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Candidates for Vice Chairperson

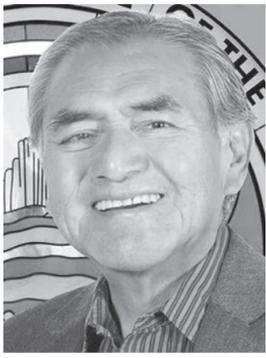
I am David Kwail, son of Harvey "Gold Maker" Kwail, a Yavapai who was born in old San Carlos now covered by a lake. At the age of 9, his father, Rim ki nah Kwail (ka-pan-yah), brought him and his 8 siblings back to the Verde Valley in 1900's.

My mother, Helen Johnson is a Tonto Apache of the "Standing Walnut Clan" who was born at Yager Canyon on the south slope of Mingus Mountain. Her father was working on building the road to Prescott from 1918 to 1919.

I have worked for the Yavapai-Apache Nation as the Community Health Representative Program Director beginning in 1971 through 1995 and again from 2007-2010.

I was employed at the Cliff Castle Casino for a year and served on the Gaming Board as well.

I have been elected 7 times as a Council Member, 2 times as the Vice Chairman, 5 times as



David Kwail

Chairman. I also attended Northern Arizona University for 2 years in 1984.

I am running as a Candidate for the position of council member. I have experience and the leadership to serve the Yavapai-Apache Nation people. My leadership consist of abiding by policies and procedures that have been approved and adopted by past Tribal Councils, for the apportion

of all our businesses in the courts, police force, education, housing, health services, administration, finance, employment, water projects, sanitation services, social services and recreation activities just to mention a few programs.

My commitments:

*To abide by the YAN Constitution and to not be misguided or misinterpret its language

* A leader who knows how our government should be operated.

*I will listen to all concerns. There are two sides to all issues and I would like to hear everything before making a decision.

I am requesting your vote in the upcoming General Election. Thank you in advance for your vote.

I will be your advocate in the Tribal Council while serving as your council member.

Dah go te' (hello) to the Yavapai-Apache Tribal Members of the Yavapai-Apache Nation. My name is Roberta L. Pavatea. I currently live on the Camp Verde Reservation. I'm the mother of two sons- Adrian and Donald FallsDown (who recently passed away). I have two grand-daughters Alysia and Malaysia FallsDown. My mother was the late Rebekah Smith, daughter of Tom and Lily Smith all tribal members of our Nation. As a grass roots woman, I'm your sister, auntie, grandmother and to some, a second mom. I've been there for you spiritually, financially, on legal issues, or as an advisor, a shoulder to cry on, or sharing a good laugh. I, as an elder am proud to say I have a strong bond with the People of our Nation, young and old, on and off the reservation.

I believe change has to happen. It begins with putting in a person with strong moral values, ethics, integrity, loyalty, a critical thinker, professionalism, a heart for the people, is compassionate, is sensitive to tribal issues, displays perseverance, has confidence, respect, not afraid to speak up, is humble and not boastful, a good listener, and all other qualities a strong leader must possess.

If elected for council I would recommend a true transparency policy, the books would be opened, the financial status of the Nation



Roberta L. Pavatea

will be shared and made known to tribal members, the meetings will be opened, tribal members input on all agendas, executive meeting on a specific day, friction and hostility during council meetings will cease, lift up public-community-employee morale, more in-house training for tribal member, clean up employee handbook with input, advocate for elder's council, review salaries and job descriptions, re-evaluate boards-committees-commissions, hold GM accountable to his contract-review, schedule set meetings for the year, less travel for Chair and Vice Chair according to budget, Chair's salary set by the vote of the people at a public meeting, more communication between the people and the Administration, review housing occupancy policy by applying the Nation's Sovereignty, hold the legislative body to their responsibilities as policy makers and law makers,

tribal council members held accountable for interference with departments-programs (micro-managing), cut the strings from administrators scrutinizing the newspaper. These are just a few things that need to be cleaned up and taken care of by the council member. Remember you heard it first from my platform. This information is known by tribal members who live on the reservation; those who live off don't see things as a problem. The council member needs to take care of home first. Clean up the little things will allow time for the most critical issues. There will be a real true separation of powers as the Constitution states. By putting all these words into action expect CHANGE. I have the skills, knowledge, experience and education to make progress work for us, not against us.

I thank those individuals who believed in me and supported me running in the past and present elections. I've demonstrated to you my leadership skills while in council and at council meetings for 34 years. Make the right choice again and vote Roberta Pavatea for council member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation @ the General Election on September 21, 2019. God Bless You All.....this election is in remembrance to my son Donald, his last words were ("Don't give up on our people, mom).

Dear YAN,

My name is Ricardo J. Pacheco. I was born on August 1, 1989 to Jeanette Beauty Rivera. I am the youngest of 6, the grandson to Earl Beauty and Hazel Smith making my extended family quite large. I have two wonderful kids, Kendra, age 9 and Joseph, age 7.

I am currently on the Business Board and Benefits Committee for the Tribe. While also being a manager at La Fonda Mexican Restaurant, I have also worked at the Casino in the past for 5 years which gave me the knowledge of how gaming works.

Now that I have intro-



Ricardo J. Pacheco

duced myself let me tell you why I am the best candidate for Tribal Council. Due to my experience in Business,

Management and in Gaming, I will come in with fresh eyes and open ears. I'll be a new face and body willing to do what is right for our Tribe. I am hopeful that there are no problems. However if there is, I will find a way of fixing them with headstrong determination.

The reasons stated above are why I should be elected for Council. I will not make promises because I don't want to let anyone down including myself, my family but more importantly, you the voters who put me in this position to represent us all.

Sincerely,
Ricardo J. Pacheco

I ask for your support and to vote me as your next Councilmember. I have lived in Clarkdale all my life and attended Clarkdale, Mingus Union High schools and attained my GED, and worked for the Nation in the Tribal Gaming Office for several years, and have a good knowledge and experience in Indian Gaming which is our Nation's livelihood providing employment for our Tribal citizens; therefore, as an Elder, I can represent the Yavapai-Apache Nation in many ways.

I have seen some progress along the way and yet, sometimes, we are just idle and do not advocate much for our citizens of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

As you all know I always have been an advocate for our Nation and its citizens. I always advocate for preference for tribal citizens in employment and housing.



Syliva Wilson

I have witnessed the growth of new housing and lack of progress for all citizens to acquire a home. We need to make informed decisions to prepare for the growth of our Nation where we can provide for our people.

The way we are, what we're doing now, how we train our children and what

is the biggest problem that we have here, all that we don't look at. It is possible to change them but sometimes we don't like changes; oftentimes we think change is going to happen.

I have the ability and commitment to serve on the Tribal Council. Some of you attend the Tribal Council and Community meetings and I want to thank you for being involved.

One major concern is the lack of communication from our elected leaders and the lack of community involvement of the Nation's citizens. We all live here and go through all the issues, the major problems and the minor problems that we have here. I am here to assist you as your next Councilmember.

It would be an honor serving as your elected leader representing our Nation's people. Thank you for your vote.

Greetings! I would first like to extend my gratitude and appreciation for your support and vote for my candidacy in the Primary Election. Although I did not make it into the General Election as a Vice Chairperson candidate, I am still a candidate for the position of Tribal Council Member.

My platform remains focused on the future of our Nation, which includes continuing the protection of our sovereignty, language, culture and land, strategizing for economic growth and securing our financial future through our fiscal responsibility.

We must lead by example and ensuring that we are paving the way for our youth so that they can one day step into our shoes and create a greater future. We must keep our Tribal Council accountable that they are working for the betterment of the people of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

I am asking for your support and for your vote. While I cannot promise immediate change or to make a difference overnight, I can promise



Apphia Shirley

that I will work to the best of my ability for the people of the Yavapai-Apache Nation. Let's work together to find solutions to what we are facing today so that we can create a better future for generations to come.

Background:

I am the daughter of Tony Shirley and the late Brenda Shirley. My maternal grandmother is the late Annabelle Lowry and my paternal grandparents are the late Ben and Alberta Shirley. I am from the Standing Walnut Clan on my mother's side

and the Salt Clan on my father's side.

I received my Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Studies from the College of Letters and Sciences with concentrations in Anthropology and Business at Arizona State University (ASU).

After graduating from ASU, I have worked in different capacities with the Yavapai-Apache Nation from Public Relations to the Tribal Courts and Community Services. I currently serve as the Chairperson for the Constitution Reform Committee with the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

In recent years, I have dedicated time to encourage and support our youth such as serving as an advisor and supporter for the Yavapai-Apache Nation UNITY Youth Council and helping to create a running group for a small group of our Tribal youth. For the last 4 years, I became a Sunday School Teacher in the Children's Church at the Middle Verde Rock Church.

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Finally, he acknowledges that being the only male on the Montessori staff makes the situation unique for all of the students.

"With an all-women staff at the school, having a male figure for the boys and a father figure for the girls. Here, we establish an environment where the students feel safe, feeling cared about. The boys were very quiet but now giving me high-fives, talking to me. It's already showing a difference in these children—they really need the extra push. That's what it's all about," he says proudly.

BY DON DECKER,
YAN News

Movie making has had its influence on the Yavapai-Apache Nation with movies being made in Sedona over the years. Even going back to the 60s when Elvis came to Sedona to make a movie entitled "Stay away Joe", locals from the Nation were selected for various roles. Incidentally, Elvis played the role of a Navajo with the name of Joe Lightcloud in that movie.

Yolanda Trujillo (daughter of Nancy Guzman) had such an opportunity when she was 19 years old. On a whim Yolanda tried out for a bit part in documentary about Sedona.

"My whole job was to grind corn," said Yolanda. The picture shows her kneeling next to a metate stone grinding corn wearing an outfit provided by the movie company.

"How it got started was I went to a room at the Lodge to audition. I talked to them and they interviewed me. A week later, they called me and chose me and others," she recalls.

The "others" included David Smith and Donald Smith from Yavapai-Apache Nation along with other Indians from other tribes such as the Hopi, Navajo and Yavapai from the Ft. McDowell community.

Update:
A pilot movie enti-

tle 'Giddy Up' is being shot in Camp Verde beginning October 1-11 by Cobrainey Media Partner, LLC and director Shelby Elwood is looking for YAN members to work on the set. These positions include makeup, catering, transportation, communication, crew assistants and other phases of the production. Tess Potter, Nation member who is still attending film school in Los Angeles was asked to be assistant director for this feature.

Elwood can be reached at Shelby@CobraineyMedia.com.

Yolanda Trujillo
Courtesy Photo

Lights! Camera! Action!