

# COMMUNITY / GOVERNMENTAL CONCERNS



## BLOOD QUANTUM: Who Belongs?



### Yavapai-Apache Nation Constitution Committee



## DO WE NEED TO CHANGE OUR CONSTITUTION?

The Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Constitution is the living document that serves the people and explains our rights as members of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Our Tribal Constitution successfully went through the reform process in 1992 approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) then through a Secretarial Election. Through this process it brings the decision **back** to the members to make their vote for the changes they want in the constitution.

Do we need to change our Constitution?

The decision is up to the people to decide.

### What will our destiny be?

## CURRENT MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

ARTICLE II. Section 1.

- (a) All persons of Indian blood whose names appear on the official census roll as of April 1, 1934, with the supplement thereto of January 1, 1936.
- (b) All children born to any member who are one fourth (1/4) or more Indian blood.
- (c) All persons who are one fourth (1/4) or more Yavapai-Apache Indian blood.
- (d) All persons who qualified for and were accepted into membership under the membership requirements contained in the Constitution and By-laws of the Yavapai-Apache Indian Community, Arizona, adopted October 24, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 12, 1937, as amended on June 21, 1947, and approved August 5, 1947.

TRIBAL HERITAGE,  
CULTURE,  
LANGUAGE,  
TIME HAS CHANGED.

## Can YOU prove your descendancy? What is OUR Destiny?

Current membership requirements have prevented enrolling of members in the Yavapai-Apache Nation due to not meeting minimum requirements for blood quantum.

Do you believe our Membership requirements needs to change?

Should blood quantum be required for enrollment?

How long will the Yavapai-Apache Nation Last?

## Who Belongs?

Understanding these questions will help you understand how your decisions may impact benefits, services and ultimately cultural sustainability.

## GARDEN

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that reaches temperatures of over 100 degrees in Verde Valley in mid-July.

The new community garden has received wide support from the various departments located within the Nation's operations. This included the housing department under the direction of Mr. Danny Chatter and

his crew who came and fixed a torn-off roof of the garden's storage shed from a previous hurricane-force winds that blew through the Nation and damaged other properties as well. Then Daniel "Spooney" Lewis and crew members Lucas Jackson and Dexter Beauty from the Nation's Public Works program who brought trucked in the soil, fertilizer (manure) and assembled the metal

picnic table that is now a permanent structure at the garden and then Pauline Jackson from the agriculture department who was there the day the boxes were being assembled using the electric battery-operated drill. And from Middle Verde, local community member Ron Juan, a Quechan Indian from Yuma who is married to Lorna Hazlewood of Middle Verde lent a hand in lay-

ing out the garden plot and taking into close consideration the alignment of the various plants along the fence such as the grape vines, the peach trees, the rose bushes and other fruit trees he planted. Mr. Juan is a non-paid consultant-volunteer to the operations of the community garden. Mr. Juan says he has a "mystery bean plant" seeds he has donated to the garden which have been

planted already and he is anxious to see what will sprout. Mr. Juan also has some Blue corn seeds and Hopi black sunflower seeds in his arsenal.

Other helpers included RJ James, grandson of Robin Hazelwood who coordinated part of the garden activities, Linnard Welsh, Penny Smith, Tony Sanchez and Tina Samm from Phoenix-I.H.S and Renee Gonzales from

the Nation's WIC program. The rest of the name list reads like academy awards night such as the Sand and Rock department that donated the gravel for the garden area by Jerry director of the Sand and Rock.

The organizing of the garden began back in February and hasn't stopped. Mrs. Rocha said the volunteers who