

CANDIDATES/COMMUNITY NEWS

Amanda Honwyteewa

Ma' hum jeca, ga mu je? Nya mullach Amanda Honwyteewa. My mother is Edith Honwyteewa. My maternal grandmother is the late Marion Honwyteewa and my grandfather the late Louise Calvin Honwyteewa, Jr. My maternal great grandmother is Josephine Haynes and great grandfather Scotty Whagado. I am of Yavapai, Hopi, and Shoshone blood. My great-great grandmother Mary Thinka was also Apache.

I was born and raised in the Verde Valley and lived most of my life on the Middle Verde Reservation. This place will always be my home and I feel blessed to raise My Daughter Niyah here with My Husband Quentin Marsh. Living on the reservation for so many years has shown me first hand the needs of our community.

I am currently working at the Nation's Food Bank under the WIOA program. Sadly, my program will be ending soon but I am most grateful for the work experience I have gained. This job opportunity has allowed me to perform, what I think, is a great service our community. I feel there has been many great improvements made at the Food Bank and I will continue supporting this program in any way that I can.

I have worked within our Nation for many years, first starting as a youth worker. Since then I have worked in different areas such as Distant Drums RV Park, Agriculture, JOM, Public Works, and ICWA. Within these jobs I collaborated with many other tribal departments as well. Personally, I love working for our Nation where I have learned so much about its operations. Also, serving on the Election Board for two non-consecutive terms has allowed me to become more knowledgeable about our government's constitution by which I will follow.

I graduated as salutatorian from South Verde Technology Magnet School in 2010. From there I attended Yavapai College and received an Associate of Arts in General Studies with honors in 2012. I then transferred to Arizona State University where I earned my Bachelors of Arts in Psychology with a Minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice in 2014.



While attending ASU I was also dually enrolled in Barrett, The Honors College.

I recently earned a Graduate Certificate in Holistic Nutrition with honors from the American College of Healthcare Sciences. I plan to continue my education seeking to earn a Master's in Health and Wellness. I am very passionate about education and feel most fortunate that our tribe gives us the opportunity to go out and become educated.

My focus is to work in the Health and Wellness field. I am determined to help others achieve health and happiness, especially those in our community. I have always wondered my purpose and I am now starting to see that my path is through the health and healing of our people. One of the key elements of good health is the food we eat and it is poor food choices that lead to the chronic diseases we now face. This is why I am so adamant about growing food and bringing back traditional foods.

One of my main objectives as a Councilwomen is to bring forth self-sufficiency and food security through the cultivation of our agricultural lands for the use of food. We have the land and the resources, so why not grow food for our people? We can help feed many families, bring back the art of traditional farming, and open doors to other possible business ventures. There are so many opportunities that can stem from refocusing the use of our agricultural lands. At the same time, we could be implementing ways that will help better conserve our ground water and preserve our top soil for the generations to come.

This leads into to my next objective, Water Rights. I know it may

sound like a repetitive topic but this is a very important issue. I want to be a strong advocate for securing our water rights. We need to continue pushing for these rights and continue seeking support from our neighboring communities. More importantly, we need to take a stand and show that we care about protecting our precious water source, the Verde River. It is not just our right, it is our responsibility. This why I am proactive in volunteering in the local projects that are working to sustain water flow and restore the natural habitat of the Verde River.

Another main objective of mine is to help promote and preserve our culture and language. Culture is not something that is just given to us, it has to be taught and learned. Many years ago our culture and language was stripped away from us and it's continuing to slip away with the passing of our elders. There is a strong need to find better ways that will allow ALL of us to learn. We cannot place the responsibility on one single department, but rather it takes effort and collaboration from ALL of us. I would like to see more language classes, more arts and crafts classes, more traditional food classes, and more social dances. I would support and sponsor all of these. I firmly trust that re-establishing our cultural identity and way of life will bring balance and harmony back to our Nation.

My other objectives include focusing youth outreach services and senior activities, increasing drug abuse awareness, establishing fair employment opportunities for ALL tribal members, and supporting first-time tribal business owners.

I am running for Tribal Council because I believe ALL tribal members deserve a fair share in the prosperity of our Nation, it is time we starting investing into the betterment of each and every one.

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As a past and future Tribal Leader, I feel that we need to work toward sustainable and achievable goals while keeping the community's best interests at heart. We need to develop our commercial properties in order to generate additional revenue and employment for our people. We need to stay abreast of our Federal Water Rights Settlement negotiations in order to protect the flow of the Verde River, which is rightfully our duty as native people. We need to continue to work with Forest Service on our Land Trade. Look into our investment with Drake Cement. And most importantly, work harder to preserve our native heritage while continuing to improve the quality of life for our Yavapai-Apache people by creating oppor-

tunities for education, healthy lifestyles, cultural activities, housing, employment, and recreation.

In closing, let's not forget that Tribal Council members are policy makers that are here to protect our sovereignty, economic affairs, and provide common welfare to our people. Tribal Council was created to listen to the concerns of the people with compassion and understanding and to make changes that are relevant to today's world while keeping our same values and integrity as our ancestors.

Thank you for taking time to learn about who I am and what I bring to this year's General Election. I look forward to serving you to the best of my ability.

LORNA

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bers along with many tribal staff and previous council.

Lorna has a long tenure of employment and voluntary service to the communities. Those areas consisted of Economic Development working along-side Tribal Council and staff to create a revenue resource for the Nation and it started with the Cliff-Castle Lodge, and both Cliff-Castle Casino(s) and most recently as a Council member during her 2012/2015 term along with Council planned and funded the new c-store or "Marketplace", the sewer line transfer from Cliff-Castle Lodge to the Middle Verde Lagoons to support future economic drivers on the Middle Verde Corridor, funding the infrastructure for the new existing Tunlii Housing project, improving all the existing water/sewer lines for the communities, tribal budget improvements and capturing revenue due the Tribe that was long overdue and many other matters affecting the Nation.

Lorna worked as a Contracts/Grants Manager where she kept her nose to the grinding stone and went after federal funding after writing (2) grants back to back to get the tribal audits caught up to date in order for the Nation to qualify for other funding. Lorna along with an excellent staff member proposed and was the lead over several community projects that were critically needed for the Nation to accommodate the sudden growth in population and tribal homes. Projects grant funded through the assistance of a grant writer included the Tribal

Gym, Recreation Center, Social Services Building, Food Bank, Fleet/Public Works Building, Police/Fire Station Building, and MV Community Park/Softball Field. Other Tribally funded projects included Tribal Administrative/Tribal Court Building, Human Resources and Daycare Facility and incorporated the Montessori educational philosophy for preschool children. All projects included infrastructure for water and sewer, parking, lighting and landscaping.

Lorna supports the Agriculture program in maintaining the Nation's farmlands for the purpose of protecting our water rights a valuable commodity. The Nation must maintain continuous use of our water allocation as we move forward in a final water right settlement. Lorna feels the Nation's water right is far more valuable than the revenue it currently produces. Lorna appreciates the hard work of the Agriculture manager and staff to sustain the farmlands.

Lorna if elected would support and take a cautious approach to engage in a complete financial review of the Nation's revenues to set-aside funds for economic development purposes and seek other sources of funding or opportunities to leverage for the development of the Middle Verde Corridor. This cautious approach is to ensure the level of funding for tribal programs that support the community will not be harmed.

Lorna understands there is the constant question of limited homes for individuals and families that cannot qualify for the current Tax Credit Programs. Lorna feels it is the Tribal Council's responsibility to work with Tribal Housing to

help assist and find the necessary means to meet that sector's needs for Housing. Tribal Housing is the Nation's biggest department with many responsibilities in managing over 400 homes for the community and they need Council support.

Lorna's platform if elected is to be responsible to members of the Nation, listen to their concerns, act on their concerns, open the lines of communication, support tribal staff and will consider other needed support services and programs for the Nation. Other areas of economic development must be pursued to sustain the Nation financially.

Lorna has years of experience at the Council and administrative level and understand a Council's role and Tribal Constitution requirements that governs the Nation. Lorna is thankful for all she has learned working with the Nation for over 30 years. Lorna invested her time and responsibility to the Tribe and gained and understanding of the operations and government more than any formal education could give her.

Lorna appreciates the Nation's Tribal cultures as the most important element that makes the Nation's people who they are. Lorna recognizes that there is controversy at times between the (2) Tribe's, but as one people we must come together for the benefit of our future and our children and youth. We were not enemies, but allies and we must align ourselves and stand strong together.

Lorna seeks your vote in this year's 2018 Tribal Election, September 15th!

Thank you and Many Blessings.

NANCY

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Benefits Committee, Water Rights Settlement Team, UNITY Youth Advisor and many, many other committees. Majority of these were done on a volunteer basis.

I believe this has given me the experience, knowledge and understanding of how our different tribal programs operate, how they are ever-changing, and how to effectively make business decisions that benefit the best interest of the Nation.

Living and working within our tribal community, I have witnessed and experienced all of the Nation's hardships and successes first hand. That is why I feel that it is my duty to take a stand and serve my people to the best of my



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10AM - 2PM

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