

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Linda Sue Evans

My name is Linda Sue Evans everyone calls me Linda Evans. I'm the daughter of the late Laskey George Evans and Flora (Waterman) Evans my paternal grandparents Zookie Evans and Sadie (Francis) Bear, my great grandfather was the late Henry Irving and great grandmother Lizzie Irving. My maternal grandparents were the late Wallace Waterman and Carma (Manaya)Waterman. I am half Abaja on my mother's side and half Dilzhe'eh on my father's side. I come from the Yavapai Yuman Band Tolkapaya and my Dizhe'eh clan is Tudotilizen(Blue Water/ Fossil Creek) ¼ and ¼ Sai edigai (white sand people).

I have worked for Yavapai-Apache Nation in various departments from August 1978 to now. My dedication to the positions I held to the highest of my ability. My qualification and certification in my jobs have help me achieve to work with my people in the five communities and also with the ones out of the area. I volunteer in various committees with the YAN, local and state level. Prior to holding public office I've gained significant expertise in tribal government.

To improve the lives of the Yavapai-Apache people I would like to have some strategy planning with Economic Development for more business ventures so

we can generate revenue to allow the tribal government to continue to provide tribal assistance, and opportunities to the membership. With that said also work hard for our water right settlement that has not been settled with SRP and CAP. There is a great need to start putting land into trust or trade with other government agency, to where we YAN can make use of the land. Like to continue with the priority list that the council has been working on for years and start moving forward with whatever comes before us. While envisioning a secure future for our youth.



Thomas Beauty

To My Fellow Tribal Members: DAGOTEH / MAH HAHM-GAH GAH MYU JEH

It has been an honor to serve as your Chairman for the past three (3) years. Together, with the Tribal Council and as a community, we have accomplished many great things and continue to move forward to make sure that our people have a strong and prosperous future. This September, I seek your support and vote for Chairman of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, so that we can continue to build upon the foundation and success we achieved.

I am the son of the late Earlene Beauty and Ira Datsi and the grandson of the late Earl Beauty and Hazel Beauty. I am a proud member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation and have lived in the Middle Verde tribal community my entire life where I continue to raise my family.

When I took the oath of office in 2013, I committed to four (4) principle priorities to focus on during my term as Chairman which included: Federal Water Rights Negotiations, Development of Tribal Housing, Development of Infrastructure and Economic Development and to bring unity to the Tribal Council.

Today, as Chairman I can confidently tell my people that we have successfully been in discussion with Salt River Project and the State of Arizona, we have provided updates and support from the Arizona Congressional delegation, hosted several discussions with Verde Valley water stakeholders and through this effort we are closer than we have ever been to introducing legislation for a Federal Indian Water Rights Settlement

for the Yavapai-Apache Nation. What does this mean for our people? This means that we can continue to develop businesses, build housing and grow our tribal population with the security that our people will have perpetual access to water. It has been an immense honor to work on this issue, knowing that over 30 years ago our elders, many of whom who have passed on, started the settlement process.

Over the past few years, we have started to develop a total of 73 new homes, a park and new community center in our tribal community. These new homes will provide additional housing to families, elders and off-reservation members who seek to return home to the Verde Valley.

Since we developed the casino back in 1995, our community has lacked the infrastructure such as water and sewer to develop more businesses. With the Tribal Council, we implemented new infrastructure that provides additional opportunities for future economic development in the casino corridor such as the development of the new hotel.

As Chairman I have made sure our people have a voice at the table and our positions on issues are always heard. I serve as a regional representative on the National Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, was the Vice President of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association, was the 1st Executive Vice President and currently the President of the Board of Directors of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona.

In 2015 I was honored by Arizona Business Magazine and recognized as a Minority Business Leader of the Year for my work at the Nation on issues such as gaming, healthcare, economic development and natural resources.

As we approach the Nation's election for Chairman, I ask for your continued support and vote and together we will continue to make progress for our people.



Princess Kouyancy

A letter to my fellow tribal members:

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First, I am grateful for the opportunity to express what is in my heart for my people while also demonstrating my experience and education. This position demands equal amounts of education, experience and sincere understanding of what it means to be Yavapai-Apache. It is important for the voters to know who is requesting to serve the Nation.

As Yavapai-Apache's in the 21st century we are in a unique position. We must protect our past, secure our present and safeguard our future. The uniqueness of our sovereignty gives us the ability to design an existence that meets our needs. We should be protecting our past by taking care of our elders and learning from them; doing so will ensure our traditions, culture and languages stay alive. We should be securing our present by taking advantage of every opportunity we have for all of us to progress. Finally, we should be safeguarding our future by protecting our children and our rights to remain a self-governed tribe.

We need leaders that keep the best interest of the Nation and it's individuals above everything else. On council, I will fight to protect our Nation in all arenas and work on improving the lives of all tribal members. In the wake of suicide, addiction and uncertain economic times our Nation needs this more than ever.

I realize addressing the state of our Nation requires more than just my degree

and more than simply knowing what is happening. It is being able to say you have been with your people through the good and bad times. As an educated person I can see where our Nation needs economic stimulation and protection. As a woman, mother, wife and friend I know the loss many of us have experienced as a result of suicide. As a previous employee of the Nation's ASA department I know our youth need someone willing to fight for their lives. As a community member I know what is missing at home. As a tribal member, with family in other states, I see how the needs of our people off the reservation are going unmet.

On council I will be able to logically address the Nation's issues while giving first hand insight. When tribal members voice their concerns for lack of police presence, the influx of drug abuse or their inability to access the Nation's resources I can apply skill, education and experience towards a successful solution. **I will fight for real results for our real problems.**

I will act by the consent of the people. I will apply my education and heart because this is my community/family/tribe. I want to give back to the Nation that made me; my dues are owed here. I know my people are tired of hearing the same campaign promises over and over again and it breaks my heart to hear tribal members say they are ashamed of our government. Our elders worry about the misguidance of our Nation and young people believe their vote doesn't count. Change has to happen, but it cannot happen if we don't vote in a different type of leader. With the right leaders we can rekindle the strength and unity that enabled us to survive genocide and claim our place in today's world. Please allow me to be **The Change The Nation Needs and The Voice The People Deserve.**

Sincerely,
Princess K. Kouyancy



Dave Kinsey

Dear Communities and Enrolled Tribal Members of the Yavapai-Apache Nation,

My name is Dave Kinsey Jr. a candidate in this years' 2016 Election for the office of Council. I am the son of Reba (Lewis) Franco and Dave Kinsey Sr. My wife Amber and I reside in the City of Cottonwood with our three children Leah 13, Alice Mae 9, and Dave Kinsey III. I am currently employed in Scottsdale, Arizona for the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, in the Engineering Construction Services Department since December 2014. My daily commute consists of a 3:30 am to 5:30 am departure for an 8-10 hour day, sometimes in up to 117 degree weather and then home for dinner and family time. This takes a great deal of strength and dedication for my family. We make the effort to keep ourselves and children culturally aware by trying to speak both the Yavapai and Apache languages in our home as well as traveling to San Carlos an White Mountain Apache reservations for the ceremonies.

The Yavapai-Apache Nation is in dire need of a true leader who works hard for others, who is dedicated to his people and who strives to improve the lives and general welfare of the communities. My mindset in my first term of office was to invest in our people and our communities, not elsewhere. I have demonstrated these duties through my first two terms in 2010-2014 Council Office. In 2011 as a legislative body we did a great deal in moving the Yavapai-apache Nation forward starting with the new marque off I-17 to help promote Cliff Castle Casino,

who many didn't know existed. In the Tunlii Development we put a stop to the hazardous levels of arsenic in our water line system and took advantage of the relationship we had with the town of Camp Verde, which serves the Tunlii community with clean water, temporarily. Prior councils' project of boring under I-17 helped give the opportunity to the Yavapai-Apache Nation in meeting its' current progress continuing the water/sewer line from Cliff Castle Casino, but also created some issues for the sewer ponds in the community.

Our effort was to improve the revenue for Cliff Castle Casino after taking a 13% loss after the Twin Arrows Casino opened, so we started with the planning of the addition of the new hotel attached to Cliff Castle Casino which is currently under construction. Then we moved forward with the new Marketplace Enterprise on highway 260 which seems to doing well and has created tribal employment.

I was nominated to the Yavapai-Apache Nation Water Rights Counsel and represented the Nation at the State Legislative and U.S. Congressional levels on this issue.

I was honored to give back to our communities through Holiday Food Drives, Back to School BBQ/school supplies, and speaking to our youth on the importance of education and their goals.

Currently there are many issues facing our Nation stemming from water rights, public safety/illegal substance, employment, housing, sovereignty, youth services and new issues on the horizon.

If elected to office I will lead confidently and face our issues head-on, only to improve our communities and to empower our people through transparency.

Being born and raised in Clarkdale, Arizona. I believe in a real sense of the word "Community." I thank you for taking the time to vote. Good luck to all candidates.

"People Not Politics"
God Bless, Dave Kinsey Jr.



Siera Russell

My Motivation

What was our ancestors hope for their descendants? Their sacrifice was enormous. They went into captivity because our ancestors wanted a better way of life for every Yavapai and Apache descendant. This is why I am now running for the Tribal Council Seat. I, Siera Taketchera Russell, also want a better way of life for all of our tribal members living on and off our reservation.

Although I did not make it into one of the two positions for Chairperson in the primary election, falling short by 6 votes, I am equally passionate about serving as your next Council Member. I thank all of you who supported me in that run and hope that you will still support my candidacy as your next Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Council Member.

My Background

I left my position of 3 years as an Associate Professor of Law to relocate to the Verde Valley in May of 2014 to help my beloved father and former tribal leader, Aaron Russell. He and my dear mother Joanna (Gibson) have since passed away.

Early in my career I served as the Director of the Indian Legal Program at Arizona State University's College of Law, combining my passions for education and the law. Under my leadership the Program grew into a nationally recognized center attracting many of the most gifted Native legal scholars in the country. Additionally, I served as a Tribal Gaming Commissioner for our Nation, Director of Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's Education Department, Statewide Coordinator of Arizona Western College's Casino Management Program, and an adjunct professor at ASU. However, my successes in these leadership positions came through developing strong relationships and collaborating with outstanding law faculty, administrators, students, Arizona tribal judges, and urban Native organizations.

My Education

- UC Berkeley, School of Law, Juris Doctorate
- Harvard University, Masters in Education
- Arizona State University, Bachelors in Elementary Education

I bring to this position valuable work experience, education, and skills. These include a thorough understanding of both Federal Indian Law and Tribal Law through studying, teaching, interpreting, and applying these laws in my 7 years working as a Tribal Court judge, including 2 years here in the Yavapai Apache Nation Tribal court. I will combine my experience in these specialized areas of law with my ability to develop professional and personal relationships.

My Platform:

- Make laws, codes, resolutions, and ordinances that reflect our tribal community's values and beliefs as well as protect our Tribal Sovereignty and our two distinct heritages.
- Advocate and promote better communication among all departments, leadership, and tribal membership
- Empowering our community to prosper in Tribal Self-Governance, to prosper as individuals, families, and neighborhoods
- Improve employee morale by recognizing their achievements and strengths, requiring policies and

procedures to be applied fairly and consistently

- Improve off-reservation tribal members' access to resources available to all tribal members
- Sustain profitable businesses and diversify our income streams
- Find the common ground among differing opinions and move the community's agenda forward
- Meet on a regular basis within the communities served by the Tribal Council including meeting at least twice a year in Phoenix and San Carlos

As your next Tribal Council Member, I will act with integrity and positivity in my leadership. I will listen with a good and open heart to all, while keeping sight of the highest aspirations for both current tribal members and future generations. God has blessed me with compassion and the wisdom to serve others.

For more information please go to my Facebook page: Siera Russell for Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Council Member. You can also reach me by email at: Siera@sierarussell.com Thank you for your vote!