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Camp Verde and Cottonwood until I moved to Clarkdale on the reservation.

In 2010, I got a divorce from my husband in Chicago and have been here in Clarkdale ever since.

I graduated from Yavapai College in May 2014 with a Certificate of Management (Applied Science in Management).

I have worked with the Attorney General as a WIA (Workforce Investment Act) worker then was employed at Housing in Tunlii for the Nation (Middle Verde) and at Cliff Castle Casino as facilities administrator, assistant warehouse coordinator and finally, part-time uniform attendant.

In the meantime, I was a foster parent and took care of my oldest son, who is disabled, which was hard.

The last job I had after not doing foster care, (my son went to a group home) was Administrative Assistant for the food and beverage department at the Cliff Castle Casino.

I have a strong desire in getting elected for the Nation's council because I see that the usual ones or the family members run all the time.

Even up in Chicago, I always was aware of what is going on down here on the reservation.

I realize, that with new ideas and solutions, I can make a difference but I never had the chance because no one knew about me.

Members on the council in the past promise that they will be there for the people not realizing that you are one person and your arguments need to be everyone's idea for it to work on the council.

I have seen some council members stay true to what they stand for themselves and others just become part of the system.

I am not promising anything that I don't think I can keep but staying true to myself and stand up for the people where need be.

The elders, seniors, disabled and the youth need a voice and I want to be that voice for them.

The elders and seniors just need to be heard and to be useful in the community.

The disabled have really nothing here on the reservation for them and I want to change that if possible.

Youth have a lot going for them here and I can be the voice of the ones that need more like the foster children and their parents.

As far as for gaming, I will do the best that I can.

I am a very quick learner and can adapt to what needs to be addressed as well as all matters that comes before the council.

If you think that the nation needs a voice for everyone and stay true to themselves and the community, I am that voice so vote for Maureen (Deloney) Sanchez.

Thank you.
Please come out to vote in September and vote for the ones that you think can make a difference in our lives, nation and the community.

Rachel Hood

Rachel Hood epitomizes integrity, energy, and hard work. Since 2009, Hood has been involved in Indian Country and has continually worked for positive change for Native Americans.

Hood is Executive Director of the Yavapai-Apache Nation Distant Drums RV Resort and currently a Board Member of the Arizona Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds.

Before joining Distant Drums RV Resort, Hood held a seat on the Business Board of Directors for the Yavapai-

Apache Nation, overseeing three businesses in the Verde Valley.

With approval from the Council, Hood resigned from the Yavapai-Apache Nation Business Board so that she could learn the RV Industry to better help the Nation.

Hood transformed Distant Drums RV Resort's Business Model to become one of the most successful RV Resorts in the industry.

Hood is proud of her accomplishments because she strongly believes that tribes need to exercise self-governance systems and to strength their sovereign powers.

Passionate about the tribe, the decision to run for Tribal Council was key.

Her goal is to bring visionary change in a time of economic uncertainty through development of impact policies for the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Her professional experience and business acumen make her a strong candidate.

Her tribal background and past work experience has enabled her to assist Native American Businesses seeking federal, state, and local government contracts as a Procurement Specialist.

She helped coordinate and manage Reservation Economic Summit (RES) for the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, a Native American Business Conference, which has an attendance of Tribal Dignitaries, Native American Business Owners and Leadership.

The strengths that Rachel Hood will bring to the Yavapai-Apache Nation include:

Profit Growth Strategies: development of an operational plan, which incorporates goals and objectives that work towards the strategic direction of the organization/government.

Procurement assistances: provide critical opportunities to connect with agency buying officers, prime contractors and other businesses that may offer collaboration or subcontracting opportunities.

Leadership: responsible for successful leadership and management of the organization to the strategic direction set by Tribal policies.

Hood is an individual with a passion for her community with a devotion to results.

She fully understands the need for transparency within the community and her tribal background and focus on community collaboration will allow her the opportunity to attain this goal.

This theme has always been relevant in her role as the Executive Director at Distant Drums RV Resort.

She desires to utilize her business acumen, commitment and her professional expertise in long-term economic growth for the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Her other positions have included Marketing Specialist for National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, Procurement Specialist for the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California PTAC, and Administration Assistant of the Public Relations office at Yavapai-Apache Nation.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the University of Washington and a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communication from Collins College.

Now you have the power to change the political landscape of the Yavapai-Apache Nation community and change you can believe in — Vote Hood!

Raymond Trujillo

My name is Raymond Trujillo.

I am Yavapai, Apache, and Laguna.

I am 55 years old and a resident of Cottonwood, Arizona.

I was born in Prescott, Arizona, to the parents of Patricia and Herbert Trujillo.

My grandmother is Daisy Quesada Russell and my grandfather is Henry Russell. I spent my early childhood living on the Clarkdale Reservation and my school years were spent in Prescott.

I voluntarily joined the Marine Corp in 1977, where I served four years and was honorably discharged.

I moved to West Texas where I worked in the oil field for eight years.

I returned to the Verde Valley in 1990, where I resided on the Middle Verde Reservation, until I moved off the reservation and purchased my own home in Cottonwood with my wife of 23 years.

I have two daughters, one that has graduated from Mingus Union High School and another that lives in New Mexico.

I am an active member of Emmanuel Fellowship church in Cottonwood. I also volunteered at Verde Valley Medical Center for two and half years in the emergency department.

I owned an excavation and paving S corporation for 13 years until the great recession of this century.

It was at this time in 2010 that I returned to college at the age of 50. I graduated from Yavapai College with an Associate degree in 2013.

I furthered my education at Northern Arizona University where I received my Bachelor's degree in Applied Human Behavior and a minor in Business Entrepreneurship at the end of June, 2015.

In summary, my 55 years has given me great insight and knowledge, enabling me to become a positive minded tribal council member.

Why Should You Vote for Raymond Trujillo?

Here are several reasons why:

First, I am a new candidate with a college degree in human behavior and business entrepreneurship.

I am well versed in business plan writing and I understand how and what it will take to move the Yavapai-Apache Nation forward into the next decade.

Second, my human behavior education will help me to understand many of the social issues that face our nation, and how these problems can be resolved.

I believe that change is needed in the tribal council in order for the nation to see success.

Third, some of my positive character traits are compassion, integrity, honesty, responsibility, and resourcefulness.

Fourth, I will work together with fellow council members to make a better YAN.

A strong council is needed in order to move the nation into new and different business venues.

This way we all prosper.

Fifth, while I was at NAU, I wrote an organizational analysis on the YAN; this opened my eyes to our constitution and how it serves our nation.

I believe that many of our people don't understand when and how the constitution was written. "With change, our nation can move in a positive forward direction."

That is why it is important for you to cast your ballot and vote for Raymond Trujillo.

Robert Jackson, Sr.

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My parents were Ben and Clara Jackson. Both were Apaches.

I was born in Jerome, Arizona and grew up in Clarkdale.

My academic and professional qualifications include the following:

Graduated from Mingus Union High School.

Attended Dyke Business College in Cleveland, Ohio

Joined the Marine Corps during the Viet Nam era and was given an Honorable Discharge

Received an Associates of Arts degree in Business from Haskell All Nations University

Received an Associates of Science degree in Accounting from Haskell All Nations University

Returned to the Phoenix area and began working for the U.S. Postal Service while taking additional classes at Arizona State University

Eventually transferred to Prescott Valley and retired from the Postal Service after 30 years

Received a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Northern Arizona University

I served on the Cliff Castle Casino Board of Directors for one year then ran for a seat on the Tribal Council and was elected.

After serving two years on the council, I decided to run for Vice-Chairman. I was elected and served three years that ended in 2013.

Now, after two years, I have decided to re-enter the political arena because I feel the tribal people are not being fairly represented.

I believe the main purpose of having a tribal council, chairman, and vice-chairman is to make the whole Nation feel safe, secure, and well informed.

To feel safe tribal people need to know that efforts are being made to develop a concrete, long-term business plan/infrastructure with periodic benchmarks.

These concrete plans should be developed in a way that they can be passed from one administration to the next to ensure the consistency of the specific goals.

Once in place, these plans should be made available to all tribal members in tribal meetings, the tribal newspaper, or technologically over the Internet.

Over 400,000 visitors a year pass below our casino on their way to the Montezuma Castle monument.

That is where we should concentrate our business endeavors.

Once the plans are made the council as a whole or appointed council members need to have the energy to push, encourage, and spearhead these plans.

Also, water in the Southwest is becoming a valued commodity and the local communities are positioning themselves to take advantage of the Verde River.

We have to bring the negotiations with Salt River Project to a close and secure our water rights for the future of the Nation's descendants

To feel secure the tribal people need to know that the Tribal Council consists of people who have integrity, pride in representing the Yavapai-Apache Nation, and have a personal commitment to displaying exemplar character both on and off our reservation.

All the actions of the tribal council are reflected on the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

We, as a nation, are proud, progressive, and strong, enduring people, who have adjusted well to the two worlds we live in and the council representatives should magnify that pride.

Lastly, while serving on the council I wrote and introduced a resolution that cut the tribal chairman's salary from \$134,000 to \$110,000 and the Vice-Chairman's salary from \$122,000 to \$95,000.

The resolution passed and went into effect in 2009.

Also, in 2010 I wrote and introduced the resolution eliminating all the severance/appreciation payments being made to council members once their terms ended; some of which amounted up to six months of their salaries.

The resolution passed and was implemented in 2010.

I also made a motion to cut the salaries of all the council members by \$5,000 from \$42,000 to \$37,000 but my motion was never seconded so the motion died on the floor.

The council's recent action giving themselves a 35-percent raise from \$42,000 to \$60,000 definitely does not make the Tribal members feel safe and secure.

If elected, I will always be an outspoken voice on the issues that affect the tribal people and their way of life and also be fair in my decisions.

I will champion the concept that all council members should bring progressive ideas and never shirk their duties plus be willing to challenge any issue that contradicts the Yavapai-Apache Nation's constitution or policies set by the Yavapai-Apache people.

A person is not a leader if nobody is following him.

I have always encouraged and will continue to encourage the council that there should be nine opinions on every major issue and every council member should be well-informed and have supporting facts backing all of their votes.

The Yavapai-Apache people deserve a strong, fair, well-informed person of character that will represent them well.

I am asking for your confidence and your vote to be your representative and will live by the creed that each day I can be a blessing to someone and to 'just do the right thing' when using the authority entrusted to me.

Ee-yeh-heh
Robert Jackson, Sr.

Roberta Quail

I have lived here for 54 years, the youngest of a ten membered family.

My parents were the late Harvey and Helen Quail.

I attended Camp Verde Elementary, CV Jr High, CV High School, and The Yavapai College here in the Verde Valley. Other, Educational Studies; in Santa Fe, NM, The Institute of American Indian Arts, in Albuquerque, NM, the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute. And at home online studies at The University of Phoenix.

As for work ethics, I've held financial positions most of my work years, within the Accounting Department and Cliff Castle Casino, served one term on the Tribal Council, and now tend to our kids and youth in the Education Department under the JOM Program.

I wish everyone the best of luck in the upcoming election.

Robin Hazelwood

Robin Hazelwood is a current Council Member for the Yavapai Apache Nation and has been approved as a candidate in the 2015 September General Election.

She has lived in the Middle Verde Community for 51 years, has one daughter, one stepson, and four grandchildren and a companion of nineteen and a half years.

She is the daughter of Angie (Hamaley) and the late Edward R. Hazelwood and the granddaughter of the late James Hamaley. She is of Yavapai and German decent.

She has over twenty years of management in her background, nine years at the Cliff Castle Lodge, 10 years with the Yavapai Apache Nation Tribal Housing, five years with the Yavapai Apache Nation Facilities Department and currently three years as a Yavapai Apache Council Member.

She has also served two five-year terms as a Commissioner for the Tribal Gaming Office for the Cliff Castle Casino and two five-year terms as Chief Judge for the Election Board.

She has experience in implementing policies and procedures, she is also familiar with State, Federal Regula-

tions in Gaming and Housing.

As a Council Member she has worked alongside her constituents implementing the Tax Code which consists of the Hotel, Tobacco, and Transaction Privilege Tax, Domestic Violence and Juvenile Codes, the construction of the Market Place, the completion of the Casino Corridor/I-17 Sewer Force Main, Nations Investment Portfolio, Revenue Allocation Plan, regular oversight of the Nations enterprises (Sand & Rock, Distant Drums, Market Place, Chevron, Farm & Ranch), recapture the financing with Santa Ysabel and La Posta tribes, she has advocated before Arizona Department of Housing on behalf of all Tribes in the State of Arizona.

If re-elected she will continue to advocate for Housing, Nations Water Rights, she will continue to support Economic Development, Elders, Culture, Tribal employment, Tribal programs & Assistance.

Along with her constituents she will continue to seek out other resources to increase revenue for the Yavapai Apache Nation.

As an elected leader for the Yavapai Apache Nation, she will use her management skills, hard work, dedication, reliability, and honesty to serve the membership of the Yavapai Apache Nation to the best of her ability with an open mind and continue to consider all avenues before making decisions that will affect the welfare of the membership.

She also fills that she has fulfilled the Oath that she stated at the beginning of her current term.

In closing she would like the membership to consider her as one of the elected officials for the three vacated Tribal Council positions when casting their vote at the polls or by absentee ballot.

Andrea Chavez (Valles)

Andrea Chavez (Valles) has resided in the Verde Valley, both Camp Verde and Middle Verde Reservations, most of her 41 years.

She is the daughter of Francisco Valles and Janie (Dudley-Smith) Valles, and with three children of her own. She has a greater aspiration for the Yavapai-Apache Nation to thrive.

Andrea graduated from Camp Verde High School, continuing her education at Yavapai College striving for a degree in Accounting.

Notably, she gained employment with Cliff Castle Casino as a Day-One Employee.

Andrea has more than 18 years of experience in the Gaming industry with expertise in Compliance, Financial Analysis and Accounting, which can be utilized for the betterment of the Nation.

This knowledge base created from employment with the Yavapai-Apache Gaming Commission and as well as involvement in several Cliff Castle Casino Hotel departments including Information Technology, Slots and, most outstandingly, Finance.

Andrea also spent over a year as the Secretary for the Community Development Financial Institution broadening her knowledge base of financial documentation and business plans/development.

A big believer in Tribal Member Rights, Andrea Chavez supports having all voices heard.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (928) 301-0081 or by email at andvalles@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

