

CANDIDATES

Lyndel Kelley

My name is Lyndel Kelley. I am 32 years old and I live in Rimrock, Az. My grandparents were Everett and Betsy Randall and my mother was Edna Wathogoma and my father is Lynn Charley. My parents have five daughters and I am the second oldest.

As a young child I grew up on the Camp Verde Reservation. When I was 11 years old we moved to Rimrock. My grandparents raised my sisters and I. It wasn't just my sisters and I. It was all my cousins as well. No matter how many people were crammed into a 3 bedroom home my grandparents always made it work. That's when I learned the value of family. We helped each other out by being there for one another. Our parents were all absent from our lives at that time and the only parents we had were Grandma and Grandpa. In the time that he was

raising us, my grandfather Everett Randall ran for Tribal Council and made it. He once told me, "It's about what you do for your people, and not just for yourself."

This is why I am running for Tribal Council. I believe that I can do good for our people.

Some issues that I feel are important are Employment, Education, Culture/Language and Land.

Employment means an equal opportunity for all tribal members. Currently, there are requirements and regulations if you apply for that position. I understand that there are guidelines, but if it was



made a little more lenient on who could apply, I think that there could be a better opportunity for our people to find a job.

Training programs would be a great way for the tribe to keep employment among the reservations. If we can give tribal members a chance to better themselves through higher education, they can walk away proud and feeling accomplished.

We need to help our people out and stop pushing them away and discouraging them.

Culture and language are pretty much hand in hand. Without culture we have no language. We need to start incorporating culture with language so that we can all

learn together. Making classes available for all types of schedules, not just when it is convenient for the people who are teaching it. I know I would love to attend a language class, dress making, food, etc., if it was more during the evening when I have more freedom to attend.

Involving our youth is the most important.

Housing for tribal members is an issue that could be easily solved. There are land parcels that the tribe owns that could be traded for forest land closer to the reservation where more houses can be built.

I am running for Tribal Council to try and help my people. Helping each other is what we should be doing. I hope that I will have the opportunity to be a voice for the nation and to also be an image of change.

Calvin Williams

Hello my name is Calvin Williams I am 27 years old and live on the Camp Verde Reservation. My parents are Carolyn Jenkins (Williams) from the Yavapai Apache Nation, and my father is the late Don Williams Sr. from The Gila River Indian Community. I have lived on the Camp Verde reservation for 25 years and left the reservation for 2 years to attend college at the Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences. When I was 14 years old I participated in our nations UNITY youth council. I was voted in by my peers and held the position of the Male Representative for 2 terms, and Vice President of the youth council



cil for one term. During my time with UNITY my eyes were opened to the world of Tribal Politics. We learned many things about voting, how laws are made and passed, and I even had a chance to travel to Washington DC and meet the Arizona state representative at the time. I really credit UNITY for having a big impact on me, and encouraging me to become a leader for our Nation. I was exposed to how different tribes in different areas handled their affairs and what kind of issues plague their communities. We came up with events and ideas on how to better our reservations, by spreading awareness and putting on workshops to inform tribal members of ways they

could receive help. Going to the different meetings and conferences with UNITY I knew that there was so much more we could do to help our Yavapai Apache people.

When I turned 18 I applied at Cliff Castle Casino and worked in the bowling alley for 2 and half years. I wanted to expand my horizon and eventually move up "the ladder" so I applied at the Castle Club. I worked at the Castle Club for 3 years before leaving to attend college. At a very young age my mother instilled in me and my sister a very good work ethic. I worked every year in WIA since I turned 14 and continued to be employed ever since I turned 18. Working in marketing I've learned a lot from my superiors about how promotions work, the process of getting promotions approved and the inter workings of the casino. I've read the gaming code

and the Arizona state compact as well. If elected to be on council I want to focus on a number of areas effecting our nation. We have many areas such as housing and education that work well but I believe could use so updating. I would like to work with the environmental departments to see how we can do our part in saving Mother Earth. I would also like to see where we are in areas of expanding our enterprises. For years past councils have talked about building stores across from the casino. I would like to see why this never came to pass. What is holding us back? Ultimately if elected to council I will focus on you. In decision making I can guarantee you that will be the focus, you will be the defining factor. I can promise that I will be available to you, to listen, to talk, and to be your voice.

Nancy Guzman

Hello. My name is Nancy Guzman and I am the daughter of the late Scotty Smith Sr. and Margaret Smith. My paternal grandparents are the late Billy Smith and Dora Mocasque-Smith, and my maternal grandparents are the late Henry Johnson and Kliggee Johnson. I am Dilzhe'e of the Walnut Clan on my mother's side. I am married with five children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. I was raised on the Middle Verde Indian Reservation for most of my life and currently reside on the Camp Verde Indian Reservation.



Coordinator (CHR), Housing Improvement Coordinator, Tribal Construction Manager, Tribal Housing Executive Director, EDA Administrator, Indian Child Welfare Coordinator (ICWA), and I am currently employed with the Nation's Finance Department as an Accounting Clerk.

Previously, I have served two terms on the Yavapai-Apache Nation's Tribal Council (2006-2009 & 2010-2014). During my tenure as a Tribal Leader, I focused on economic development, sustainability, transparency and growth, by putting the future of our people (and nation's) best interests first.

A few projects and programs that I worked on during my time in council, included: Planning a new convenience store, gas station and a tribally owned smoke shop that brought employment for tribal members as well as revenue to the nation through

the collection of tobacco and general retail sales tax (this is where your holiday bonus comes from). A project that sat for years; The I-17 Corridor Sewer Project, which was the development of the sewer service lines to the Middle Verde lagoons and now serves the casino, Sonic/Chevron C-store, Distant Drums and will service any new developments that may come about in the future. The IHS Water Project to eliminate the high arsenic that was found in the drinking water. Working closely with IHS and the Tribal Utility Department, we improved the system and provided clean, safe drinking water for the Tunlii Community. The revision of the Hotel Tax Code from 6% to 12% in order to remain competitive and up to date in the Verde Valley. The amending of the Tobacco Tax Code which had not been done since the establishment of tribal smoke shop operations. The amending of the Revenue Allocation Plan to increase the Annual Per Capita distribution by 5%, for a period of three years. Increased the number of tribal member graduates by establishing the requirement

to obtain a High School Diploma or GED and complete a cultural and financial literacy before receiving their minor trust fund. The housing development of Beauty Circle that provided more homebuyer opportunities for tribal members looking to purchase rather than rent homes. The creation of a SEO Business Board to oversee the tribal business enterprises. I was able to accomplish this by working together with other tribal council members, various tribal departments, and by listening to the community members wants and concerns. Only to improve the general welfare of the Nation.

In addition to many years of service and employment, I was also appointed to serve on various boards and committees. Such as; the EDA Board, EPA Board, Land & Water Board, Master Planning Committee, Business Board of Directors for Distant Drums RV Resort, Co-Chair of the first Indian Housing Planning Committee, Housing Board of Commissioners, Water Utility Board, CDFI Board,

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Lorna Hazelwood

Lorna Hazelwood is a candidate in this year's Tribal Election. Lorna was raised on the Middle Verde Reservation. Lorna is the daughter of Angie Hazelwood and the late Edward Hazelwood and the granddaughter of James and Polly Hamaley and the great granddaughter of George Hamaley and Bronco Salina. Lorna grew up among family and friends

on the small reservation and loved to ride horses, play basketball and softball, swim in the verde river and be with her family. Lorna has (2) sisters and (1) brother. Lorna has (3) grown children, Bianca McGrady, Richie and Marley Juan and (3) grandchildren Angelina, Hannah, and Tomasa and the best son-in-law, Larry McGrady. Lorna's wonderful husband and part-

ner is Ronald Juan, Kwat-san from Ft Yuma and they have been together for 34 years.

Lorna attended Camp Verde Public Schools and graduated from Camp Verde High. Lorna worked during her last year in school in a general retail store as a cashier/stocker and in a restaurant that is everyone's favorite place to be during the lunch hour for a few years after high school.

After working for the Nation as an Office Receptionist Lorna made the decision to leave her job and further her education and attend Haskell Indian Junior College, in Lawrence, KS and received an Associate Applied Science degree.

Lorna has extensive experience and knowledge in Tribal operations



and the Tribal Government and started her career as a Council member in the mid 80's. Lorna had a strong desire and will to serve the people of her Tribe and worked in various departments taking on assignments and trusting in her ability to accomplish any task given to her for the benefit of the Nation. Lorna continued on as a Council member during the 90's, 2000'ths and most recently 2012 to 2015. Lorna has worked side by side with many leaders of the Nation and credits them for the experience and knowledge gained from these respected individuals. Lorna has witness the financial struggles at an administrative level and vowed to work diligently to improve the quality of life for all tribal mem-

bers, our input is necessary to clearly regulate the YAN Tribal Council's actions. I will continue to support the efforts of the Constitution Committee in my present capacity until the day it is time to vote on the revised Constitution. Thereafter, it is up to the entire Yavapai-Apache Nation community members to decide how the Constitution will impact the decisions made for

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the complaints from community members living near and afar, I am not in agreement of many of the comments. But, I believe that goes along with the lack of transparency by those community members. As an enrolled member of the YAN, like all enrolled tribal mem-

each and every one of us. Lastly, but by no means unimportant, my sincere thank you to those that provided me the opportunity to serve you. I have made every effort to make decisions for the good of all tribal members. I ask for your continued support!

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Lucinda Nahee, Yavapai-Apache Tribal Council Incumbent

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