**

Christmas bonus checks will be disbursed on **Friday, November 18.**

As a reminder, no address no checks! We must also have a verified social security number on file. A notarized statement is needed in order to pick other person's check.

Any questions call (928) 567-1028 or 567-1008



BLOCK WATCH MEETINGS

BLOCK WATCH MEETING - MIDDLE VERDE

Tuesday, October 18 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Tribal Council Chambers

BLOCK WATCH MEETING - CLARKDALE

Wednesday, October 19 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Clarkdale Community Center

Let's all get involved and help keep our communities safe.

If you have any concerns or questions, please attend the Block Watch Meeting

For further information contact Officer Jon Huey at 567-4259

Community Alert!

Cakes Needed for Cake Walk

Cakes needed for Cake Walk during annual Spooktacular Halloween Carnival on Oct. 28. **Please donate cakes by 4:00 p.m. at the MV REC Building on the day of the event.**

Finger sandwiches also needed for youths during the carnival. Please donate to all the ghosts, goblins, and witches who are counting on a scary good time!

For more info, contact Leimomi at 567-1024 or 300-3764



CLARKDALE ELDERS soak their feet and get a foot massage by Sherry Sykes of the Yavapai-Apache Wellness program.

Upcoming events and news from the Wellness programs

From the Yavapai-Apache Wellness Program

The Wellness programs would like to thank everyone who participated in the annual elderly and disabled wellness event on September 13. The event was a great success.

Elders were treated to special presentations from Leimomi Montijo, Lynne Dapsis, Sherry Sykes, and Sydney Duke on stretching and other easy ways to exercise. The presenters also spoke on the effects of medication, pain management, incontinence, obesity, the benefits of massage and foot care.

Participants had a chance to gather information on site and some elders took the opportunity to pamper their feet with a good foot soak and massage. Lunch was great and, of course, there were several raffle prizes.

Congratulations to our winners.

Many have been wondering "what are the Wellness programs?" The Wellness programs have been gathered under one name because we are working as a team for the benefit of our community. The programs involved are CHR, CHR Transportation, Cancer program, Diabetes program, Homemaker's program, the Public Health Nurse, and WIC. We are honored to be able to serve you. If we can help you in any way, please contact our office at 567-2124.

As a reminder to the community, the Walk-A-Bye-Baby Club continues to walk every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Middle Verde Heritage Park. Bring your little ones and walk with us. The activity is sponsored by the WIC program. Any questions, please contact Cora-lei

Marquez at 567-2124.

The Wellness programs proudly present the "Parenting Series" that will continue with the following topics: Helping a Child Find Balance and Identity on October 20, Parenting During the Holidays on November 17, and Our Role as Parents on December 15.

Whatever "parent role" you play in the life of a young person - biological, grandparent, step-parent, or foster parent - you are welcome to attend. Even if you are working with a young person as a mentor, please feel free to come. We meet on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Health Center. If you have any questions about this or anything else, please contact the Wellness programs at 567-2124.

Did you know October is national breast cancer awareness month? Though officially

its national "breast cancer awareness" month we have decided to make breast and prostate cancer the focus of our learning.

On October 13, starting at 7:00 a.m., there will be a river walk for cancer followed by a continental breakfast. We invite you to walk in memory of someone who has passed from cancer and/or walk to celebrate someone (maybe even yourself) who is a cancer survivor. The day will continue at the Cliff Castle Lodge from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

We will discuss breast and prostate cancer, symptoms and methods of prevention. Flyers will be posted with additional information. Please contact Sherry Sykes if you need any other information at the Wellness programs office at 567-2124.

BIRTHDAYS



Christine Garner

Christine Garner

Happy Birthday to our mom on October 12th. Thank you for being the best mom in the whole world!

— We love you, Nieja and Franklin Garner

— Love Mom, Leona

Happy birthday to our Mom, Jessica June Herrera. Lots of love and kisses to you.

— From Thomas, Reyes and Cicily Herrera

Robert Quail

Happy birthday to my cousin, Roberta Quail on September 13 and to Cicily Herrera, daughter of Jessica J Herrera, on September 24.

— From Vida Smith

Nancy Guzman

A belated happy birthday to my sister Nancy Guzman on August 20. The family gathered at her home to wish her a happy birthday and lots of good food and cake.

Amy Smith

A belated happy birthday to my niece Amy Smith from Headland, Alabama on August 4. The family gathered at my home for a surprise birthday party. It was so nice to see my niece Amy Smith come all the way back from the east to visit with her dad, Scotty Smith, II and family. She had a very nice visit with her aunts, uncles, and cousins and their children too.

— Vida Smith



Abel Campos

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Happy 2nd birthday to Abel Richard Campos on October 28. We love you baby brother.

— Love, Your big brothers Clint, David and sister Bethany and cousin Zayna

Happy birthday to our son Abel Campos. Baby, you are our pride and joy. We thank God for the precious gift that he has blessed us with. We love you baby.

— Love, Mom and Dad

Happy 2nd birthday to our grandson Abel Campos on Oct. 28.

— From, Grandma Wendy and Grandpa Danny

Abel, may you have a very happy birthday and many more.

— Love, Aunty Dyani

Laurny Grace Kuroyo

Happy Birthday to my niece Laurny Kuroyo on October 3rd. Hope you have a wonderful 2nd birthday.

— I love and miss you, Aunt Christine and Uncle Frank Garner

Lisa Garner

Happy 12th birthday Lisa Garner. Hope you have a wonderful birthday.

— Love, Frank, Christine, Nieja and Franklin

Virginia Johnson

Happy Birthday to Virginia Johnson on October 17.

— From, The Frank, Christine, Nieja and Franklin Garner

Shushandalynn Shyla Lewis

Happy 6th birthday on October 27 to our very own special bear "Shush" Shushandalynn Shyla Lewis. May your special day be celebrated with lots of cake and ice cream. And with all the special gifts that you desire and deserve, Baby Bear.

— With love, Daddy and Mommy, brothers and sisters

Jessica Herrera

Happy birthday to my daughter Jessica. I wish you lots of love, happiness, peace and joy. Look to the future and remember the unknown lies out there. How exciting!

Desha Chicharello – Sweet Sixteen

Happy "Sweet 16" birthday to Desha Chicharello on October 20. We hope your birthday party is everything you want it to be. You are a sweet young lady and we are very proud of you. We love you very much! May all of your birthday wishes come true.

— Love, Your Mom, Dad, Brother, Uncle, Grandma Rhonda and Great grandma Florence

Angelica Rodriguez

Happy birthday on Oct. 3.

— With love, Auntie Momi and family

ELDER'S BIRTHDAYS

Aaron Russell, 10/1
Victor Smith, 10/7
Sammy Rabino, 10/12
Nat Hendricks, 10/14
Wendell Kinsey, 10/26
Bonnie Honawa, 10/29
— Wishing all the elders a very happy birthday from the Y-A Senior's program.

Wellness Programs Events:

Upcoming Wellness Programs Events:

Parenting Series

October 20, Helping a Child Find Balance and Identity
November 17, Parenting During the Holidays
December 15, Our Role as Parents
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Medical Center Conference Room

Walk-A-Bye-Baby Club

Come out and walk with your little ones
Tuesdays and Thursdays
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Middle Verde Heritage Park

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Thursday, October 13

7:00 a.m.

River walk for cancer followed by continental breakfast

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Breast and Prostate Cancer: Symptoms and Methods of Prevention
Cliff Castle Casino Lodge
Lunch provided
Questions? Contact the Wellness Programs at 567-2124.



THANKYOU

Thanks for your support

We extend a big thank you to all who have given their time and help in easing our minds and giving us support during our loss of our father, Oscar Lee Pusher. Thank you to the Yavapai-Apache Nation, Y-A Roads dept., Sand and Rock and the YAPD. Special thanks to Karla Reimer, Roberta Quail, Leimomi Montijo, our dear relative Arlin Carlton, Vincent Randall, David Quail, all the cooks and servers, and all our friends, family, and relatives.

— Sincerely, The Pusher family

To Henry Smith

We just want to say thank you for everything during the weekend in Whiteriver. We enjoyed our trip up there in the White Mountains.

— Jr, Peggy and family

Thanks for the votes

To all of you that gave me a vote of confidence and voted for me in the last Council elections, I would like to express my deep appreciation and a heartfelt, sincere "thank you." Your vote was appreciated. God bless you!

— Frieda Ann Eswonnia

Earn Your Management Certificate

Sponsored by the Yavapai-Apache Nation Management Certificate program and Yavapai College

Classes held at Cliff Castle Casino

Open to Everyone

Certificate program consists of 24 credit hours:

- Principles of Supervision (BSA120)
- Ethics in Business (BSA132)
- Human Relations in Business (BSA140)
- Principles of Management (BSA220)
- Human Resource Management (BSA223)
- Principles of Marketing (BSA230)
- Management Problems (BSA229)

PLUS one of the following:

- Entrepreneurship (BSA221)
- Business Communications (BSA233)
- Principles of Economics - Macro (BSA235)
- Legal Environment in Business (BSA237)

If you have taken any of these classes before, they do apply toward the certificate.

For more information, contact:

Jim Brugger, MIR

Partnership Program Coordinator

(928) 649-4281

AARON H. RUSSELL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I would like to wish my brother, Aaron H. Russell, a happy birthday and many more to come on October 1.

As my older brother, he has set down standards for me of how I should live my life and also as to what I need to do for the good of the Nation and its people. He, along with other notable tribal leaders, was there at the beginning when the Nation was first organizing as a tribal government.

He has helped to mold and shape the government and make it what it is today. There are few of those leaders who are still around still trying to do what they can for the people.

We, as tribal members, need to remember their efforts and thank them whenever we see them. Without their initial contributions, our government would not be where it is today. We have a lot to be thankful for as we go about our life today and it is mainly because those first great leaders who cared enough to organize and form our government working without pay at the beginning.

That is why I am publicly acknowledging his efforts and want to say I am proud to be his sister.

Happy Birthday Aaron!

Happy Birthday Grandpa Aaron H. Russell



Happy birthday to a wonderful grandpa!

Your words are wisdom; your voice is smooth and easy listening; your smile shines and gives me the energy to overcome difficult problems.

God put you here with this family for a reason and we are extremely blessed to have such a wonderful person like you in our lives to share all those laughs, along with the tears.

Your way of life is simple, kind and meek.

Still, you are the opposite of weak; you love your family, friends and Nation.

You've helped give me a strong foundation. You helped me when I tripped and fell. Your guiding hand helps more than I can tell. This little poem is just to show I want everyone of you to know,

I'm wishing my Grandpa Aaron H. Russell a Happy Birthday.

I love you Grandpa!

Your granddaughter,
Alexia A. Eswonnia





Celebrating Heritage

ORLANDO LEWIS cuts into a gourd he used to make a candle during the celebration of Indian Week (above).

DAVID KWAIL displays his gifts during the elder's recognition on the third day of Indian Week (right).

AIYNA SCOTT looks for an elder to give her paper burden basket gift to on day three of Indian Week (below).

For more photos and the story about Indian Week, please see pages 6 & 7.



AWARD: Nation recognized for affordable housing

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income guidelines when they move in. After 15 years, if the same tenants still live in the unit, they own it title-free."

Walden said the Governor's award represents the on going team work and professionalism of the Nation's Tribal Housing staff.

"They are a very dedicated group, they work hard and pay attention to detail," he said.

In addition to the tax credit program, Tribal Housing also oversees several other tribal member housing programs. Currently in the works are plans to build 140 homes on the Nation's Tunli property located off of Hwy. 260.

"We are hoping to start developing the new lands by the first of the year," Walden said.

Walden said Governor Janet Napolitano recently signed a bill protecting tribally-owned property on fee-simple lands from State and county taxes. That makes it possible for the Nation to move ahead with its housing plans amidst a trust land dispute filed by some Camp Verde residents with the BIA.

"Property taxes go to the county anyway, so the town's fight about the lands seems unfounded," Walden said.

The plan calls for 20 homes to be built per year as well as some commercial development. The residential units will be a mix of the different programs Tribal Housing offers. Units on the property will be 3 and 4 bedroom single-family homes as well as a type of apartment complex, according to Walden.

Tribal Housing also has plans to build 60 residential units in Quail Heights in the Clarkdale community.

"We try to build as wisely as possible. Everything has to be adaptable, handicapped accessible, and forward-thinking. In the long run, it will save costs."



THE TUNLI property will be the site of additional tribal housing for members of the Yavapai-Apache Nation (above). The land is adjacent to the Middle Verde Reservation and is accessible from Hwy. 260.

TRIBAL HOUSING staff Richard Senzig, financial analyst, John Walden, executive director, and Rick Preston, housing operations manager, stand with the Governor's Tribal Housing Initiative award given to the Nation on Sept. 13 (left).



BREAKS: Partnership kicks off

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partnership is the beginning of a new era of working together.

"I hope that other cities and towns and counties take note that there is great value in starting partnerships. It all starts with a goal of helping people. I think perseverance showed that we have a good strong relationship," he said.

Construction was already underway before the shovels hit the dirt for the groundbreaking in order to meet the Feb. 1 start-up date for the facility. Throughout the event, the message of building upon a solid foundation of cooperation for the future was evident.

"We walk into this world and we understand when you look around, it will be different, this valley will be different," Fullmer said. "The wise individual or the visionary leadership looks to the future and says 'I can't stop the future from happening, but I can play a part in how it happens'. I appreciate the county's leadership for seeing that. When I look to the leaders who mentored me I ask them 'what are we planning for'...we are planning for forever."

NEW: More than 315 vote in council election

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casino." Kwail pledged to focus his priorities on health care, money for education, and encouraging more tribal members to work at the casino.

"The casino is where the jobs are at folks," he said.

Receiving 88 total votes was Billy Garner. Garner was reelected to a second term on the Tribal Council after filling a 1 year term that began last October. He heads up the Land and Water department and took an active role getting the groundwork completed for the new wastewater treatment plant in the works on the Nation's Tunli property. That property is set for development of more tribal housing as well as commercial zoning along Hwy 260.

"I am happy to have been reelected and given the opportunity to complete the goals I set during my first term," Garner said. "Thank you for coming out to vote and for being here today."

Tribal Council Election Results

Name	Votes
Jon Huey,	133
David Kwail,	92
Billy Garner,	88
Thomas Beauty,	73
Norman Smith,	66
Christine Cook,	60
Harry Hood,	53
Linda Evans,	50
Robert Jackson,	50
Annette Mendez,	43
Monica Marquez,	42
Frieda Eswonia,	42
Stanley Jackson,	40
Myron Johnson,	39
Donna Nightpipe,	37
Cheryl Baca,	34
Buddy Rocha, Sr.,	34
David Lewis,	27
Maureen Romero,	24
Beverly Joann Grey,	21

Total Voters: 315

Eligible Voters: 1199

Rejected Ballots: 5



YAVAPAI COUNTY officials speak with Fred Sanchez, president of Yavapai-Apache Construction, left (above). The Nation-owned construction firm is responsible for erecting the facility with a Feb. 1 start-up date.

NATION ELDERS Vincent Randall, left, and Ted Smith, Sr. stand together during the groundbreaking ceremony (left). After Randall delivered the tribal blessing to the project site he and Smith sang a song in Apache.

THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT

Attention Tribal Members:

If you or someone you know has ever worked in a Uranium mine, nuclear weapons testing site or may have lived down wind during certain periods from 1942 to 1971, you may be eligible for compensation under the Radiation Compensation Act.

Contact Darlene Rubio, Elder Advocate, if you have any questions.

Phone: (928) 301-2640

The Yavapai-Apache WIC program announces the **Walk-A-Bye-Baby Club**. We invite families with little children to participate in walking together with your little ones. **Baby strollers welcome!**

Club will meet **Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Middle Verde Heritage Park.**

All interested parties feel free to meet us at Middle Verde Heritage Park and be ready to walk.

For more information, contact Cora-lei Marquez Yavapai-Apache Wellness Center @ 567-2124

Elderly, disabled wellness conference helpful to all

By Cora-lei Marquez
YAVAPAI-APACHE
WELLNESS PROGRAM

A day of health, wellness and companionship was offered to the elders and disabled members of the Yavapai-Apache communities on Sept. 13.

The day started bright and early at the Lodge at Cliff Castle with a morning prayer welcoming everyone's presence. The prayer was followed by simple aerobic exercises everyone can do without even leaving your chair. These helpful exercisers were lead by certified aerobics instructor, Leimomi Montijo, who is the program director of Yavapai-Apache Recreation.

More than 60 people were in attendance at the event. Elders enjoyed sharing the day together with foot massages, healthy heart information, BMI readings, and blood sugar checks. The information presented was helpful to the overall health of all those present. Many of the elders are looking forward to next year's conference. They really enjoyed having the day to learn about themselves while spending time amongst good company.

The Wellness programs would like to thank all those who came and spend the day with us, along with those who took the time out of their busy schedules to come and share their knowledge.



LEFTY HARRIS inspects the agenda for the wellness conference.



HAPPY TO be there are Lupe Russell and Chevella Gonzales.



ENJOYING A FOOT soak and foot massage are elders from the Yavapai-Apache Nation during the annual Wellness program event.



SIGING IN for the conference is Middle Verde's Rosie Polequaptewa.



ANNA JACKSON of the Yavapai-Apache Wellness program gives a blood sugar reading to a participant of the elderly and disabled wellness conference on Sept. 13 (above).

SIMPLE EXERCISES such as moving your arms and limbs are a healthy way to get the blood flowing (left).



AWAITING THE start of the day's activities are elders Elizabeth Rocha and Eathel Lewis.



BERDELLA TSIKEWA of the Y-A Roads Maintenance dept. gets a blood pressure check during the conference.



ELDERS HAD a good time getting up moving around during the morning stretching activity.



STRETCHING OUT those limbs are the elders lead by certified aerobics instructor, Leimomi Montijo, during the elderly and disabled wellness conference.