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# YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION

Fall/Winter 2022 Newsletter

## GENERAL ELECTION WINNERS SWORN IN

The Yavapai-Apache Nation's new Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Councilmember were sworn in during the Nation's Inauguration ceremony on October 5, 2022 at Cliff Castle Casino-Hotel. Chairwoman Tanya Lewis was elected to lead the Nation after



garnering more than 52% of the votes in the General Election. Ricardo Pacheco won the race for Vice Chairperson with more than 73% of the vote and Councilmember Charlie Baca was elected to office after receiving nearly 23% of the vote in his race.

A total of 437 votes were cast in the September 17, 2022 General Election. To learn more about the Tribal Council, visit [yavapai-apache.org/tribal\\_council/](https://yavapai-apache.org/tribal_council/).

## SILENT WITNESS

Your voice is important! Help us keep our community safe by reporting suspicious activity to Silent Witness at **1-800-932-3232**. You can call anytime – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – and callers never have to give their names. You can also submit a tip online at <https://yavapaisw.com>. As always, if there is an emergency, please dial 911. For non-emergencies, contact Camp Verde Dispatch at 928-554-8370.

## JOB OPENINGS

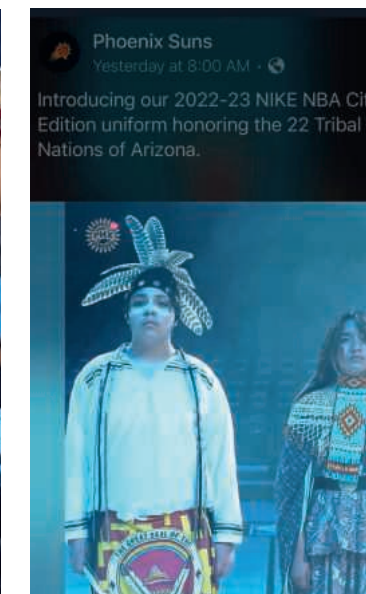


The Yavapai-Apache Nation is hiring! Current job openings and applications can be found on our website at [yavapai-apache.org/employment](https://yavapai-apache.org/employment). The Yavapai-Apache Nation offers excellent benefits including: Medical, Dental, Vision, Short Term and Long Term Disability, and Life Insurance. Employees receive 10 days of PTO their first year and 15 days of PTO their second year. Questions? Call 928-567-1062.

## YAN YOUTH FEATURED IN PHOENIX SUNS TRIBUTE TO ARIZONA'S TRIBAL NATIONS



Pictured: Tayla Huskey next to Phoenix Suns star Chris Paul.  
 Source: Phoenix Suns



Pictured: A screenshot of Jaden and Holly Hines at the :31 second mark of the team's promotional video.  
 Source: Phoenix Suns

The Phoenix Suns recently unveiled a special edition jersey that pays homage to Arizona's 22 Tribal Nations and three Yavapai-Apache Nation youth got to participate in the exciting launch. Tayla Huskey, Jaden Hines and Holly Hines are all featured in the NBA team's promotional video and photo, alongside Suns players and other tribal youth from the state.

Suns players are wearing the special uniform 10 times this season. Learn more about the uniform's features and see the promotional video and photo at [www.nba.com/suns/originativ](https://www.nba.com/suns/originativ).

## MURAL OF FORMER MISS YAN UNVEILED



On October 10, 2022, Chairwoman Tanya Lewis and Vice Chairman Ricardo Pacheco joined Curtis and Christina Kaska for the unveiling of a mural in downtown Phoenix portraying their daughter and former Miss Yavapai-Apache Nation Chelsey Kaska. The unveiling took place during the city's Indigenous Peoples Day block party.

## SPECIAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

The children at The Montessori Children's House enjoyed a special Thanksgiving celebration with Chairwoman Lewis and Vice Chairman Pacheco. The students scrubbed, peeled and cut all of the vegetables for their Friendship Soup, then added bone broth and barley. They also made cornbread and homemade butter during this joyous Thanksgiving tradition.



## CONTACT NUMBERS

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Child Care Manager	Ophelia Tewawina	928-300-1146
Food Bank	Brandy Gyce	928-649-7125
Tribal Housing	Sharie Benson	928-567-7833
Medical Clinic	Trudy Clark	928-451-2005
Yavapai-Apache Police		928-649-7142
Camp Verde Dispatch	If unable to reach YAPD	928-554-8370
Senior Program	Bernadette Williams	928-451-4102

For our complete Contact List, please visit our website [yavapai-apache.org](http://yavapai-apache.org).

## NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS

### NEW HIRES

**Sand & Rock:** Nathan Ibarra (Heavy Equipment Operator), Brian Wathogoma (Heavy Equipment Operator), Wayde Schulz (Asphalt Plant Operator)

**Senior Program:** Merchelle Jackson (Prep Cook), Tammy Jaime (Prep Cook)

**Community Wellness:** Brad Swatek (Lead Outdoor Wellness Coordinator)

**Yavapai-Apache Police Department:** Allison Anthony (Animal Control Officer)

**Wildland Fire:** Devon Martinez (Fuel Personnel), Anthony Sanchez (Fuel Personnel), Drake Smith (Fuel Personnel)

**Tribal Housing:** Nancy Guzman (Housing Counselor), Sharie Benson (Housing Director), Franklin Garner (Maintenance Worker), Angela Stanley (Housing Services Manager), Nathan Harlan (Warehouse Technician), Anita Mariano (Comptroller), Robert Moss (Maintenance Apprentice), Noberto Trujillo (Maintenance Apprentice)

**Tribal Court:** Brian Utsey (Associate Judge)

**Montessori Schoolhouse:** Leimomi Montijo (Outdoor Teacher Assistant), Rozana Nasafotie (Child Care Provider)

**Day Care:** Cruzita Ogle (Child Care Provider), Leah Kinsey (Child Care Provider)

**Agriculture:** Joey Hernandez (Farm Laborer), Rogelio Hernandez (Tractor Operator)

**Transit:** Karen Hamaley (Transit Driver)

**Public Works:** Adali Gante (Custodian), James Russell (Custodian), Jonah Bates (Custodian), Harold Allen (Maintenance Supervisor), Hector Franco (Roads Worker), Albert Pusher (Groundskeeper), Richard Herrera (Groundskeeper), Christopher Ibarra (Roads Worker)

**Environmental Protection:** Genevieve Bates (Environmental Specialist)

**Distant Drums RV Resort:** Franklyn Couyancy (Maintenance Supervisor)

**Market Place:** Clarese Manakaja (Cashier/Stockier), Dana Martinez (Cashier/Stockier), Rianna Wathogoma (Cashier/Stockier), Rodney Anderson II (Cashier/Stockier)

**Finance:** Mckayla Dalgai (Enterprise Accountant)

**Whitehills Chevron:** Danniell Ogle (Cashier/Stockier), Francisco Doungeva (Cashier/Stockier)

**Community Health Representative Program:** Vonette Dillion (Medical Transport Driver), Celestina Valles (Medical Transport Driver)

### PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

**Community Wellness:** Christina Farrell (Youth & Family Provider)

**Health Center:** Alexia Eswonia (Eligibility & Health Coordinator), Manuel Guzman (Tribal Medical Assistance Program Coordinator), Sherrilee Eswonia (Receptionist), Clara Stanley (Front Office Receptionist)

**Human Resources:** Nadine Jackson (Administrative Assistant), Christine Hurley (Human Resources & Safety Manager)

**Public Works:** Dexter Beauty (Roads Supervisor)