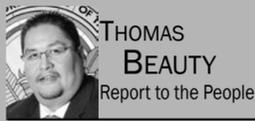


# EDITORIAL

## Making tremendous progress

It is an honor to be a part of a Tribal Council that is making tremendous progress for our people.



THOMAS  
BEAUTY

Report to the People

On July 18 myself and the Tribal Council attended the grand opening event of the Nation's Market Place Convenience Store located in the Tunlii tribal community.

Our commitment is to create jobs and to continue to diversify our tribal economy while generating additional revenue for the Nation to ensure that our tribal government is sustainable. The new Market Place provides gasoline and fuel, tobacco products, food and grocery products and also serves as a general C-Store for the Highway 260 corridor.

In July I accompanied the Nation's Youth Council to Washington, D.C. for the annual UNITY Conference. I wanted to provide leadership to our Youth Council and support our tribal youth. We took a total of nine (9) youth, and participated in the President's Generations Indigenous Conference and the UNITY Conference.

It is important to instill leadership into our youth and for our Tribal Leaders to provide the leadership experience to our youth.

Our Yavapai-Apache youth are our leaders of tomorrow. While in D.C. for the National UNITY Conference, I also attended several Congressional meetings with Senators McCain and Flake and Representatives Kirkpatrick, Gosar, Grijalva and

Sinema.

There are many issues that challenge the Nation, the largest being the Nation's settlement of its water rights.

During these meetings I had the opportunity to discuss critical updates on the negotiation and discussion process of water.

On July 15 I attended Arizona Governor Doug Ducey's first Governor's Roundtable with Tribal Leaders. Tribal Leaders must always remain active with state and federal government.

Collectively as Tribes, there are many issues that impact every single tribe ranging from natural resources and water to tribal gaming to state policy on matters like education and economic development. I am confident that Governor Ducey listened to Tribes and will continue to work through the issues and provide opportunity for Tribes to be active stakeholders in Arizona's policy decisions.

In August, Vice Chairwoman Rubio and I will be distributing our Mid-Year Report to the People. This report will contain information and updates from the Executive Offices and tribal programs.

It is our hope that our people will find this information valuable and that the report will provide information about current updates from our tribal government.

I am honored to serve the people of the Yavapai-Apache Nation as Chairman.

Your opinions and concerns are important to me and my office is always open to hearing from tribal members. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact my office at (928) 567-1021.

## Special thanks for the youth



LEONA  
WATHOGOMA  
Guest Commentary

The Yavapai-Apache Youth Council attended the largest UNITY Youth Conference from July 8-14. There were 1800 youth and advisor/chaperons who attended this conference.

This would not have been possible without these individuals who went out of their way to donate, support, chaperone and believe in our tribal youth council. Chairman Beauty, for attending the conference with us, supported the youth and made it possible for us to attend the UNITY conference. Chairman represented the Nation and the youth very well. He helped us raise money with the basketball tournament and other fund raising events attended youth council meetings and has been a great mentor for our youth.

Some of our youth do not have a father figure in their lives and he has been there for them giving direction and positive reinforcement.

Vice-Chairwoman Darlene Rubio also attended the youth conference with us and took good care of the youth while we were in D.C. She attended all the meetings, took photos of all the events and represented the Nation very well. It was so good to see her smiling face every morning waiting to have break-

fast with us or join us for lunch or dinner, she was so much fun and the kids really got to know her. Thank you both for your generous contributions and mental, spiritual and emotional support to the youth.

I would also like to thank Jamie Fuller for his generous contribution, Robin Hazelwood, McDonalds Brothers, Camp Verde Feed store, Indian School Trust Fund Committee-Tribal Council and many others who donated towards the UNITY Youth Conference. Thank you for believing in the youth as they will never forget this conference, it was one of a kind.

I would also like to thank the parents who attended this conference and who also chaperoned their youth, Delbert and Ernestine Smith, Jessica Herrera, Nadie Beauty and Vida Smith. These parents were awesome, hands up to all of them.

I also would like to thank the youth for their superior behavior, participation and attending all the workshops and events. Joel Beauty, President, Thomas Herrera, Vice-President, Reyes Herrera, Male Representative, Sicily Herrera, Female Representative, Nicholas Mendez, Dayton Smith, Drake Smith, Daylen Kelley and Frank Hernandez, without these youth there would not be a youth council. We all bonded and had the time of our lives.

Leona Wathogoma



Myrtle Manuel and Roberta Quail, from left, stop at the Glacier National Park in Montana to take in the view. Courtesy photo

## Summer road trips by the Quail family

By ROBERTA QUAIL  
Contributing writer

Once again the Quail's journey north to the prairies and river valleys of Idaho and Montana.

In Boise, Idaho, we exit north to venture the Nez Perce country, to find the streams, woodlands and the abundant roots and berries of the high plateaus.

The Nez Perce traveled widely on the principal rivers of the region-the Snake, Clearwater, and Columbia-to trade with their neighbors.

While driving through the high prairies and plateaus, I

could only imagine the Wars and what Chief Joseph and his band went through.

Still going north we entered the Coeur D' Alene Indian Reservation, stopped at all the places of interest, looked for arts and crafts and stayed at the their casino resorts.

Then, it was time to journey east to Montana. It seemed like we were so high up in the mountains on our way it felt like we were going downhill all the way into Missoula.

We drove around hoping to spot "Rob," but nobody looked like him, continuing on through Flathead Country and ending up at the Glacier Na-

tional Park, known to Native Americans as the "Backbone of the World."

This magnificent place was breath taking, the beauty, cold weather, rain and snow allowed us to make use of our coats we packed.

We reached our turning point and started back downhill.

It was out of Montana and back into Idaho, now visiting the Shoshoni-Bannock Reservation, we found many improvements made.

This time they had a casino/resort, a market place and their awesome arts and crafts gift shops.

30s which went to Donald and Judy Stevens of Yavapai-Apache Nation.

The Nation's tribal council also conducted their own raffle giveaways as brilliant red t-shirts with the Nation's logo were given out. The grand prize for the Nation's council's raffle giveaway was a dinner for two at The Story Teller's fine dining at the Cliff Castle Casino.

With gas prices at \$2.78 per gallon for regular for the grand opening, customers continued their fuel purchases days after the grand opening.

After two weeks since the opening of the store, area customers from nearby places such as the Out of Africa outdoor animal park and county employees of the Yavapai County Superior Court have had nothing but praise for the Market Place according to store employees.

other, no one survives," said Rubio. She also introduced the members of the tribal council in attendance.

In the tradition of opening new businesses in America, a large red ribbon with a beautiful bow tied to it was stretched in front of the doors to the store. At the very last second, Chairman Beauty slated to cut the ribbon, summoned the eldest person of the Nation, 90-year-old Amy Mendoza, an Apache matriarch, was guided to the front to do the honors of cutting the ribbon. This was met with elation and applause as the entourage made their way past the cut ribbons into the new store.

Margie Campos, public relations assistant for the Nation conducted various free giveaways and raffles. The top prize for the final giveaway was a vintage Coke ice box reminiscent of old fashion tin boxes made in the late

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### YAN Constitution unclear

Editor:

I have brought this up in the past and nothing has ever been done about it, so I am putting it to the editor and readers.

Our Yavapai-Apache tribal leaders have always said that the YAN Constitution is the Law of our land, the Law of our nation, and therefore, our leaders have always said, they strictly adhere to the provisions of the tribal Constitution in all their actions or inactions.

In regards to tribal membership, in order to be enrolled on our Yavapai-Apache rolls, the rule of law followed by the Yavapai-Apache Nation and its Enrollment Department is that applicants must have

one-quarter (1/4) blood quantum of Indian blood - Yavapai, Apache, or, Yavapai-Apache blood. The Yavapai-Apache Nation's Constitution - Amended in 1992:

Article II - MEMBERSHIP.  
Section 1. Requirements.

(a) All persons of Indian blood whose names appear on the official census rolls as of April 1, 1934, the supplement 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 or By-Laws of the Yavapai-Indian Community, AZ, adopted October 24, 1936 and approved by the Secretary

of the Interior on February 12, 1937, as amended on June 21, 1937, and approved August 5, 1947.

(Adoption....is the following section & omitted as not relevant here.)

At Article II, Section 1 (b), the Constitution expressly states "ANY CHILDREN BORN TO ANY MEMBER WHO ARE ONE-FOURTH (1/4), OR MORE Indian BLOOD." which means: a child or children born to a 1/4 tribal member (AND IS, THEREBY, ONE-EIGHTH (1/8) BLOOD QUANTUM) IS A TRIBAL MEMBER!

SO, WHY ARE ALL OUR YAN'S 1/8 CHILDREN DENIED MEMBERSHIP?

THE Constitution is not being followed!

**Genevieve Stacey-Wright**  
YAN Elder

## Harlan

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"There were monkeys everywhere-the baboons always around the guy's house," she said referring to her host family's yard filled with animals. Harlan said she had to keep an eye on her food on the table as the tamed baboons were clever in stealing the food off of her plate.

"When in Africa, do as the local people do" is a saying that held true for Harlan.

And that was the moment when she had to literally help with the evening dinner by twisting the head off of a chicken-a local custom in Africa.

Harlan's trip had to do more with being involved in community service.

This included actually helping at a local orphanage in a town named Mangochi, by rebuilding a brick building and this hands-on experience involved mixing the mortar and laying the bricks.

This birthing clinic under construction was no more than 12 x 12 in the photos shown on the school's website highlighting the school's trip. "The little kids from the neighborhood would be lingering around and they tried to talk to us and we said, 'We don't want help'," Harlan recalled about working on the birthing clinic.

While visiting the orphanage, the Verde Valley school students brought some pre-packaged Ziplock bags containing such things as gauze, sanitary gloves, alcohol sterile pads and plastic pads to use on beds.

These birthing kits are important things that are hard to come by in third world countries said Harlan.

Harlan's visit to the orphanage was an eye-opener. "The youngest we saw was a 2-week-old and the oldest was 2 years old. Some of these children's parents had died while other children had to be taken care of for the moment and then returned to their parents," said Harlan.

The day's schedule at the orphanage was feeding the babies in the morning, taking them for a diaper change and sitting in class where other children were being taught.

A little boy named Hansa had taken a special liking to Harlan and did 'trust falls' and he would fall with open arms into the arms of Harlan.

Before Harlan went to Malawi, she had directed her lettering writing to one of the girls named Esther at the orphanage and when she arrived there, she was told that the child was no longer there but in the end, 16-year-old Esther was in fact still attending the school.

Esther's parents had wanted their daughter to attend a private school. Verde Valley School covers the costs of education at the private school.

Two students from the Verde Valley school had the opportunity to witness a live birth and a drawing was held so that the two selected students could attend the birth said Harlan.

Unfortunately, Harlan was not one of the students selected.

In the small village of Zambo, Harlan and fellow classmates gave away used eye glasses for two days - mostly donated from the local Lions Club in Sedona.

Harlan said some of the older children were keen on the styles of glasses and rejected some of them but in the end, the glasses were accepted

graciously said Harlan.

Nearby Mt. Mulanji, the highest mountain in Malawi at 10,000 feet gave the students an opportunity for a hike (see the photos on Verde Valley School Flickr account).

Harlan went part way but didn't complete the hike due to leg complications since she is on the school's long distance running team.

In Nomalo, which is close to the capitol, Harlan and her group camped out in tents, sleeping bags and mosquito nets for a week on concrete floors.

The trip to Africa was a learning experience for Harlan. "When you return to America, you see everything. There are a lot of conveniences we take for granted and I feel that a convenience can be a bad thing because if you get adjusted to one thing, you expect it. That's something I saw immediately" she said.

Harlan also saw the stark contrast between caring people and those who could care less.

"Every person that stops to talk to you ask you how you are and they genuinely care and want to have a conversation with you," Harlan said of her experience in Africa.

Does Harlan want to return to Malawi someday? "Yes, I want to finish that hike up Mt. Malunji to the peak!" she said.

Harlan has high aspirations and was visiting colleges in southern California at press time.

## Marketplace

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The tribal council has been planning the Market Place since its inception in 2012. "I want to thank the tribal council. Without their support, the Market Place wouldn't be where it is today," said Beauty.

Vice Chairwoman Darlene Rubio made some additional remarks about the Market Place and its development. Rubio referred to a recent trip of the Nation's youth to a youth conference in Washington, D.C. "This displays exactly what took place in Washington, D.C. earlier with our youth-unity (UNITY is the national Indian youth group that conducted the conference).

Our future relies on unity, especially among our surrounding municipalities and business entities. Without each