

GRIC, 7 Arizona Tribes Sign Gaming Compact Amendment

Agreement Gives Tribes Who Agree To Keep Metro Phoenix Free Of New Casinos Potential To Grow Gaming Operations

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Together with Gov. Doug Ducey, the Gila River Indian Community and seven other Arizona tribes signed amendments to the 2002 tribal gaming compacts and an accompanying agreement designed to open up new compact talks on Nov. 21.

The updated agreement between the tribes and the State could give tribes who have kept the promise not to open new casinos in metropolitan Phoenix the ability to grow their tribal gaming operations.

Community tribal council representatives accompanied Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who signed the amendments.

According to a GRIC press release Gov. Lewis said, "This is a significant step forward for these eight tribes, who have stood by the promise we all made in 2002 not to open any additional casinos in the metropolitan Phoenix area."

He said the signing of the amendments is about acting in good faith towards the state of Arizona and it's voters, who have benefited from tribal gaming.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, left, along with seven other tribal leaders, during the compact amendment signing ceremony at the Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix, Ariz., on Nov. 21.

"Because [these] tribes have been trusted allies with the state, we will now have the opportunity to see a substantial return for having kept our promise to Arizona's voters and leaders," said Gov. Lewis.

At the signing ceremony

Gov. Ducey and tribal leaders talked about the positive impacts of tribal gaming on the state and tribal communities that are funded by revenue from casinos.

Gov. Ducey said, "Tribal gaming has flourished, creating 15,000 jobs and driving signifi-

cant economic development and opportunities much to the benefit of Arizona healthcare and Arizona education."

He said the signing of the compact amendments meet the

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Tribal Ed. Dept. brings together stakeholders at Education Summit

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Over one hundred people convened at the District 3 Head Start Multi Purpose Room on Nov. 19 to discuss one important issue: education.

The Gila River Indian Community's Tribal Education Department held an Education Summit in an effort to improve Community outreach and take a close look at Education in the

Community.

The most concerning issues were addressed during three critical breakout sessions. These sessions focused on GRIC's educational system with attendees addressing expectations for a better system, the issues with the current system and what needs to be done to improve education in the Community for the students and administrators.

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Comments were recorded by Tribal Education staff at each breakout session.

Elders and Vietnam Vets Celebrated at Elder Day



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On a brisk November morning over 300 Gila River Indian Community elders and Vietnam veterans were celebrated at the 21st Annual Elder Day held at the Rawhide Steakhouse on Nov. 18. The theme of the event was "Honoring Vietnam Veterans 50th Year."

Masters of Ceremonies, Tony and Joe Davis, got people laughing, joking that for entertaining the large crowd, they would accept payments in the form of money, Christmas wish list purchases, and even car rides.

In honor of the Community elders and Vietnam veterans, GRIC leadership, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone each took to the stage at the center of the Rawhide Steakhouse, to say a few words honoring the two groups.

Gov. Lewis took to the stage saying Community Elders were being honored, in part, for their knowledge of Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh cultures, passing on traditions, and past accomplishments that helped build the Community.

To continue honoring elders

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Vietnam veteran Everette Stone Sr. receives a recognition from Elderly Concerns Group Chair Marlene Norris.

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Gila River's Japanese Internment Monument severely damaged by vandals



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

The Japanese Internment Camp Monument has been damaged by gunshots to the pillars along with graffiti and litter.

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On a windswept hill overlooking Gila River Farms a monument to 16,000 Japanese Americans, who were taken from their homes and forced to live in internment camps at the former Gila River War Relocation Center from 1943 to 1945, was recently discovered to have been severely vandalized by multiple gunshots, with some areas of the structure almost completely shot through.

A group made up of Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) members, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and Paul Shorthair, who has been integral in making sure JACL members are escorted to the monument site and providing liaison assistance to families, traveled to the monument for the site's annual Autumn cleanup on the morning of Nov. 12.

The cleanup was held in honor of the monument's last steward, the late Dr. Ted Namba. JACL members picked up trash, painted over graffiti and offered remembrance through words, music, and silent reflection. Lt. Gov. Antone said that during the cleanup a member of the JACL played the taiko drums in honor of Gila River Indian Community members.

The cleanup was in honor of Ted Namba, who worked with the Community to relocate monuments...and build stronger relationships between the two

cultures.

Lt. Gov. Antone brought up the vandalism at a Nov. 16 GRIC Council meeting, specifically informing Ira Hayes Post 84.

Tony McDaniel, Ira Hayes Post 84, said that they found shotgun shells and what appeared to be spent AK-47 rounds at the site.

"What we know is that somebody was out here shooting again. Whenever we go out there and do a cleanup, there are always spent cartridges lying around but they never really shot at the monument," he said.

While every once in a while a bullet hole or two would have to be patched up at the monument, the recent level of destruction to the site is the worst McDaniel has seen.

"This time it looked like a deliberate attempt to destroy the monument," he said.

While it is currently unclear as to when the damage was caused, it is important, said McDaniel, that people are educated on the importance of the monument and what it represents.

"Those that served, first we know that they were unjustly treated by being put there, but the people who served from there were basically the highest decorated unit during [World War II]. The Japanese Americans...were seriously decorated and honored. They definitely did their part during the war," he said.

Now that the damage has been done, Ira Hayes Post 84,



Photo courtesy Lt. Gov. Monica Antone

A drummer plays during a ceremony on Nov. 12. The Japanese American Citizens League and the Gila River Indian Community participate in an annual clean up of the monument.

along with others, is looking to fix the monument in the near future. McDaniel noted that the site needs to be made a historical monument.

"I would like to see it made a historical site and protected better. Because if it was made a historical site then the rangers... would be spending more time out there, checking up on it," McDaniel said.

History of the Gila River War Relocation Center and Japanese American Veterans

The Gila River War Relocation Center was built during World War II about 30 miles southeast of Phoenix, Ariz. in District 5. The center consisted of two camps, the Canal and Butte camps.

Construction of the relocation center began on May 1, 1942 and was officially opened just two months later on July 20.

After U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942, authorizing the forced removal and incarceration of all Japanese Americans on the West Coast, around 110,000 American citizens were sent to relocation camps around the country. Japanese Americans from California were sent to the Gila River War Relocation Center, which at its peak housed 13,348 men, women, and children.

Many of the Japanese Americans who had been incarcerated in the relocation center joined the war effort and became soldiers in all branches of the U.S. military, the 442nd Infantry Regiment being the most distinguished.

According to the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), the 442nd Infantry Regiment, which was an all Nisei Army regiment, meaning all soldiers were born in the U.S. from Japanese immigrants, became the most decorated unit in U.S. military history. The regiment, made up of soldiers of Japanese ancestry, served in the European theatre during World War II, all-the-while their families were housed in relocation camps in the U.S.

The 442nd Infantry Regiment was the most decorated unit, for its size and length of service, in U.S. military history, receiving over 18,143 awards. A few of the awards included 21 Medals of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 560 Silver Stars, 4,000 Bronze Stars, and 9,486 Purple Hearts.

The monument not only stands in recognition of the thousands of Japanese American families forcibly sent to the Butte and Canal camps, but also honors those who served the U.S. during World War II.

A plaque at the base of the monument reads, "While their families were interned at Gila River, many U.S. citizens of Japanese Ancestry volunteered to serve or were inducted into the U.S. military services. They fought on both the European and Pacific fronts in defense of the United States. Sacrifices were made by these Americans of Japanese ancestry to demonstrate their loyalty to the United States of America."

At the bottom of the plaque are listed names of Japanese American servicemen and women, who had been interned at the Gila River War Relocation Center, and died while serving the U.S. military armed forces during World War II. Those soldiers are:

Pfc. Masashi Araki
S/Sgt. Russel Fujino
Pvt. Tatsumi Furukawa
Sgt. John Hashimoto
Pvt. Yeichi Hiyama
Pvt. Min Ishida
Pvt. James Kanada
Pfc. Shaw Kojaku
Pfc. Nobuo Komoto
Pvt. Henry Kondo
T/4 Ben Kurokawa
S/Sgt. Kazuo Masuda
Pfc. George Masumoto
Pfc. Takanori Nishi
Pvt. George Ota
S/Sgt. Kazuo Otani
Pfc. Todd Sakohira
T/3 George Shikata
T/Sgt. Katsumi Takasugi
Sgt. Toshiaki Teramoto
Pfc. Masuo Wakita
Pvt. Mitsuru Yeto
Pvt. Makoto Yoshihara



How much exactly is an acre foot of water?



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The Gila River Indian Community is annually entitled to 653,000 acre feet of water.

Communications & Public Affairs Office Gila River Indian Community

The Gila River Indian Community has rights to a large amount of water, an annual entitlement of 653,500 acre feet to be exact, and when large amounts of water are discussed the term “acre foot” is commonly used.

For most people it is difficult to conceptualize what an acre foot is and how large the Community’s water rights are.

So to help put this term in perspective consider the following tidbits.

An acre foot contains 325,851 gallons. According to the Environmental

Protection Agency the average family of four uses about 400 gallons of water per day, or 146,000 gallons per year.

So an acre foot is more than enough water to supply two households for one year. According to the National Association of Home Builders the typical American subdivision has a little more than two homes on each acre of land. The median size of an American subdivision is 24 acres. So the average American 24 acre subdivision uses about 24 acre feet of water per year.

Residential use of water is fairly small compared to farming. Typical flood irrigation uses about five to six acre feet

of water to farm an acre of land for a year. Currently, about 36,000 acres of land are being farmed within the Community which requires 180,000 to 216,000 acre-feet of water each year. In comparison, Phoenix and its 1.5 million residents need about 180,000 acre-feet of water each year for domestic purposes.

Last year the Community used a little over 222,000 acre feet of water on its lands. Most of this water was used for farming. Of this amount approximately 87,000 acre feet came from the Gila River and other surface water sources, 86,000 acre feet came from wells, 32,000 was Central Arizona Project water, and 17,000 acre feet was reclaimed water.

Currently, the Community only uses about a third of its water entitlement for use on the reservation, but it has plans to use more water as farming expands. Fortunately, the Community has plenty of long term water supply. To put the Community’s long term water supply amounts in perspective, over a 100 year period the Community’s water entitlement ex-

ceeds 65 million acre feet – which is over 22 trillion gallons of water. By any

measure this is a lot.

If you have water related questions that you


would like answered, please contact the CPAO at cpao@gric.nsn.us.

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Things to think about for a Will

- Names of Friends and Family who will be Included in the Will—To save time at the interview, write down the names of the family and/or friends you want to mention in the will. Include the birthdate, address, cell phone number, enrollment or census number for each person, if you know it.
- Special Gifts—What is important for specific family members to have?
- Personal Representative—Who should take charge to make sure your wishes are carried out after you pass on?
- Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common—If you want to give a piece of land to several people at the same time, you will need to decide whether you want them to own the property as Joint Tenants or as Tenants in Common.
- Joint Tenants means that the last person surviving will own all of the land. Tenants in Common means that as each person passes on, that person’s share goes into his or her estate. More information or explanation will be provided at the time of preparation of your will.

Celebrate a well-lived life by making sure that your wishes are carried out by the next generation. To make sure that your wishes are respected after you pass, please consider drafting a will, either through our program or with a local attorney.

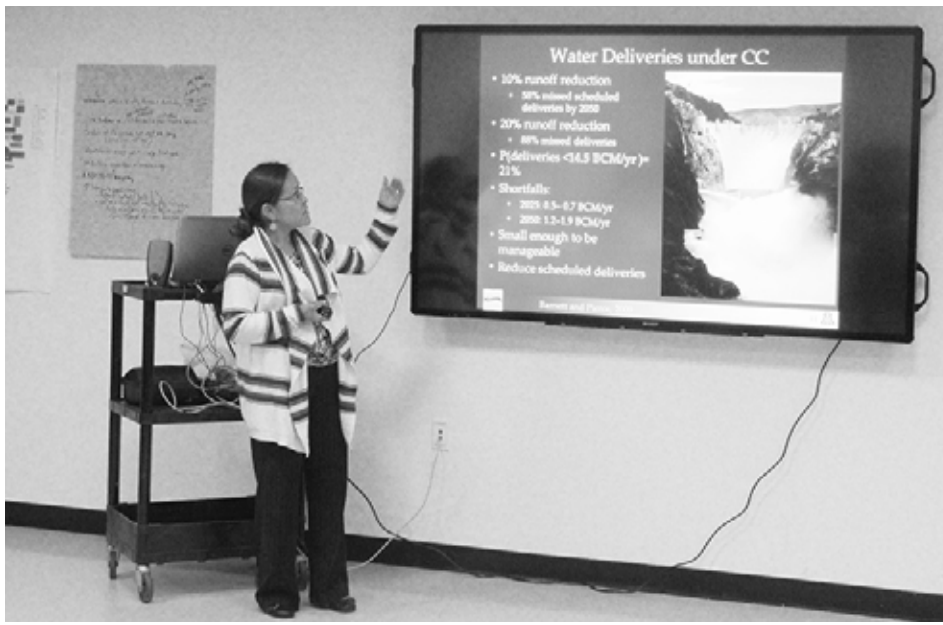
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Sunday 12/4	Monday 12/5	Tuesday 12/6	Wednesday 12/7	Thursday 12/8	Friday 12/9	Saturday 12/10	*Schedule may be subject to change.
12:00pm Creative Native <i>Domestic Face Lift</i>	Creative Native <i>Masks of a Big House</i>	Creative Native <i>Tricksters & Transformers</i>	Creative Native <i>Sweet Reflections</i>	Creative Native <i>Holiday Fever</i>	Creative Native <i>The Hopi</i>	Creative Native <i>Masks of a Big House</i>	
12:30pm First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk <i>Thriving vs. Survival</i>	First Talk	
1:00pm Good Meat <i>A journey to get healthy by converting to a Lakota diet</i>	Mohawk Girls <i>Offers a surprising inside look at Native youth</i>	Colorado Experience: Sand Creek Massacre	Alaska Tribes - The Story of Federal Law in Alaska	Birch Bark Canoe <i>Passion for authenticity & sensitivity for the canoe.</i>	Walela <i>Open your heart to a magical harmony.</i>	Incas Remembered <i>A wondrous people who ruled half of S. America.</i>	
1:30pm Storytellers in Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>Athlii Gwaii Pt.2</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Remembering Celilo Pt. 1</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Giiahi Galang Stories</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Remembering Celilo Pt. 2</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Defining Haida Art</i>	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Bounty of River's Edge</i>	
2:00pm Native Report	Vitality Gardening <i>The Northern Harvest</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Raised Garden Bed</i>	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Champions of the North <i>Mothers and Babies</i>	
3:00pm Seasoned with Spirit <i>Bounty of the River's Edge</i>	Vitality Health <i>Fitness Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Diabetes Management Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Spirituality Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Nutrition Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Stress Management Day</i>	Sivummut	
3:30pm GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit <i>Aaron Paquette</i>	From The Spirit <i>Abraham Anghik Ruben</i>	From The Spirit <i>Kevin Red Star</i>	From The Spirit <i>Preston Singletary</i>	From The Spirit <i>Michael Massie</i>	People of the Pines <i>Origin of Yuhaviatam</i>	
4:00pm When I Hear Thunder <i>Finds the tradition of boxing intact on reservations across Arizona.</i>	Creative Native <i>Tricksters & Shape-shifters</i>	Creative Native <i>Sweet Reflections</i>	Creative Native <i>Holiday Fever</i>	Creative Native <i>The Good and Peaceful</i>	Creative Native <i>Honoring Our Mothers</i>	Making Regalia	
4:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
5:00pm	Working It Out Together	Indian Pride <i>Economic Development</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride <i>Indian Treaties</i>	Storytellers in Motion	The Other Side <i>That's The Sound</i>	
5:30pm The Human Effect	Sivummut	Oskayak Down Under	Common Ground	Down The Mighty River <i>One Less River</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indians and Aliens <i>Sandy Mastly</i>	
6:00pm The Human Effect cont'd. <i>Geronimo takes viewers into depth with Mother Earth.</i>	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk <i>Thriving vs. Survival</i>	First Talk <i>10 Pow Wows</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>From Kalahari to Court</i>	
6:30pm	Native Report	People of the Pines <i>Assimilation</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Origin of the Yuhaviatam</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu <i>Where The Fish Are</i>	
7:00pm Native Voice TV	Colorado Experience: Sand Creek Massacre	Alaska Tribes - The Story of Federal Law in Alaska	Birch Bark Canoe <i>Passion for authenticity and sensitivity toward the cultural context of the</i>	Walela <i>Open your heart to the marvelous and magical harmony.</i>	Goshen <i>Depicting the diet and lifestyle of the indigenous Tarahumara, who are striving to maintain their ancient culture.</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	
7:30pm On Native Ground: Youth Report	<i>Revisits the horrific events and uncovers the history</i>					Native Report	
8:00pm Wapos Bay <i>There's No "I" In Hockey</i>	Wapos Bay <i>A Time to Learn</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Elements</i>	Wapos Bay <i>All's Fair</i>	Wapos Bay <i>As The Bannock Browns</i>		Wapos Bay <i>A Time To Learn</i>	
8:30pm Fish Out of Water <i>Oujebougomou</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Batoche Historic Site</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Fort Edmonton</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Great River Journeys</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Haida Gwaii</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Bear River First Nation</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Batoche Historic Site</i>	
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10:00pm Weaving Worlds <i>History of Navajo rug weavers & their role within the global economy.</i>	Medicine Game <i>2 brothers from the Onondoga Nation driven to play lacrosse.</i>	Original Patriots: Northern California Indian Veterans of WWII	Back In Time	Nunavik: Land of Ice <i>Discover the 21 century's Inuit's way of life.</i>	Regaining Food Sovereignty	The Human Effect <i>Geronimo takes viewers into depth with Mother Earth.</i>	
10:30pm			Native Oklahoma				
11:00pm Buffy St. Marie <i>One of the most influential Aboriginal figures in recent historic times.</i>	Grab <i>intimate portrait of the Grab Day in the villages of New Mexico's Laguna Pueblo tribe.</i>	Choctaw Code Talkers <i>Empowering chronicle of Choctaw Soldiers as the original Code Talkers during World War I.</i>	First People Kumeyaay <i>Currently comprised of 13 reservations scattered across San Diego and 4 in northern Baja California.</i>	Why Treaties <i>Grasp the differing world views that motivated tribal leaders, settlers, and the US gov't.</i>	Kanie'keha:Ka: Living the Language <i>The personal stories of the Mohawk language immersion program.</i>	When I Hear Thunder	

Gila River Indian Community Preparing for Climate Change – Getting Informed, Getting Involved

Department of Environmental Quality Gila River Indian Community

The climate is changing. Air temperatures are rising. Wildfires in the West are increasing, and droughts in the Colorado River Basin are expected to become more frequent, longer, and more severe. This past July was Earth's hottest month in recorded history, according to NASA, the 10th record hot month in a row. All of these changes have long-term implications for the Gila River Indian Community's water, food, lifestyle, and culture. Gila River, however, is getting ready. GRIC's Department of Environmental Quality (GRIC DEQ) is leading the process of developing a strategic Climate Change Adaptation & Resiliency Plan for the Community. In doing so, Gila River is leading the way, being among the first tribes in the region to complete such a plan. It is no small task and the Department encourages everyone interested to assist in the project and join the Climate Change Adaptation & Resiliency Planning Team.

On Nov. 4 and 5, as part of its planning process, the GRIC DEQ hosted a climate change workshop titled "Understanding Potential Impacts and Identifying Solutions" at the



Dr. Karletta Chief, University of Arizona, during her presentation at the climate change workshop hosted by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Huhugam Heritage Center. It was Part 2 of a two-part workshop series hosted by the Department. The first workshop took place on September 23rd-24th, and focused primarily on introducing climate change in general and scratching the surface in regards to how the climate has been changing within the Community. Workshop Part 2's focus was on how the climate has changed, what local impacts have been felt within the Community, and what needs to be done to ensure the people in the Community are able to adapt and thrive from a public health, cultural, and economical standpoint.

A diverse group of Community members and

leaders attended the workshop. Everyone who attended shared their experiences, knowledge, and perspectives, which enriched the experience for all, and provided a foundation for GRIC climate change adaptation & resiliency planning. Among those who attended were Lieutenant Governor Monica Antone, Councilman Robert Stone (District 5), Billy Allen, and Akin Gump attorney and former GRIC General Counsel Rod Lewis, who provided insight on the Community's water supply, specifically explaining the Community's water rights and the potential impacts climate change can have on the water supply.

University of Arizona

na professor, Dr. Karletta Chief, gave a presentation about drought planning and the implications drought can have on the southwest and most notably Native Communities in the Southwest. Dr. Chief, a member of the Navajo Nation, gave a presentation that was engaging, technical, and extremely relevant since GRIC is no stranger to the arid climate. Dr. Chief emphasized the importance of focusing on drought planning now since the southwest region, including GRIC, is already experiencing a warmer climate, and is predicted to face increasing intensity and length of drought periods.

There were many climate-related areas of concern expressed by the attendees of the workshop. Some of the key concerns were air and water quality, and food and water supply. Traditional knowledge was also an area of concern. Climate change is a complex topic that affects the whole Community, so the whole Community must take part in addressing it. Community Elder Willardene Lewis mentioned, "We [Community] have great potential, we need to kick start it somehow." It was acknowledged that workshops and plans are a step in the right direction, but for the efforts to reflect all aspects and interests of the Community, then everyone living and working within the Community must join the effort.

At the end of the first night of the workshop, the attendees were asked to bring an item of significance the next day that they cherished and that has been affected by climate change. One of the items brought was devil's claw or "ihug," which was brought by Councilman Stone. It is a plant used to make baskets and is one of the plants that Councilman Stone routinely plants in his garden. In years past, the plants grew back from the seeds that were left from the previous harvest. However, now animals have been eating the seeds and the plant itself since they don't have as much to eat as they used

to in years past. The devil's claw he brought in showed evidence of this and are smaller in recent years due to the lack of water and depletion of the soil.

The next steps for GRIC DEQ include starting to draft a Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency Plan for the Community. The feedback provided in both workshops will serve as a framework for a vulnerability assessment and provide guidance for what needs to be prioritized in the Plan. GRIC DEQ will also meet with elders to learn about the changes they've witnessed in their lifetime and gain their understanding of how traditional knowledge can play a key role in the planning process. GRIC DEQ will meet with various departments within the Community to develop a comprehensive plan that accurately reflects the Community's concerns.

Climate change will affect everyone and GRIC DEQ wishes to ensure all voices are heard and include everyone who lives and works in the Community. If you want to learn more about the Community's Climate Change Adaptation & Resiliency Planning, or wish to take part in this project, please visit gricdeq.org or contact Althea Walker at althea.walker@gric.nsn.us or (520) 562-2234.

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

Incident Log November 20, 2016 - November 26, 2016

Gila River Police Department reserves the right to restrict the release of certain reports which may not be available or are currently under investigation.

Community Events –
• We will be hosting our "Coffee with a Cop" scheduled for Monday December 5, 2016 from 08:00 am 10:00 am at the District 1 Service Center.

• The monthly community Comp Stat meeting will be held Thursday December 8, 2016 from 02:00 pm to 05:00 pm at the Gila River Police Department conference room.

• The Citizens Police Academy is held every Tuesday.

• Community Toy Drive donations may be dropped off at the Police Department between November 1st – December 9th, 2016.

Gila River Police officers responded to 580 calls for service and made 40 arrests.

District One:
No incidents regarding

Part 1 crime.

District Two:

Robbery – A suspect attempted to commit robbery by knocking on the victim's front door at or around 08:00 pm and demanded money. The suspect had his right hand in his pocket, holding an unknown object which was believed to be a handgun. The victim quickly closed and locked his door. The suspect then fled on foot.

Status: Under Investigation

District Three:

Aggravated Assault (DV) - The suspect committed aggravated assault by strangling and striking his girlfriend with a wooden baseball bat. The victim was seen by medics on scene and she refused any further medical attention.

Status: Sup arrested.

Aggravated Assault (DV) - A domestic disturbance was reported in which a brother and sister were involved in a physical altercation and the suspect

used a frying pan to strike the victim in the face. The victim was seen by medics on scene and he refused any further medical attention.

Status: Anissa Vincent was arrested.

Burglary - Suspect(s) forced entry into the Gila River Wellness Center damaging a door and shattering the reception window.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four:
(Stotonic Area)

Aggravated Assault (DV) – A domestic disturbance was reported in which two brothers were involved in a physical altercation and the suspect used a weighted object to strike the victim in the head. The victim was transported to a local area hospital for treatment.

Status: Dallas Brown was arrested.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

Theft - Three hundred and seventy-five lime green

traffic cones were reported stolen from a box trailer in a secured access parking lot while at the Rawhide Event Center.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft - A white 2013 "LOOK" brand box trailer was reported stolen from the Rawhide Event Center while parked in the secured access parking lot.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – A male suspect walked out of the Tommy Hilfiger store with a pair of men's shorts he did not pay for. The suspect was detained and interviewed.

Status: Charges are being long formed to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office for review.

Shoplifting - A suspect shoplifted a jacket from the Tommy Hilfiger store at the Phoenix Premium Outlets. The incident was caught on surveillance footage and the suspect confessed to the theft.

Status: Ayan Jafri was

issued a criminal citation and released to his father's custody.

Shoplifting - Suspects took several hand bags without paying first from the Michael Kors store at the Phoenix Premium Outlets and then fled the area.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Delayed reporting of a bag stolen from inside a vehicle while parked at Rawhide Western Town.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting - A suspect shoplifted a blue and tan shirt from Saks Fifth Avenue Off Fifth department store at Phoenix Premium Outlets. The suspect was detained by Loss Prevention personnel and the shirt was recovered.

Status: Charges are being long formed to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office for review.

District Five:

Aggravated Assault –

A male suspect approached a residence and when confronted by residents of the home, the suspect brandished a handgun and made threatening remarks. The suspect then fled on foot from the area.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six:

Auto Theft – A white Pontiac four door sedan was stolen from a residence during the early morning hours while the homeowner was away.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – A suspect reached into the bed of a truck parked in the parking lot of Vee Quiva Casino and removed a wood saw belonging to the victim. No other items were reported missing.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven:

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.



The GRIC delegation following the signing at the Arizona State Capitol. Back row, from left, Robert Stone, Carol Schurz, Jennifer Allison, Devin Redbird. Front, from left, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, Nada Celaya, Barney Enos Jr.



Gov. Doug Ducey during his address at the signing ceremony.



Gov. Lewis signs the amendments on Nov. 21.

Gaming compact signing ceremony from page 1

changing needs of the state and increase opportunities for tribal gaming.

Hualapai Tribal Chairman Dr. Damon Clarke said the amendments to the tribal gaming compact benefits all tribal communities that do not operate casinos, but lease their gaming machines to tribes in more heavily populated areas of the state.

“[These] funds help us provide basic governmental services, build and

maintain infrastructure and promote economic development to build our economy,” said Clarke.

Navajo Nation President Russell Begay said the modernization of the tribal gaming compact keeps money in the state of Arizona allowing them and the state’s economy to grow.

Begay highlighted the benefits of tribal gaming dollars on healthcare, education and wildlife conservation management.

“Its about keeping Arizona money right [here], so that it can used to address the needs that it was set aside for,” said Begay.

The signing ceremony included the Gila River Indian Community, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Ft. McDowell, the Navajo Nation, the Hualapai Tribe, the Tonto Apache Tribe, the Havasupai Tribe and the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Each Tribe signed two agreements. The first, a short compact amendment, recommitted the tribes to the Proposition 202 promise not to support any additional casinos in metro Phoenix. The compact amendment also allows these tribes to add more table games and keno games to their casinos.

The second agreement opens the way for a new round of compact negotiations between tribes and Gov. Ducey. However, this second phase of negotiation will only be available to tribes who agree to the

“no new casinos” promise set forth in the compact amendment.

Every Tribe currently gaming in the State of Arizona will have the opportunity to sign both agreements – including the Tohono O’odham Nation, which defied the 2002 promise by opening a casino in Glendale. Should the Nation agree to the new promise, it would be allowed to keep its Glendale casino, though moving for-

ward it would have to abide by its assertion that it will open no additional casinos in the Phoenix area.

“One of my administration’s major priorities has been to resolve the years-long West Valley casino dispute,” said Gov. Lewis, “Together with Gov. Ducey and our sister tribes, we are working on just such a solution – an agreement that will benefit our Community and every tribe in Arizona.”

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Lucius Kyyitan received recognition packages at the event.



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From left, Lucia Perez, Lavina Manuel, and Eleanor Jackson.



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Rosella Bilagody, left, and Leota Carlisle.

Elder Day at Rawhide from page 1

and solidify that tradition within the Community, Gov. Lewis made a surprise announcement, declaring the month of November "Elders Day Month."

"I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, do hereby proclaim November as Elders Day Month, to

have a special day where all elders can gather to be honored, and to socialize with all attendees," said Gov. Lewis.

After talking about the importance of elders' contributions to the Community, he discussed the event's theme of Vietnam veterans. He said that many veterans

of the Vietnam War had stories of valor and sacrifice, but when they left the war, they weren't properly recognized and welcomed home.

"I know many of you and I've spoken personally to you and heard your stories. One of the sad things...is that when you came home you weren't properly recognized...and I want to continue to welcome you home."

"So for all of you Vietnam veterans here, welcome home...each and every one of you," he said to a resounding applause.

As Community elders and veterans enjoyed breakfast at the Rawhide Steakhouse, Lt. Gov. Antone said she was proud to have been part of the Community's very first Elder Day celebration 21 years ago and thrilled to still be taking part in the tradition.

"I remem-

ber when Elder Day first came [to] the Gila River Indian Community," said Lt. Gov. Antone. At that time, she had been an intern for the late Mary Thomas, who initially established the annual Elder Day celebration, she said.

"It's an honor to be here to cherish each and every one of you because we look up to you, we commend all of the things that you have done for our Community," she said.

Shortly after, Vietnam veteran Everett Stone Sr. stepped up to the stage and talked about his life's journey. From growing up under the little mountain of Gila Butte, receiving a high school education in Casa Grande, to the battlefields of Vietnam, Stone recounted his colorful and often tragic experiences.

He said after high school, the United States Marine Corps. sent him to boot camp in North Carolina, then shortly after, to the Demilitarized Zone in central Vietnam.

They were sent to the frontline, he said, where his position was eventually overrun and he was captured. He spent the next 13 months in a Prisoner of War camp 45 miles north of Hanoi.

He said that he still experiences flashbacks of the war and tries to keep



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the 21st Elder Day Celebration.



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Lt. Gov. Monica Antone at the 21st Elder Day Celebration.

busy to keep from thinking about those days. But, these are just some of the things that all veterans are going through, he emphasized.

"These are some of the things that I went through and some of our veterans are going through now," Stone said. "Some of you went to battle. Fought the

enemy hand to hand, some of you stayed in the states or other countries, but you served your time when you were called."

After his speech, Stone received a standing ovation and was presented with a hand carved wooden plaque by Elder Concerns Group Chair, Marlene Norris.

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Something to be told

By Billy Allen

Native American communities acknowledge all major holidays and add a few Native ones. The Gila River Indian Community's Water Rights Day honors victory for our historical water rights. To date, it is the largest Native water settlement in the United States. This endeavor involved many tribal members; young and old, men and women, learned individuals with degrees and individuals with ancestral knowledge. However, wa-

ter issues persist for Natives.

Props to GRICsters and O'otham who traveled to North Dakota to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline. The plan includes a pipeline under the river upstream of their reservation. If the pipeline ruptures, it will pollute the river - the tribe's sole water source. The protest motto: "Water is Life."

When we celebrate Water Rights Day, think

about water, taste water. Picture a scene from the old days: a water filled ha'a or olla hanging from a va:to or ramada beam. Or it may have been sitting in a mesquite fork. The clay ha'a is "sweating" and cooling the water. When visitors come by, you offer them water. Nice, refreshing, life sustaining su:dag or water. Any elder who grew up in Sweetwater will attest to the sweetness of tribal water. Whenever my mother traveled, she couldn't wait to get back to Vahki to taste the "good" home su:dag. Water sustained us; it grew and cooked our food; cleaned us and our clothes; determined where we lived. We had to be close to water.

Water IS life. So, why do so many of us turn away from water and go with soft

drinks? When we by-pass water and choose pop, we hurt our lives. Some of us go with diet soft drinks, but they are no better than regular soda, and may actually be worse. The bad effects of pop -- whether regular or diet -- are known facts, not a "might" like maybe the pipeline might break. Choosing su:dag to drink instead of sugar-infused drinks is choosing life.

An article from the Arizona Republic explains how artificial sweeteners are harmful. When your brain registers the sweet taste, it releases insulin to help break down sugar. Then, when no sugar arrives, just artificial sweeteners, there's too much insulin in your body. Over time this may lead to insulin resistance. Diabetes

and weight gain are not far away.

More often today we buy liquids to quench our thirst or cool down, drinks that are not natural. Why isn't water an option? Processed drink companies have hooked us on their products, regular and diet. A once in a while pop or so:la might be okay, but not every day. We are Akimel O'otham -- not Pepsi/Coke O'otham or Gatorade O'otham.

Su:dag is a gift from the Creator. Have you ever given someone a gift and you can tell they don't like it? You never see them wear it or use it? If it shows that you don't appreciate a gift, how might it make the giver feel? Water sustained the people who came before us, for the

people before them, to the time of the Huhugam-and before! In December our desert becomes dormant as it waits for the sun to turnaround and walk back. GRICsters begin to long for the warmth of spring and summer suns. We look forward to that cool drink of su:dag on a warm day. This New Year's Eve offer cheers naturally, su:dag and chu'i or pinole. Choose water, choose life. Su:dag 'o wud duakag.

Information was gleaned from the Gila River Indian News, the Atlantic magazine and from the writer.

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Lights of the World lantern festival lights up Rawhide Western Town

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

An international attraction has landed in the Gila River Indian Community bridging two cultures together for festive holiday fun.

The Lights of the World International Lantern Festival flipped the switch on over 75 displays on Nov. 18.

The lantern festival is a show of the mutual friendship between the sister cities of Chengdu, China and Phoenix and the surrounding communities like GRIC and the city of Chandler.

Before officially lighting the displays, a cultural exchange and ribbon cutting ceremony took place between GRIC and Chinese performers and delegation.

District 5 Council Representative Robert Stone provided an opening blessing for the event and talked about the importance of O'otham language in the Community.

Akimel O'otham and Chinese cultural dancers demonstrated the talents of the host and visiting nations that included performers of all ages.

Located on the south side of the Rawhide Western Town, the festival offers a glimpse of some of the world's most famous landmarks that take attendees through a trek across Europe, Asia, America and other parts of the world.

Attendees will have a



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Guests experience the Lights of the World Festival on Nov. 18 at Rawhide Western Town.



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The lantern displays featured O'otham designs such as the Man in the Maze.

chance to check out the carnival rides and daily performances, which were showcased at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Wild Horse Pass De-

velopment Authority Assistant General Manager David White said the opening ceremony is a way of showcasing the cooperative efforts that make the lan-

tern festival possible.

He said it took over 18 months of planning on both

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Representatives from GRIC and the Zigong Lantern and Trade Company pose during the opening.



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Lt. Gov. Monica Antone welcomed attendees acknowledging the parties who brought the festival to GRIC.



Courtesy of Monica Antone

Nada Celaya with Eugenia Apkaw and Arlene Johns.

Phoenix Indian Center honors Urban Giff with lifetime achievement award

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The achievements of a few nominated individuals were recognized with a ceremony honoring their hard work and commitment to service in the local Native community.

Clad in traditional attire and evening wear the nominees had a reason to celebrate at the American Indian Excellence in Leadership Awards ceremony on Nov. 16.

What has become an annual custom, the awards ceremony has been hosted by the Phoenix Indian Center every November during Native American heritage month for 34 years.

Native Wellness Institute Board of Director Robert Johnston (Muskogee Creek/Choctaw), who emceed the awards ceremony said, "Tonight [we] gather to recognize outstanding leaders, both young and elder."

He said the awards ceremony is a token of appreciation for those that have dedicated their lives



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Urban Giff, top right, won the Kent C. Ware Lifetime Achievement Award at the American Indian Excellence in Leadership Awards Ceremony on Nov. 16.

to helping American Indian people and are always planning for the future.

The group of awardees was made up of high school students, public figures and individuals who represented a total of eight tribes from the Gila River Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, Navajo Nation, Hualapai Indian Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Rosebud Sioux and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Among the awardees

was Gila River Indian Community member and former Community Manager Urban Giff from District 6.

Before joining the United States Marine Corps, and retiring at the rank of major after 27 years of military service, Giff graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture.

Currently Giff is a member of the Lone Butte

Industrial Development Corporation, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development and the Advisory Board of the Construction in Indian Country Conference hosted by ASU.

He was awarded the Kent C. Ware Lifetime Achievement award, which was presented by his son Kent C. Ware Jr., who said growing up he remembered his father volunteering many years to the Phoenix

Indian community.

"We are very proud to be here and be a part of the presentation of [this] award to Urban Giff [for] his achievements."

Before giving his acceptance speech Giff recognized the veterans that were present for their service offering them a welcome home salute.

Giff spoke of the support that he has received from friends and family from the Community.

"[They] deserve recognition for what I have been able to do because of their support. My wife Cindy has been supportive through our 52 years of being together," said Giff.

Humbled by the honor, he said the late Ware Sr. carried honor and distinction throughout his life and that he is indebted for being a recipient of the award.

In attendance was the Ira H. Hayes Post 84, who posted the colors while the Four Winds Drum Group sang a song to honor American Indian veterans.

The Phoenix Indian Center Board of Directors

and President Traci Morris, Ph.D., said the awardees distinguish themselves as leaders in their communities and among their peers.

Morris said the trend of individuals coming from tribal communities is represented by this year's awardees.

PIC CEO Patti Hibbeler said the awardees are not based on the centers preference, but relies on the public to nominate an influential figure in their community.

She said the ceremony to honor distinguished individuals was the idea of the center's former Executive Director Phyllis J. Bigpond.

Morris said Bigpond, who passed away in 2009 from a bout with brain cancer, came up with the idea to recognizing the "unsung heroes" of Native communities.

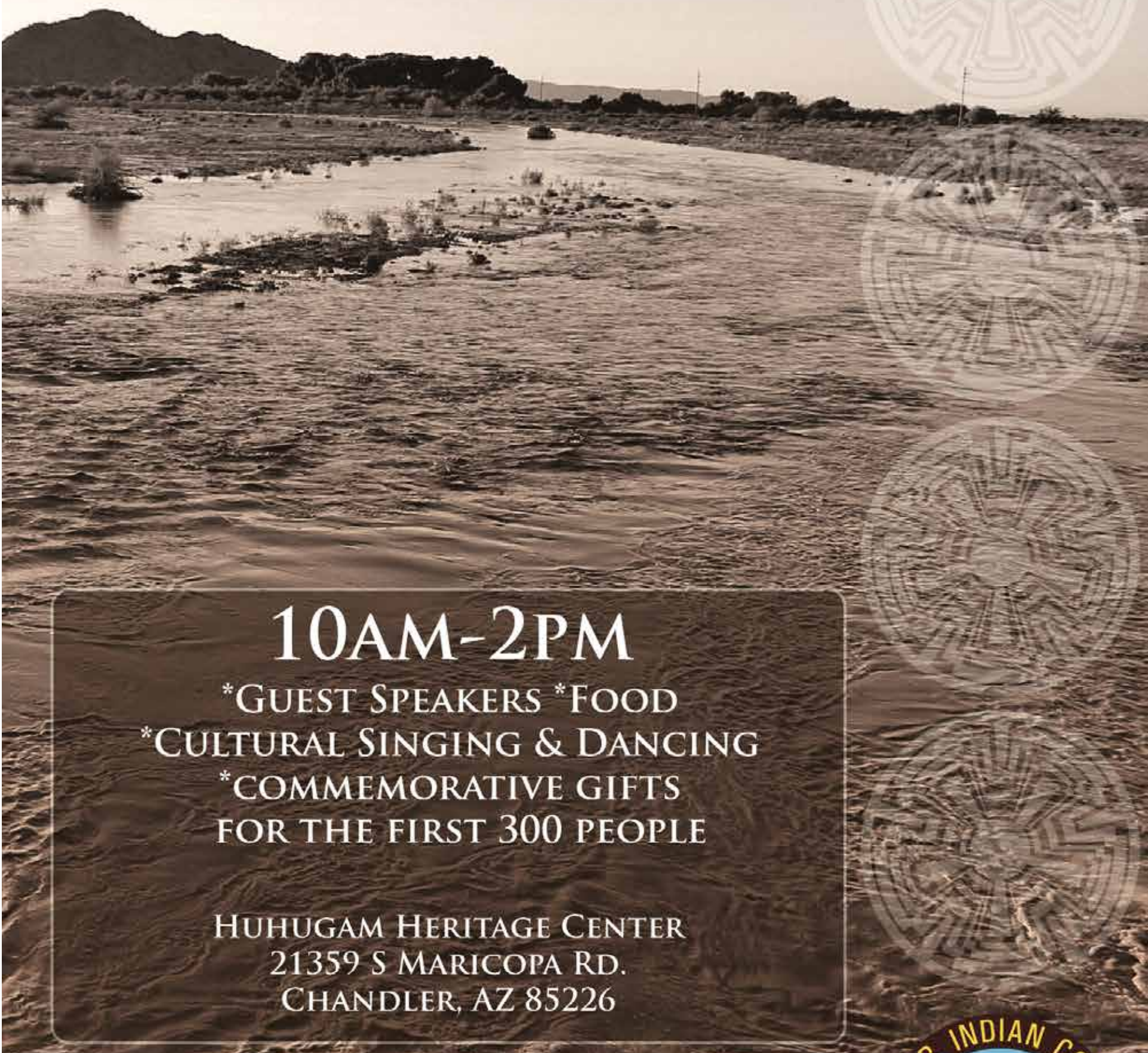
Hibbeler said the individuals being awarded are indicative of the work being done by the center, which is about giving back to the community.

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Tribal Education brings together stakeholders at Education Summit

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis attended the summit and was looking forward to the findings. "We have to look at exactly what is the state of our schools today," he said.

The sentiment at the summit was that new approaches are needed to achieve a higher quality education. "We have to have education that's tailored to our Community," said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis also announced a new initiative his administration is working on for the students. "One of the initiatives that I'm working on is bringing wifi

to each of our districts." Tribal Education Director Isaac Salcido echoed Gov. Lewis's comments on the importance of the summit by saying, "We know we need to improve the system."

A quality education goes beyond the classroom. Social and emotional factors play into a student's learning as well. "You deal with a lot of emotional issues," said Arzie Hogg, District 1 Council Representative and Chair of the Education Standing Committee.

The breakout sessions took place in four different areas at District 3 Headstart. The topics were titled

Compliance, Academic, Social/Emotional and Culture. The four groups addressed the topics in three breakout sessions. The first session was about describing the ideal education system, the second was to describe GRIC's current system and the last session was focused on ways to improve.

The more than 100 participants included Gov. Lewis, Council representatives, GRIC school administrators and staff, Tribal Education staff, as well as students and parents. The youth were also heavily involved. A panel of five youth talked about their experiences in education.



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

A youth panel offered suggestions to improve aspects of education in the Community.

"We got to hear from the students themselves," said Fredrick Poitra, Tribal Ed-

ucation Department Assistant Director. All the findings from the

summit were recorded and will be reported to the Community in the near future.

St. Peter Indian Mission School perform in honor of National Native American Heritage Month



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NEW BUS STOP IN DISTRICT 7

Gila River Public Transit has established a new bus stop on Carver Road between Co-op Blvd. and 75th Avenue in District 7.

For further information, please call Gila River Public Transit Dispatch at 520-562-6020 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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Blackwater Student Council visits Governor



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with the Blackwater Community School Student Council. From left: Hailey Allison, Publicity Officer; Nevaeh Quiroz, Vice President; Jada White, Secretary; Siawogi Urquides, President; Cassidy Sekayouma-Chimerica, Spirit Coordinator. The Blackwater Community School Student Council met with Gov. Lewis in his office Nov. 28 to request funding for a school project to buy Christmas gifts and school spirit T-shirts for students of the Blackwater Community School.

Casa Blanca student learns karate at D5 Multipurpose building

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

While many nine-year-old boys spend their afterschool hours watching cartoons or playing the latest video game, Casa Blanca fourth grader Tavaris Wright is practicing his sidekick and dreaming of earning his orange belt in karate.

Wearing a white karate gi with a yellow belt wrapped around his waist, Wright can usually be found at the District 5 Multipurpose building, training in martial arts with a group of other like-minded youth at the bi-weekly karate class.

Wright's mother, Darla Hoover, said that her son's interest was piqued last February when they visited the District 5 Multipurpose building to view Casa Blanca Elementary School's science fair entries.

"We were here for the science fair, looking at all the experiments that all the kids had done, and to check out my son's. He happened to see [the karate students] in the play area doing karate and he wanted to see what was going on," said Hoover. He walked right into the class and asked if he could join, and they said yes, she added.

Ever since then Wright has been a karate machine,

launching kicks and throwing punches, while using the correct technique, in order to move up to the next level in rank.

Wright said that learning karate has been fun and while he has been learning self-defense, he has also gained self-respect and learned more about responsibility.

"It has been a learning experience," said Hoover. "They teach him that it is OK if they make a mistake, to just keep trying until they get it right. It is also teaching him self-respect and...discipline. It's been very good...it is benefiting him a lot," she said.

Even though learning how to kick, punch, and perform combinations is the main goal for many martial artists, one of the fundamental aspects of karate is a set of guidelines called Dojo Kun, which apply at all times, during practice and in everyday life.

These five principles are an important part of karate and integral in Wright's martial arts education.

The five principles are as follows:

1. Strive for a good moral character.
2. Keep an honest and sincere way.
3. Cultivate perseverance or a will for striving.
4. Develop a respectful attitude.

5. Restrain my physical abilities through spiritual attainment.

During each karate class, instructor Jenifer Tull-Gauger, a fifth level black belt from East Valley Martial Arts, teaches her students to perform specific sequences of movements, known as kata, that represent offensive and defensive postures in karate. At the end of each practice session she has her students memorize and recite the five principles of Dojo Kun.

"The five Dojo Kuns, that is the most important thing that we teach," said Tull-Gauger. They were written by martial arts master Kanga Sakugawa to teach people how to use the karate martial arts in a responsible manner, all-the-while improving their lives, she said.

"I feel it is my moral responsibility today, if I am going to teach somebody how to fight and how to hurt somebody, I also need to teach them how to prevent that and how to use that as a very last resort," she said.

Like all karate students, Wright started off as a white belt and began to memorize the moves for the next rank, the half-white half-yellow belt.

Hoover explained that in order to move up a rank her son had to be able

to perform all the correct movements. When he was ready, they traveled to the East Valley Martial Arts main building where judges would pass or fail him.

He felt that he wasn't ready for some time, said Hoover. "Finally he talked to me and said the he was ready to try for the next belt and I told him to remember if you don't pass, that's ok because you can always try again."

It was during Wright's attempt at obtaining the half-white half-yellow belt, that he surpassed everyone's expectations.

"We were both shocked and surprised because the next belt that he was going to go for was half-white half-yellow," said Hoover. "And then when they came out that is when they bumped him up to the next color, which is yellow."

Last August, Wright earned his yellow belt, making him the first in his class to move up to that rank. The transition was a surprise to both him and his mother, because in order to receive a yellow belt, he had to completely skip over the white-yellow belt rank, a rare accomplishment.

Wright, who is pas-



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Tavaris Wright kicks the pad during karate class at the District 5 Multipurpose building on Nov. 17.


sionate about karate, now has his eyes set on the orange belt.

"The next belt I have to learn is orange [and] I think it will take a little while to get better," he said. He's learning self-defense, getting good exercise, learning martial arts, and best of all, having a good time, and he wants other Community youth to join in on the fun.

Everyone needs to learn how to move their bodies, Wright said. "They've got to exercise. I don't want to be lying

around watching TV or playing video games. I want everybody to get out and exercise."

Currently, there are two karate classes being taught at the District 5 Multipurpose building. The Little Dragons class is for younger children and the Ninja Warriors class is for older children and adults. For more information about the karate classes contact the Vah Ki Recreation Department at (520) 315-3441.




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CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday November 16, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:13 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison (10:15), Christopher Mendoza; D5-, Brian Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone; D6-Sandra Nasewytewa, Charles Goldtooth

Council Members Absent:

D3-Rodney Jackson; D4-Barney Enos, Jr.; D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.; D7- Devin Redbird

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS PROVIDED A STATEMENT REGARDING HIS RECENT ACCIDENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)

*1. Insurance Manager Introduction Kimberly Childers

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

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2. Introduction of Ms. Yichun Xu, Hydrologist

Presenter: Kimberly Antone

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3. GRHC Introduction of Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Ginger Fligger

Presenter: Myron Schurz

MR. MYRON SCHURZ INTRODUCED MS. GINGER FLIGGER. MS. FLIGGER PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR, AND LT. GOVERNOR EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS. IN ADDITION, SHE PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE SYSTEM ISSUES

REPORTS

*1. Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post No. 84 Fiscal Year 2016 3rd Quarter Report

Presenters: Chesley Juan, Jr., Tony McDaniel, Robert Amado

REPORT HEARD

2. Monthly Financial Report Ending October 31, 2016 & FY2017 Capital Projects Review & Update (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Mike Jacobs, Pamela Thompson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Gila River Indian Irrigation & Drainage District (GRIIDD), Third Quarter Management Report

Presenter: Ronald C. Allison

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Annual 2015 Winter Bird Count Report

Presenter: Althea Walker

REPORT HEARD

5. North Santa Cruz Wash Project Report and Update

Presenter: Seaver Fields

Motion made and second to table Reports #5 & #6

6. Proposal Tortosa Subdivision Drainage Impact to GRIC

Presenter: Seaver Fields

TABLED AT REPORT #5

7. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report FY-16 Qtr 3

Presenters: Michael Morago, Bob Gazis

REPORT HEARD

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Purchase Of Certain Allotted Lands Pursuant To The American Indian Probate Reform Act (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Javier Ramos

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The Purchase Of Certain Allotted Lands Pursuant To The American Indian Probate Reform Act (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Javier Ramos

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Consenting To And Approving The Acquisition For Right Of Way For A Grant Of Easement For Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Project No. ROW_005.D1.08 Crossing Allotted And Community Land Parcels For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Roadway And Utilities Corridor By The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Located In District 1 And As Shown In Drawing Number 40112-0492-EA, Page 1 And 2 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, with correction)

Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Megan Jackson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Community Council Secretary's Office And The Office Of General Counsel To Prepare Amendments To The 2009 Gila River Indian Community Code For Recodification In 2017 (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Tom Murphy

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Catholic High School (ESC motions to forward to Council under Unfinished Business for discussion and possible action)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISBAND THE IRA HAYES SCHOOL SITE TASK FORCE

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:49 A.M.]

2. Grant Update (Executive Session) (ESC motions to forward to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Michael Carter

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR GOVERNOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REGARDING THE COMMUNITY'S IMPROPER LISTING IN THE GRANT

3. Legal Review of Head Start Audit (Executive Session) (ESC motions to forward to Council and concur with G&MSC and to release information to OCM)

Presenter: Naomi Bebo

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Office Of General Counsel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE ADDED MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Request For Funding Assistance From The United States Army Corps Of Engineers (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation of approval to proceed in moving forward with the grant application for funding, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Seaver Fields

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AND PROCEED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION

3. Memorial Airfield Trespassing Report (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval to concur with LUPZ recommendations outlined)

Presenters: Kimberly Antone, Paul Shorthair

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. American Indian Language Development Institute Summer Session 2017 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval, CRSC concurs)

Presenter: Anthony Gray

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

5. Arizona State University Memorandum of Understanding (ESC motions to forward to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

6. Maricopa Village Christian School Written Plan SY 2016-2017 (ESC motions to forward to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Larisa Quijano

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

7. Gila Crossing Community School Written Plan SY 2016-2017 (ESC motions to forward to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Dr. Gregory Sackos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

8. Casa Blanca Community School Written Plan SY 2016-2017 (ESC motions to forward to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Patricia Avalos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

9. Blackwater Community School Written Plan SY 2016-2017 (ESC motions to forward to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

10. Sacaton Elementary School Written Plan SY 2016-2017 (ESC motions to forward to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Leslie Rychel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

11. Sacaton Middle School Written Plan SY 2016-2017 (ESC motions to forward to Council under New Business with changes and recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Philip Bonds

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

12. St. Peter Indian Mission School Written Plan SY 2016-2017 (ESC motions to forward to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sister Martha

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

13. CCSO Employee Recognition

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

MINUTES

1. September 21, 2016 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. October 19, 2016 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. November 7, 2016 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>EDUCATION SUMMIT II SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016, SACATON HEAD START

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR RUBEN LUHAN ROBEE FAMILY

>G&M WORK SESSIONS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016 SHERATON WILD HORSE PASS

>GILBERT INNIS FUNERAL SERVICES FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

>CARING HOUSE THANKSGIVING DINNER SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

>LONE BUTTE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THURS, NOVEMBER 17, 2016, 11AM

>ELDER'S DAY EVENT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016, RAWHIDE

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:35A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Lone Butte Development marks 50 years of success

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

In the 1960s the Gila River Indian Community had a vision for the land east of the I-10 Freeway and south of Pecos Road. Fifty years later that vision has culminated in a successful business park.

To honor its 50th anniversary, the Lone Butte Development, LLC recently celebrated the milestone at the Lone Butte Casino's Event Center. At the event, held Nov. 16, several of Lone Butte's tenants, guests and tribal representatives recognized Lone Butte's success with prizes and a basket dance presentation.

On November 28, 1966 the Gila River Indian Community established Lone Butte to manage leasing activity and operate the park. The location was formerly named Pima Chandler Industrial but now under the Lone Butte name it is comprised of over 840 acres and they are still growing with new tenants. The most recent business to join Lone Butte was RDO Equipment. They held a grand opening on Oct. 25.

The first tenant was Pima Valve, Inc., and they came on board in 1968. According to Kenneth Link from Pima Valve they liked the business friendly atmosphere and they even

named their company after the tribe. With their 57 tenants, the outlook is bright for Lone Butte with more job opportunities and revenue generated for the Community.

Lone Butte offers many benefits to corporations interested in locating to the park. Since the park is on tribal land, there are no property taxes. The Community maintains its own permitting process and its own water system.

"Lone Butte is nationally acclaimed as one of the best industrial parks in the nation," said Esther Manuel, Lone Butte, LLC General Manager.



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Esther Manuel, right, Lone Butte LLC General Manager gives away raffle prizes at Lone Butte's 50th Anniversary celebration at Lone Butte Casino on Nov. 18.

Lights of the World from page 8

sides, which translates into 160 tons of steel 87,000 yards of fabric and over 4 million lights to make the lantern festival possible.

"We've developed some really great relationships with some really great folks, who were excited about working with us on this festival," said David.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone appreciated the partnership between the Community and representatives from the city of Chengdu, China, where the lantern festival originated.

The Zigong Lantern and Trade Company have toured over seven countries and have used the opportunity to educate the public about Chinese culture and the significance of lanterns

in relation to the Chinese lunar calendar.

"We are proud of our hospitality to be able to host an event of [this] magnitude," said Gov. Lewis.

He said opportunities like the lantern festival put the Community on the map and demonstrate how they are able to host world-class events.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone welcomed the attendees to the Community and for the tireless work that went into bringing the lantern festival to GRIC.

She said the lantern festival is a display of two cultures coming together as one over traditions that span hundreds of years.

Antone said it is a special opportunity for Community members to come



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Traditional basket dancer performed at the opening of the festival.

out to see aspects of Chinese culture.

David White said a Cultural Committee is made of three Community elders, Tommy White, Eugenia Apkaw and Arlene Johns, who helped provide traditional designs to the lantern company.

He said they chose key cultural design elements that represented the Com-

munity, which can be seen on some of the lanterns and the main entrance to the lantern festival.

"We noticed that there was Native American representation in some of the lanterns, but it wasn't unique to the Community," said David.

Cultural Committee member, Thomas White, former governor, said they

wanted the lantern festival to include the Olas Ki (traditional home), water symbols that represent the river and the intricate design work seen on baskets.

Thomas said that it is both beneficial to the Community, because it shows the rich culture of the O'otham people.

As each of the representing delegates cut the

ribbon one-by-one the colorful array of lanterns started to resemble a small city of lights.

David said they hope to build the partnership with the people in Chengdu, China and the U.S.- China Educational Foundation, who were key stakeholders in the project.

For individuals and families wanting to visit the lantern festival, parking is \$10 and admission for Community members is \$19.99, who will need to have proof of tribal identification at the gate and \$24.99 for adults. The festival will run until Jan. 29, 2017.

Festival goers can expect to be treated to a mix of Chinese cuisine, art as well as other attractions that will be sure to entice everyone's palette.

For more information go to lightsoftheworldus.com.

PUBLIC COMMENT

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS

Re: Notice of Request for Public Comment on Proposed Revisions to Rule 9 Accounting and Internal Control Standards

The Gila River Gaming Commission hereby announces its intent to adopt the Revised Rule. 9 - Accounting and Internal Control Standards. This Rule 9 was revised to reflect new requirements set forth by 25 CFR part 543 and Part 547 including other current gaming regulatory management practices for Class II and Class III. The Gaming Commission is issuing this Notice requesting for public comments on this document.

All comments in response to this Notice must be submitted in writing, via e-mail (Courtney.Moyah@gric.nsn.us) or phone to Courtney Moyah, Executive Director by 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2016. The Commission will respond to all public comments by December 23, 2016 and, will consider the formal adoption of revisions to Rule 9 on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gaming Commission's Office, located at the 5350 North 48th Street, Suite 305 at the Wild Horse Pass Corporate Center.

In addition, the effective date of Rule 9 will be March 27, 2017 which will allow time for the Gaming Commission, Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. ("GRGE"), and affected persons and related entities to be orientated, trained and/or take other steps nec-

essary to effectively implement Rule 9. If you have questions, please contact Courtney Moyah, Executive Director at (520) 796-4471

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER
INDIAN COMMUNITY
IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the matter of the Estate of:
Doris Thomas

DOD: 02/27/2016 DOCKET#CV-2016-0055-ZAA

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
TO: Administrator or Designee and/or Family, or Interested Party
PO BOX 10692

Bapchule, AZ 85221

WHEREAS in the above matter, you were to appear for the Review Hearing scheduled on October 18, 2016

IT HAS COME to the attention of the Court that you Failed to appear as ordered for the above matter

THEREFORE:

AKMELO'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seedfarm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147

And there and then show cause, if any you have, why this COURT should not find you in contempt

FAILURE TO APPEAR without good cause may subject you to prosecution or other penalties

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona November 18, 2016.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN
COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA

BETTY MOLINA
Petitioner/Plaintiff

vs.

EDDIE ESPINOZA
Respondent/Defendant

TO: EDDIE ESPINOZA

4907 QUI STREET

CASE Number: CV-2016-0285-RO

CIVIL SUMMONS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.

YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on:

Friday, January 6, 2017 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I,

AK. IMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seedfarm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.

If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

DATED this 15th day of November, 2016.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental

Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the issuance of the air quality operating permit for the following facility:

Facility Name: Vulcan Asphalt - Maricopa Plant Facility Address: 2425 W. Power Line Rd., Maricopa, AZ 85239 (within the Gila River Sand & Gravel Maricopa Plant in District 4)

Owner Name: Vulcan Asphalt, LLC

Owner Address: 2526 E. University Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85034

Air Contaminants Emitted:

Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Sulfur Oxides (SOx)

Particulate Matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM10)

Particulate Matter (PM)

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)

Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

Public Notice Start Date: December 2, 2016

Public Notice End Date: January 2, 2017

Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued.

Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision.

Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review at the DEQ Sacaton office (during normal business hours) and on the AQP website at:

<http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education-outreach/public-notices>.

Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:

Gila River Indian Community

Department of Environmental Quality

Attn: Ryan Eberle

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147

Physical Address: 45 S. Church St., Sacaton, AZ 85147

For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 or visit our office located at 45 S. Church St., Sacaton, AZ 85147. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

COURT DATE NOTICE

In Re Case: E. GOMEZ

Docket Number: CV-2016-0188

This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR

your hearing may be held in held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING

Sacaton Community Court

721 West Seed Farm Road

Sacaton, Arizona 85147

(520) 562-9860

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016

Issued by: R. THOMAS, COURT CLERK

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

Date: Monday, October 17, 2016

*GIVEN TO ALL PARTIES PRESENT THIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016

IN OPEN COURT IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN CO UNITY COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA

ANGELA CHERYL LEOS

Plaintiff/Petitioner,

vs.

ELEAZAR GOMEZ JR

Defendant/Respondent.

TO: ELEAZAR T GOMEZ JR

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court. YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.

If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded.



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Dear Esteemed Members of the Gila River Indian Community:

We send our warmest holiday greetings to you and your family, and hope your Thanksgiving holiday was spent among your loved ones. The holiday season is a time to reflect and express our gratitude for the gifts received during the year. At Gila River Health Care, we are thankful every day for our blessings, and for the gift of trust given to us by our patients.

With our appreciation during the holiday season,
Your friends at Gila River Health Care



DECEMBER

Closures

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital
Komatke Health Center
Ak-Chin Clinic



CLOSED
Monday, December 26, 2016
Monday, January 2, 2017

There will be no Saturday clinics on
December 24, 2016 or December 31, 2016.
Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, January 3, 2017

HHKMH Pharmacy Hours
Saturday, December 24, 2016 - 10 am – 6 pm
Sunday, December 25, 2016 - CLOSED
Monday, December 26, 2016 - 12:00 noon – 8 pm

Saturday, December 31, 2016 - 10 am – 6 pm
Sunday, January 1, 2017 - CLOSED
Monday, January 2, 2017 - 12:00 noon – 8 pm

If you need immediate assistance, call 911 or visit the
Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

Holiday Recipe Makeovers

Wednesday, December 14th, District 3
Location: Life Center Conference Room
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Give your holiday favorites a healthy makeover!

• Space is limited •
To register please call
Emily at (520) 652-1200 Ext. 1717



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- Safe Talk
- Mental Health First Aid Training
- ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)

For more information, contact
Anna Pacheco at (520) 562-3321 Ext. 7031 or
Jaime Arthur at (602) 528-1374.

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