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New council members Rachel Hood, Jaime Valles and Cindy Nahee sworn in

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New Yavapai-Apache Tribal Council members Rachel Hood, Jaime Valles and Cindy Nahee are greeted by community members after being sworn in. (Photo by Margie Campos)

The Election Board of the Yavapai-Apache Nation inaugurated the 3 new members of the council who were elected on September 19.

This ceremony was held in the gymnasium in Middle Verde on October 17, Saturday.

Approximately 60 members of the Nation attended this event with Chairman Thomas Beauty and other council members greeting the new members.

Beauty spoke briefly of the occasion and gave congratulatory salutations to Rachel Hood, Jaime Valles and Cindy Nahee.

Visitors and supporters alike enjoyed a nicely prepared luncheon after the ceremony.

New council member Rachel Hood, Jaime Valles and Cindy Nahee are greeted by community member after being sworn in.

Chairman Beauty participated in Washington, D.C. National Indian Health Board meeting

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Composed of 20 tribal leaders from across the country, this small group gathered in Washington on September 21-25 under the auspices of the National Indian Health Board.

The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) has desired and expressed goals to address diabetes that is prevalent in the leaders' specific regions across America.

The SDPI (Special Diabetes Program for Indians) makes special funding for diabetes prevention programs in various communities in Indian country.

The September national

meeting was held to make recommendations for strategic planning, to establish mission statements by the committee and integrate these into the outreach programs for their own specific communities.

Chairman Beauty is Phoenix Area Primary Representative for the southwest region for TLDC.



Thomas Beauty

Basket weavers convene at YAN culture center



Penny Smith (L), daughter of the late Ted and Ruth Smith, gets the 1:1 teaching from master weaver Donna Nightpipe during the workshop. (Photo by Don Decker)

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The Heard Museum sponsored a 2-day basket weaving workshop on October 23-24 at the Nation's culture center.

Workshop participants included members of the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Tribe and members of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

The Heard Museum in Phoenix received a grant from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation of Minnesota which gives local community organizations to participate in various cultural enhancement activities.

The grant allows Indian tribes from below an imaginary line from San Francisco to central California, into southern Los Angeles area and eastward across central and southern Arizona onto New Mexico to participate in the grant activities.

According to Marcus Monenerkit, a Comanche, who is the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Heard Museum, the Cargill foundation is interested in engaging all southwestern Indian tribes in maintaining their cultural arts and crafts and the grant activity at the Yavapai-Apache Nation was to teach flat-basket making activities.

The Heard Museum contacted Donna Nightpipe who is an authority on flat-basket making of the Yavapai-Apache style, to teach basket making.

Approximately 18 people showed up to participate in the workshop directed by Nightpipe who was assisted by her husband Francis another basket weaver.

"It's important that

Traditional weavers gather to learn from master basket weaver-Donna Nightpipe

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Learning from Donna Nightpipe is an honor. Saturday, October 24, saw the gathering of approximately 18 weavers at the Nation's culture center to try their skills in making a flat basket.

It's a dying art and only a few traditional weavers are left such as Nightpipe of Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Under the auspices of the Heard Museum in Phoenix, this 2-day workshop brought weavers from various locations in the southwest to meet Nightpipe and to receive first-hand knowledge

of the techniques used in basket weaving.

The culture department arranged this workshop.

Nightpipe is well-known for the technique she uses and has been called to conduct various workshops including in far off places such as the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in New Mexico.

It's not an easy task to take various plants and convert them into a whole new object.

Most of the participants were novices who learned that it also takes finger dexterity to weave.

One student said she

Maureen Romero appointed new UNITY coordinator for Yavapai-Apache Nation

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The Nation's council through a motion on October 7, approved the appointment of Maureen Romero as coordinator of the UNITY (United National Indian Tribal Youth) for the Nation.

Romero's daughter, Candice Romero, now a University of Arizona student, was active in UNITY in the past few years as president of the organization locally and also served as secretary and vice president of the national UNITY organization.

Joel Beauty, son of Thomas and Nadie Beauty is the current president of the Nation's youth group under the auspices of UNITY.

Leona Wathogoma was

coordinator of UNITY for 17 years until she resigned recently to hand the responsibilities to another person. "It was 17 fun-filled years serving the Nation's youth with pride and joy," she said.

Maureen looks forward to her new role as coordinator and said she wants to extend enrollment invitation to all the youth of the Nation ages 12-21.

Maureen is a reception-



Maureen Romero

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