

Tribes converge in Phoenix for NCAI

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For one week, the Valley of the Sun was the center of the Native American world with the National Congress of American Indians holding their 73rd Annual Convention and Marketplace at the Phoenix Convention Center in downtown Phoenix under the theme: Prosperity Through Diversity. From Oct. 9-14, American Indian and Alaskan Native representatives converged to bring to the forefront a myriad of issues affecting Native communities both on reservations and in Washington, D.C.

The meeting had several general assemblies, breakout sessions and cultural highlights throughout the week with other events taking place in the surrounding communities like the NCAI Cultural Night, which was hosted by the Gila River Indian Community and held at Rawhide Western Town and Event Center.

The week began with a National Tribal Water Summit, which was sponsored by NCAI, the Intertribal Council of Arizona



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O'otham basket dancers share the basket dance tradition to a large crowd at the NCAI Cultural Night hosted by the Gila River Indian Community and held at Rawhide Western Town on Oct. 12.

and the Native American Rights Fund. The summit, held Oct. 9, featured panel discussions and other speakers to address critical water issues facing Native Amer-

ican tribes.

"Water is life for all of us, for the tribes, we've always known this," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, in his welcoming remarks.

Gov. Lewis also participated in a panel, which focused on water rights implementation and

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Community hosts fair for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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Around 100 Gila River Indian Community members came out to the 4th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Fair held at the District 6 Head Start on the morning of Oct. 8.

Gila River Indian Community Lt. Gov. Monica Antone talked about her own personal issues with domestic violence, saying

her own family had been affected by domestic violence and it can trickle down from generation to generation, affecting entire families.

She said that no matter what background, income, or line of work, you will encounter domestic violence in your lifetime and that it is important to build yourself up with faith, face your

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It was a packed house at the District 6 Head Start on Oct. 8 as Community members gathered for the 4th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Fair.

Arizona's Run for the Fallen honors two GRIC members for sacrifice



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The family of the late Billy Farris greeted runners during Arizona's Run for the fallen, where the former GRIC soldier was honored on Oct. 14.

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The Gila River Indian Community has always taken pride in the military service of its Com-

munity members. From the volunteers who served in the first Arizona National Guard in 1865 to the trenches in World War I, the battlefields in World War II, the Korean War front, and the jungles

of Vietnam, the call to service was never ignored. For two Community members, who were recently honored by the Community and were recognized at Arizona's Run for the Fallen event, that call was

answered with not only their service but with their lives.

Billy Farris and Joe Jackson had different journeys in life but

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The late Lance Corporal Joe M. Jackson's marker was one of the soldiers honored by Arizona's Run for the Fallen on Oct. 16 in Phoenix.

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10/25	D-6 Komatké Health Center	Registration 4:30 PM	Start 5:00 PM
11/9	D-7 Service Center	Registration 4:30 PM	Start 5:00 PM

For more information, please call the Diabetes Prevention Program at (520) 562-7940.

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Join us on Saturday mornings! Community members are invited to come and learn more about what goes into gardening and getting vegetable and fruit production from their gardens and fruit trees. All training sessions will be conducted inside the service centers. Water will be provided and remember to wear comfortable clothing.

October 22, 2016	D6 Service Center	9am – 12noon
November 5, 2016	D5 Service Center	9am – 12noon
November 12, 2016	D2 Service Center	9am – 12noon

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An urban Community Member gives a 'Shout-Out' to all

From a meeting held on Saturday, Sept. 25, an urban community member from the Los Angeles area took time to write a heart-felt message and to thank the Gila River Indian Community for taking time to come to the Los Angeles area to visit Community members living in California. The efforts made by the Gila River Indian Community Executive Office, Community Council representatives and different tribal departments such as Tribal Enrollment, the Voter Registration boards, the Per Capita Office, the Communications & Public Affairs, and others reached out to urban Community members and provide them updates on Community activities.

The open meeting was organized to give urban members in California an opportunity to speak directly with staff from key departments, hear about programs like the Urban Members Association, the implementation of a GRIC Veterans Affairs Office, to update their enrollment and per capita information.

The setting provided time to meet with Community Council representatives and most importantly to hear directly from Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis on the issues

and concerns affecting the tribal government, and all members of the Community.

Throughout the day, it was evident that the Community members in attendance were very appreciative of the visit.

A Message from A Los Angeles GRIC Urban Member:

My name is Katrina Domingo [my family is] from District 6. My mother's name is Mary Domingo; her mother [my grandmother] was late Norma Domingo. My father was the late Alden Barnargas, he passed away when I was 3 years old. I have been living on and off the reservation ever since.

I have one brother, and one sister and one dog and I now live in Los Angeles, California. I want to say hello to my family, Victoria Lewis, Michele Hutchinson, Michael, Roxy, Lenny and my B.F.F. Michele Narcia. I miss you all and want to thank the Gila River Indian Community for coming out to L.A. to talk to [the] urban natives. It was good to see Anthony Chris Villareal - so cool to see family.

*Much love,
Katrina Domingo*



June Shorthair/CPAO

From left, Katrina Domingo, District 6 Council Representative Anthony Villareal, Mary Domingo and Destiny Acevedo at the outreach to urban members in Los Angeles, Calif.



June Shorthair/CPAO

Urban members in attendance during a visit from GRIC leadership.

In Loving Memory



Phyllis C. (Lewis) Osife
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A letter from heaven when tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see, if the sun should rise and find your eyes welled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time you think of me I know you'll miss me too. When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me I'm right there in your heart.

Remembering you on your third anniversary - forever loved and eternally missed.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2016
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Excerpt of Gov. Lewis remarks from Nat'l Water Summit

Communications & Public Affairs Office Gila River Indian Community

On Oct. 9, 2016, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis participated in a water rights implementation panel at the National Tribal Water Summit, which was sponsored by National Congress of American Indians, the Intertribal Council of Arizona and the Native American Rights Fund. The following are excerpts from the remarks Gov. Lewis provided at this panel and have been edited for brevity.

Background on Gila River Indian Community, Its Claims & Settlement

For those of you who are not familiar with the Gila River Indian Community, we are located south of the Phoenix metropolitan area. For generations the Gila River sustained us and we were very successful and self-sufficient farmers, but soon after the Civil War, non-Indians upstream of the Community began to divert Gila River water eventually depriving the Community of water to support the Community's agricultural economy, and causing dramatic and detrimental changes to our diet and culture.

The Community fought for over 100 years

to get its water back, and finally in 2004 Congress approved our water settlement when it passed the Arizona Water Settlements Act. Under the water settlement the Community agreed to forego some of its rights and claims to Gila River water in exchange for guaranteed delivery of affordable Central Arizona Project (CAP) water through the CAP.

The settlement allocates 311,800 acre feet of CAP water to the Community each year, making the Community the single largest CAP contractor. The settlement also provides a large amount of groundwater rights and funds to construct and rehab on-reservation canals for irrigation.

Goals of the Settlement and Early Challenges & Opportunities

The primary goal of the settlement was to bring back farming on our lands, which is culturally important to the Community. But there was also a desire to restore the Gila River.

The rehabilitation of our canals will not be complete until 2030, so much of our CAP water was going to go unused by us, and be used by others with no benefit to the Community. So in 2009 the Community developed a plan to use its

CAP water by storing it off reservation to create long-term storage credits. These long-term storage credits are paper water rights that can be marketed and transferred in a manner that is much more lucrative than long-term leasing.

In addition, the Community began plans to develop an on-reservation storage facility that would achieve two goals:

1. Bring back the river; and
2. Augment groundwater supplies for our farmers.

The Community has developed and is now operating a recharge facility on our lands that involves direct delivery of CAP water into the Gila River to recreate the natural flow. Under this project we can create long-term storage credits that can be marketed, recharge our aquifer, and create a vibrant riparian ecosystem within our reservation.

NGS Challenge

One of the implementation challenges we have faced was an EPA rulemaking at the Navajo Generation Station (NGS), which is a large coal power plant located near Page, Ariz. on the Navajo Reservation. Although our settlement provides funds to subsidize

the costs of delivering CAP water to the Community, the Community is responsible for the energy charges to deliver CAP water.

NGS is partially owned by the United States, and the federal share of NGS supplies approximately 95% of the power to deliver CAP water to the Community, and given our entitlement of CAP water we are the single largest NGS power customer.

In 2010 the EPA began to propose rules that would require NGS to install and operate environmental controls that would significantly increase the cost of CAP water. The emissions controls at NGS threatened to render CAP water unaffordable, and even threatened to shut down NGS, which would have had a negative impact on the Community in excess of \$2 billion.

From the Community's perspective these emission controls would be comparable to the original wrongs done to the Community when non-Indian farmers upstream on the Gila River diverted the flows of that river to the point that it stopped running.

Given the uniqueness of NGS, a number of stakeholders developed an alternative rule that was adopt-



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis speaking before hundreds of attendees at the National Tribal Water Summit at the Phoenix Convention Center on Oct. 9.

ed by EPA. This alternative took a phased approach to installing emission controls and allowed for the plant to remain open so that a glide-path to alternative energy supplies for the CAP can be developed to ultimately replace NGS.

From the Community's perspective this was not a perfect solution. We continue to struggle with the rising cost of CAP water that is largely driven by energy costs. These costs have forced the Community to scale back the scope of agricultural revitalization.

Five Year Water Plan

Starting in 2014, we began confronting numerous issues related to the Community's increased water use as a result of the water settlement. The rising cost of CAP water made

the prospect of its continued use for irrigation on the reservation economically difficult, if not impossible.

In response, we developed a plan to address these issues and ensure two important goals:

1. Expansion of farming in an affordable way; and
2. Return of portions of the Gila River in an affordable way.

On Sept. 16, 2015, the Community Council approved the Five Year Water Plan. Under the Plan the Community will use its water marketing proceeds to fund a Permanent Water Fund. The sole purpose of this fund is to create enough income to cover the annual budget deficit associated with our water costs.

*** GRTV News Weekly and GRIC Events showing at 6:30am, 10:30am, 3:30pm & 8:00pm. ***

	Sunday 10/23	Monday 10/24	Tuesday 10/25	Wednesday 10/26	Thursday 10/27	Friday 10/28	Saturday 10/29
12:00pm	American Outrage <i>US gov't spent millions</i>	Horse Tribe <i>The connection of human to animal, grief to resolve, and values to action.</i>	People of the Beautiful River <i>After the loss of their land, their population slowly decreased.</i>	Behind the Blue Veil <i>The crisis in the Sahara, gov't corruption and neglect of the indigenous.</i>	Sculpting in Wood and Words <i>The Art of Kent...</i>	Standing On Sacred Ground <i>Islands of Sanctuary</i>	For the Generations: Native Story and Performance
12:30pm	prosecuting 2 elderly women.						
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>Portrait of a Mask Maker</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Introduction</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Journey of a Song</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Akwiten</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Chiefly Possessions</i>	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Return of the Buffalo</i>
1:30pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Champions of the North
2:00pm	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Return of the Buffalo</i>	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Native Nation Building <i>Intro to Nation Building</i>
2:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit <i>Sean Couchie</i>	From The Spirit <i>April Mercredi</i>	From The Spirit <i>John Rombough</i>	From The Spirit <i>Aaron Paquette</i>	From The Spirit <i>Abraham Anghik Ruben</i>	People of the Pines <i>Gaining Legitimacy</i>
3:00pm	One More River-Part 1 & 2 <i>The decision making process of Quebec Crees to allow another mega-hydro project to be built on their land.</i>	Creative Native <i>We Are What We Eat Pt.1</i>	Creative Native <i>We Are What We Eat Pt.2</i>	Creative Native <i>Smithsonian Institute</i>	Creative Native <i>Masks of Big House</i>	Creative Native <i>Sweet Reflections</i>	Making Regalia
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4:00pm		Working It Out Together	Indian Pride <i>Indian Treaties/Sovereignty</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride <i>Spirituality</i>	Storytellers in Motion	The Other Side <i>That's For Sure</i>
4:30pm	Fractured Land <i>A young Indigenous law student fighting to protect his land and people from the ravages of neocolonialism.</i>	Back in the Day <i>Shelter</i>	Oskayak Down Under	Common Ground	Down The Mighty River <i>One Less River</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian and Aliens <i>Sandy Mastly</i>
5:00pm		First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Indigenous Focus <i>From Kalahari to Court</i>
5:30pm		People of the Beautiful River	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>Bush Medicine</i>
6:00pm	Native Voice TV	<i>A plot by the Langevin brothers that caused the Maliseets of Viger to lose their ancestral lands.</i>	Behind the Blue Veil <i>The crisis in the Sahara and the gov't corruption and neglect of the indigenous.</i>	Sculpting in Wood and Words <i>The Art of Kent...</i>	Standing On Sacred Ground <i>Islands of Sanctuary</i>	Wapos Bay: The Movie <i>Talon and Raven learn that their dad has taken a job in the big city and their family will have to move away from Wapos Bay.</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People Native Report
6:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>Chris Eyre</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Guardians</i>	Wapos Bay <i>All Access</i>	Wapos Bay <i>As Long As The River</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Tricks and Treats</i>		Wapos Bay <i>Tricks and Treats</i>
7:00pm	Wapos Bay <i>A Time To Learn</i>	Fish Out Of Water <i>The Somoan Village</i>	Fish Out Of Water <i>Umatilla Band of Indians</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Mississippi Band Indians</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Great River Camps</i>	Fish Out Of Water <i>Blackfoot Adventure</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>The Somoan Village</i>
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8:30pm	Native Shorts <i>Rocket Boy</i>	Indians and Aliens <i>Sandy Mastly</i>	Back in the Day <i>Shelter</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Yukon Kings</i>	Rez Rides <i>Going National</i>	Champions of the North <i>Mothers & Babies</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Birth of a Station</i>
9:00pm	The Activist <i>Suspicious circumstances surround the arrest and imprisonment of two American Indian activists.</i>	Trail of Tears - Part 1 <i>Life and death on the Trail, where between 4, 000 and 8,000 Cherokee died.</i>	Why Treaties <i>The Chippewa ceded some 11 million acres of land to the United States Gov't.</i>	The Modoc War <i>Modoc Indian warriors held off hundreds of U.S. Army soldiers.</i>	Birch Bark Canoe <i>The authenticity and sensitivity of the cultural context of the canoe.</i>	One More River-Part 1 <i>The decision making of Crees to allow a mega-hydro project to be built.</i>	Allan Baldwin: In Frame <i>An exploration into the hearts and minds of Kuia and Kaumatua.</i>
9:30pm		Trail of Tears - Part 2 <i>Life and death on the Trail, where between 4, 000 and 8,000 Cherokee died.</i>	Don't Get Sick After June <i>The U.S. government's dismal failure to provide health care.</i>	Grab <i>The evolution of this 300-year-old custom, from its introduction to its modern-day twists.</i>	Every Emotion Costs <i>An exploration of the reality of returning home on the reserve to face family, community and death.</i>	One More River-Part 2 <i>The decision making of Crees to allow a mega-hydro project to be built.</i>	Animal Songs
10:00pm							
10:30pm	Gold Fever <i>Powerful look at the reality of what it means when gold miners dig into the 3rd world.</i>	Nunavik: Land of Ice <i>Issues of respect and preservation of traditions and natural environment.</i>	American Outrage <i>US gov't spent millions prosecuting 2 elderly women.</i>	Good Meat <i>Journey to get healthy by converting to a traditional Lakota diet centered on buffalo and native foods.</i>	Rez <i>Rez</i>	Paul Whitesinger	How to Trace your Native American Heritage
11:00pm							Sacred Stick <i>The historical, cultural, and spiritual aspects of lacrosse.</i>
11:30pm						Across The Creek	

Proclamation honors the late Gila Crossing teacher Sharon Shelde

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In an Oct. 4 proclamation, Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis officially designated Thursday, September 29, 2016, Sharon Kay Shelde Day.

According to Gov. Lewis's proclamation, the day is designated in recognition of Shelde's contributions and achievements as an educator at the Gila Crossing Community School and that the Gila River Indian Community is

grateful for the hard work and dedication Shelde embodied. Her commitment to educating GRIC's youth improved the educational and spiritual lives of the Community's youth and families.

The proclamation said, "Ms. Shelde tirelessly spent 12 years pursuing the best interest of the Community and its children. Her dedication to the Community, through its youngest members, is boundless, and the Gila River Indian Community salutes Ms. Shelde for her 12 years of dedication,

commitment and hard work nurturing the Gila River Indian Community through its children and families."

"The Gila River Indian Community hereby pays special tribute to Ms. Shelde for being a supreme example of a human being who embodies a unique blend of leadership, devotion, compassion, and resourcefulness."

Born in Phoenix in 1952, Shelde was raised in Komatke Village and attended South Mountain High School and graduated from Arizona State Univer-

sity in 2014.

Shelde was a certified Native Language Teacher by the Arizona Department of Education, one of only five individuals to receive the certificate, and was the cultural teacher at Gila Crossing Community School where she encouraged students to learn about O'otham Himdag.

The late Sharon Shelde, at a graduation ceremony, was honored with a proclamation by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.



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GRIC to construct 4,000-square-foot gas station and by next spring

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Commuters between Coolidge and Casa Grande will soon be able to fill up their gas tanks at a new gas station that is slated to be fully constructed and ready for business by next spring.

According to the Casa Grande Dispatch, the gas station will be located at Signal Peak Road and State Route 87, where a drilling rig, owned and operated

by KP Ventures Well Drill & Pump Co. was currently drilling the gas station's well near Blackwater. Drilling was finished by mid-September.

The gas station will include diesel pumps and a 4,000-square-foot 24/7 convenience store and smoke shop.

Wild Horse Pass Development Authority's Director of Marketing, Alia Hauter, said that the new gas station will be a closer

option for residents in nearby communities.

"If you don't gas up leaving Coolidge, you have to wait until you get to Casa Grande or even Chandler," Hauter said in the Dispatch. "It's a long way to go and this will be a much closer option for residents in the area."

A new gas station will give commuters better fuel options at Signal Peak Road and SR 87.



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Indigenous Peoples' Day

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Gila River Indian News

Phoenix is now the largest city in the United States to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day. The city council voted unanimously on Oct. 5 to establish the second Monday of every October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

That day, of course, is also known as Columbus Day, which is a federal holiday.

But Native American groups across the country have been lobbying for local governments to abolish Columbus Day and replace it with Indigenous Peoples' Day, which is meant to recognize the history, heritage, and contributions of the land's first people.

Phoenix now joins a growing list of American cities that recognize the new holiday, which includes Seattle, Denver, Santa Fe, Portland, and about 25 others. Phoenix has approximately 44,000 American Indian and Alaska Native residents.

"Today is Indigenous Peoples' Day," said National Congress of American Indians President Brian Cladoosby at the NCAI Convention on Oct. 10.

"We are proud to celebrate this day. This celebration...is for our ancestors," he said, "the heartaches,

and the trauma they had to experience, and we just pray that people would understand how we feel."

Cladoosby said, "I wish people would understand how Christopher Columbus, in his fourth trip back to Europe, was sent back in shackles. That is part of history that - I don't know [if it] ever will be taught in our history books here in the U.S. And if you read his journal entries, and if you read the accounts of why he was sent back in shackles, it was because of [the] terrible, terrible way he treated the first indigenous peoples when he got here. And it's a sad history, one that I wish people would tell so people would understand, truly, the full picture."

Kevin Gover, the director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C., said, "We deal all the time with American Indian identity and stereotypes. Our visitors don't come to us as blank slates."

He said, "All Americans, even Native Americans, are taught to believe in 'imaginary Indians' so that the stories that we hear, the version of history that we're taught in our school system, and then takes hold in popular culture, bear little resemblance to the truth."




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Farris and Jackson from Page 1



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, center, during the ceremony for the late Billy Farris at St. Peter Indian Mission School. Gary Anderson, left, holds Gov. Lewis's proclamation with Farris's family, right.

for the second week in October, they were linked by their bravery and sacrifice. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis issued two proclamations in their names and their families, friends and comrades were presented with American flags at mile markers dedicated to their memory as part of 146-mile memorial run called Arizona's Run for the Fallen.

Farris, who was 20 years old, was killed in action on Dec. 3, 2006 during Operation Iraqi Freedom while serving in the U.S. Army. Jackson, who was 22, died in Afghanistan on April 24, 2011 during Operation Enduring Freedom while serving in the U.S. Marines.

Gov. Lewis' proclamations were issued on Oct. 11, which dedicated Oct. 14 as Corporal Billy Farris Day and Oct. 16 as Lance Corporal Joe Jackson Day. Flags at all government buildings were ordered to be flown at half-staff from

Oct. 14-16.

On Oct. 14, the day that Farris' hero marker was honored by the runners, his family was presented with the Arizona Gold Star Military Medal by Arizona Department of Veterans Services Director Wanda Wright at a special ceremony at St. Peter Indian Mission School, where he attended, in Bapchule, District 5. St. Peter's is also home to the Billy Farris Memorial Hall, a one-story feast house adjacent to the campus.

The Arizona Gold Star Military Medal honors Arizona members of the Armed Forces who have been killed in action.

Col. Wright said to Cpl. Farris's family, "I extend my deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to family and friends of Billy, who sacrificed his life in defense of [our] Nation and freedom."

At the ceremony, Farris's father Larry Antone

said, "When he grew up that is all he wanted to be was a soldier."

Farris was assigned to the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, and 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division based out of Fort Lewis in Washington.

Cpl. Farris's mother Elizabeth Antone, said her son was part of a search operation to locate a downed U.S. Air Force F-16 pilot Maj. Troy L. Gilbert, who was part of a squadron based out of Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, Ariz.

Maj. Gilbert, a fellow Arizonan, lost his life the same day as Farris, when his jet crashed while supporting friendly ground forces north of Iraq.

Inside of the St. Peter's chapel, students started the morning by giving a prayer and singing traditional O'otham songs. Before filing out of the chapel, students sang "God Bless America," in English and O'otham and a "Going Home" song to send off the students that were going to start their own version of the memorial run.

The students were joined by Gov. Lewis as they trotted their way along the paved sidewalk that snakes through the school.

After the walk was finished, the students went back into the chapel to hear opening remarks from Gov. Lewis before the special presentation to the parents of Cpl. Farris. "Always remember Cpl. Farris, who is more than just a name on

the hall, but it is important that we see that name there, because he gave his life for all of [us], the Gila River Indian Community, for all Native Americans, for the state of Arizona, and his country," said Gov. Lewis.

Farris's mother, Elizabeth, said everyone at the school was instrumental in helping raise her son while he attended St. Peter Indian Mission School and that since his passing it was even more reassuring to have them still be by their side.

While on deployment Elizabeth said that he always carried with him the teachings that he learned at school and would do his daily prayers half a world away.

Gary Anderson a member of Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 and the Veterans and Family Services planning committee talked about the motivation behind the whole event.

"At first [we] wanted to do something at [his] hero marker out on Highway 79, but a lot of things came together. I was in a meeting with Community Manager Pam Thompson and Gov. Lewis and informed them about the idea of putting something on at St. Peter's," said Anderson.

He said as soon as the idea was presented to Community leadership it turned into something bigger and with the coordination with school Principal Sister Martha Carpenter, Anderson said, everything came



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

The late Lance Corporal Joe M. Jackson's marker will be mailed to his family in Washington by Ira H. Hayes Post 84. The GRIC Executive Office will be mailing Jackson's proclamation to his family along with commemorative T-shirts.

together.

Later in the day Farris's family gathered on Highway 79 ten miles south of Florence. Cpl. Farris's name was assigned to Hero Marker 58 located at mile marker 120.

The Arizona Run for the Fallen event, which is a three-day trek from Tucson to Phoenix uses "Hero Markers" to honor Arizona, servicemen and women who have been killed in action in recent conflicts, but honors all past service members who have given their life in combat.

Although the runners were a little behind schedule, the group made it's

way to where Farris's family was waiting and saluted Elizabeth and delivered an American flag and a copy of the hero marker.

Jackson's honors persisted on Sunday Oct. 16 when the Arizona Run for the Fallen runners presented the Ira H. Hayes Post 84 with an American flag and his hero marker. Since Jackson was adopted by a family from the state of Washington, Post 84 received his marker and flag which will be mailed to his family in the Northwest. "It's just one way to give back to them," said Tony McDaniel of the Ira H. Hayes Post 84.

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Saying what's yours and mine in Akimel O'otham

Every language has a way of expressing ownership, or when an object belongs to someone. In Akimel O'otham *ñeo'ok*, this is done by saying two nouns together or by using a pronoun with a noun. For example if you wanted to say that you saw Mary's sister yesterday you could say "Ñei anth heg Mali:ya ve:nag thako." In this sentence the part that means Mary's sister is expressed by the Akimel O'otham words Mali:ya ve:nag. Putting two words together to express ownership creates what is called a possessive phrase. In Akimel O'otham the order for possessed phrases normally starts with the possessor (the person that has ownership) occurring first while the possessed noun (the noun that is owned or claimed) comes last. This is the same ordering of words that English uses in creating possessive phrases. What is different in this example is that there is no suffix (or word ending) like the '-s' suffix that is always added to the possessor in English possessed phrases (John's dog, Mary's

sister). Just by combining the two words together in the right order gives the meaning of Mary's sister. Now this pattern changes slightly depending on the type of object that is being claimed. If you were to change the first sentence to say you saw John's car yesterday it would turn into "Ñei anth heg Huan kalithga thako." In this sentence the possessed phrase (the part that means John's car) is expressed by words Huan kalithga. The word for car in O'otham is kalith and for claiming ownership in this case you add a suffix -ga to the word kalith. This pattern is different from English in that you do not add the suffix to the possessor (like in English, see for example John's car) but instead add it to the possessed noun (Huan kalithga). What is also different is that this suffix is only found with certain nouns and does not get attached to all words like the possessive ('-s) suffix in English. Akimel O'otham speakers know without thinking what words use the -ga suffix and which ones

don't need it. For learners it is best to listen closely and take note of what words go with the suffix. For most speakers, the difference can be loosely described that between nouns that have a close relationship to you and those that are more distant. Nouns that refer to things like parts of the body (mo'o 'head', nov 'hand', kaiyo 'leg'), people (alithag 'man's child', mađ 'woman's child', je'e 'mother'), and clothing (kamish 'shirt', shu:shk 'shoes', vonam 'hat') never take the -ga ending. It could be that you don't need the -ga at the ends of these words because these items are already understood as belonging to someone or have a close relationship to people. The words that fit in this group will vary from speaker and some speakers will prefer to use -ga with items like clothes. Other nouns like pets (gogs 'dog', mi:thol 'cat', ko:ji 'pig'), plants (ha:l, hu:ñ, pilkañ), and other items (kalith 'car', jeved 'land', lial 'money', ve:m ñeokkuđ 'cell phone') use the ending -ga when you

say that it belongs to someone. The types of nouns that take the -ga ending are often those that can be purchased or that do not necessarily belong to someone. With animals there is another possible way to make a possessive phrase and that is by using the O'otham word shoiga. This word specifies that the animal that is being talked about is a pet and belongs to someone. For example you

can say "Ñei anth heg Robert kaviyu shoiga" to mean "I saw Robert's horse." In this example you don't need to use -ga at the end of kaviyu 'horse' because you specified that the horse is someone's shoiga or pet. It is also possible to say the same phrase using -ga "Ñei anth heg Robert kaviuga. This type of possessive phrase works even with animals that are not normally made into pets and can be

heard in the O'otham translation of Mary had a little lamb. The first line of that nursery rhyme is seen below.

Mali:ya ash ge kavulga, kavulga, kavulga.

This month's word match is based on possessive phrases. Match the picture with the phrase in O'otham that best describes the ownership relationship.

Match the possessive word/phrase with its picture!

vakial kaviyu shoiga

viappoi ve:m ñeokkudga

keli thashga

che:ya gogs shoiga

oks kalithga

cheoj ve:nag

Huhugam Heritage Center hosts festive opening night for ATALM conference

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

As guests walked through the front entrance of the Huhugam Heritage Center on the evening of Oct. 11, they were greeted with a jubilant atmosphere of festive lights, music, food, and at the center of it all, a ball court full of dancers, hand in hand, performing the mazurka.

The evening welcoming event was opening night for the Association of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums' (ATALM) conference, held at the Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa from Oct. 9-12.

As guests stepped off of Wild Horse Pass shuttles in the HHC's parking lot they were warmly greeted by tribal royalty, escorted to ballroom style tables, and entertained by traditional dancers from Arizona's southern tribes.

While the warm and welcoming atmosphere of the evening may have seemed to develop naturally, it was in fact a fine-

ly tuned and well-planned project that took almost a year to complete.

The goal of the event was to make guests feel welcomed and at home, said Shirley Jackson, Executive Director for the Huhugam Heritage Center, because "when you come to an O'otham person's house, they should offer you water, they should offer you food," she said.

Planning for the event began in October 2015 when word first came that the ATALM conference was coming to Gila River. Jackson said that they didn't want to make the event only about the Gila River Indian Community, but to highlight all four O'otham sister tribes.

"Yes, we are separated by these boundaries but at the same time we are relatives, cousins, sisters, and brothers," said Jackson. "We wanted to make sure that people coming from Alaska or back East would know that we are one people, that we share the same language and history [and] welcome them into our ter-

ritory, our land."

Over three hundred representatives from different indigenous museums made their way to the Huhugam Heritage Center to attend the welcoming, some of them coming from as far away as Switzerland and Qatar.

Guests enjoyed the sights, sounds and flavors of the Akimel O'otham, Tohono O'odham, Ak-Chin, Salt River, and Pee-Posh tribes.

Traditional dancers performed in front of hundreds of guests in the center of the museum's ball court while others dined on plates of red chili, chumuth, beans, and squash.

The evening also featured art booths, live art performances and tours of the Huhugam Heritage Center's collections.

To top off the night, guests were treated to the sounds of waila performed by none other than Gertie and the T.O. Boys, who got conference attendees dancing the polka, mazurka, and always-popular cumbia.

Susan Feller, President

of the ATALM, said of the opening night, "The theme of our conference this year is 'Culture Builds Community' and this [event] is a wonderful example of how culture keeps [community] strong."

The ATALM is an organization that aims to raise awareness concerning the needs of indigenous cultural institutions throughout the world, provides culturally responsive services through training events, and advocates for indigenous cultural institutions.

"It's not just preserving the relics, it's also preserving the language," Feller said of the organization.

She continued, "Our [organization's] board chair, Walter Echo-Hawk, who is Pawnee, says that no tribe can truly be sovereign unless it is in control of its own cultural heritage. Therefore, we all believe that every tribe should have its own archive, library, and museum that manages its own culture."

As the evening came to an end, Feller expressed



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN
Guests enjoyed a down home meal of red chili, squash, beans, and chumuth.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN
ATALM guests visit with local artist Mike Zillioux at the HHC on Oct. 11.

her thanks for the warm welcoming.

"We have people from all over the world [here] and I think they are all

very impressed with what [has] been done here. We feel very welcome and we thank [them] for their hospitality," she said.

NCAI Cultural Night held at Rawhide Western Town

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The National Congress of American Indians' Annual Convention is a place for tribal leaders to discuss the serious topics of the day. But NCAI Cultural Night is a chance for everyone to relax and enjoy a good time.

The Cultural Night was hosted by the Gila River Indian Community at Rawhide Western Town from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. on Oct. 12.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone opened the Cultural Night.

She said, "I wanted to welcome you here to the Gila River Indian Community, the land of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh. ... I know there is a lot of important work that has been done [at NCAI] throughout the week. ... We want to welcome all Natives because that's what we do as indigenous people, and I want to thank all the tribal leaders that made it out [tonight]. Enjoy yourselves this evening."



Bird Dancers and singers shared traditional songs and dances during NCAI Cultural Night.



Lt. Governor Monica Antone welcomes the many guests and visitors to NCAI Cultural Night.

Emcees and comedians Teresa Choyguha and Wolf Brown had the audience of 700-plus roaring,

while a meal of chili, potato salad, squash and chumuth kept people satisfied along with traditional food sam-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

O'otham social dances highlighted an evening honoring Arizona's indigenous heritage.

ples of "ga'ivsa" (ground corn), "bavi" (teparty beans) and more.

The evening featured traditional dancers from the O'otham, Pee Posh, Hopi, Apache, Pasqua Yaqui Tribe, and others.

Gov. Lewis thanked the NCAI for visiting the Gila River Indian Community and asked tribal officials to support efforts to stop construction of the Loop 202 Extension because GRIC

considers South Mountain a sacred site.

NCAI President Brian Cladoosby of the Swinomish Tribe of Washington said it was a pleasure to witness the continued preservation of Native cultures in Arizona.

"I've had the opportunity to travel throughout Indian Country and there is nothing better than being able to witness another area's culture, to be able

to see that the elders have taught the younger ones in a good way."

As a group of basket dancers young and old danced in the background, he said, "When I witness this, I know that our culture is going to be alive and well for the next seven generations."

Guests danced the night away with waila music provided by Gertie and the T.O. Boys.

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economic development. Several other tribal leaders, tribal counsels and representatives from the Department of Interior and policy advisors spoke on critical issues pertaining to water rights including litigation, drought impacts and current Indian water rights settlements and negotiations.

Michael Connor, Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior gave a keynote address on the impact of the Obama Administration on Indian water rights settlement policy.

He also congratulated Gov. Lewis and GRIC's commitment to their water rights implementation.

"The Gila River Indian Community was a force to be reckoned with, with respect to asserting its claims and its rights to water," said Connor.

NCAI was officially called to order by NCAI President Brian Cladoosby on Monday, Oct. 10. Gila River veterans served as the honor guard for the posting of the colors. Highlights from the first general assembly included a welcome from City of Phoenix

Vice Mayor Kate Gallego, updates on Supreme Court cases and an Indian health service update.

A networking focal point of the weeklong conference was the NCAI Marketplace. The lower level of the Phoenix Convention Center held dozens of informational booths and tribal exhibits for conference goers to meet with representatives from local and out-of-state communities.

Gov. Lewis continued in his representation of the Community at the Third General Assembly on Oct.

11. He was a presenter on a panel called "Federal Infrastructure Permitting and the Trust Responsibility," (see page 11). The panel centered on the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's fight to protect its lands, waters, sacred places and natural resources and Gov. Lewis said Standing Rock parallels GRIC's fight to protect South Mountain and stop the proposed Loop 202 expansion.

Another critical issue that directly



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NCAI President Brian Cladoosby gives an interview at an NCAI event.

affects the Community is the controversy surrounding the Indian Child Welfare Act. The Native child protection legal structure is being threatened by opponents against ICWA and Gov. Lewis lent his thoughts in a breakout session which promoted child welfare and family wellness.

Jacqueline Pata, NCAI Executive Director, introduced Gov. Lewis and said, "Gov. Lewis has a wide experience in [this] field and has a concern for the welfare of the youth and in reaching out to those that can assist the Community, like NCAI."

Gov. Lewis was emphatic in his call for unity for ICWA.

Gov. Lewis said, "It is national organizations like NCAI that have really helped tribes understand what their rights are when it comes to standing up for the future of their communities that find themselves under attack."



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Arizona's Native American veterans assisted in the opening ceremonies at the NCAI Convention & Marketplace at the Phoenix Convention Center.

The conference then shifted late Tuesday as NCAI rallied for American Indians and Alaskan Natives to vote in the Nov. 8 presidential election. The Native Vote Pep Rally was an informative and interactive event to directly involve Native Americans in the importance of voting.

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) joined the Fourth General Assembly on Wednesday Oct. 12 and gave his support to NCAI for their work on Native American issues. "I'm proud to be with NCAI. It continues to be a vehicle for empowering Indian leaders from around the country to advocate safeguarding government to government relationships between your sovereign nations and the United States government," said McCain.

Every NCAI Convention and Marketplace has a cultural night to bring together all the attendees to partake in the local heritage of its host nations.

This year was no different with the convention reaching a cultural crescendo at the NCAI Cultural Night hosted by the Gila River Indian Community. Held at Rawhide Western Town and Event Center, the event consisted of entertainment, dinner, arts and crafts and several cultural sharings and blessings from the diverse communities that make up Arizona's Native population. (See Cultural Night above).

District 5 Community Council Representative Robert Stone gave the invocation to the final General Assembly on Friday, Oct. 14. He administered a blessing and shared an O'otham song about the legendary "dust devils" that whirl in the Community during the summer months. The convention officially adjourned at 12 p.m. The 74th Annual Convention and Marketplace will be held in Milwaukee, Wis., from Oct. 15-20, 2017.



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NCAI makes a statement against Native American sports mascots

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Rethink. Replace. Re-name.

NCAI staff members maroon red shirts with one of those words each in a style mimicking the National Football League's Washington team on Oct. 12, during the NCAI Convention.

The shirts instantly capture one's attention because they are done in the same font and color scheme as the team's actual logo. On first glance it looks like a team shirt, but after a double-take passersby realize it's not in support of, but in opposition to the team name.

"We did that purposely to have the same colors as the football team," said NCAI Deputy Director Robert Holden, "to have them rethink what [they're]



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

NCAI staff members wear shirts to speak out against Indigenous mascot names.

doing, to replace that logo, to rename that name."

The message is clear: NCAI does not take the team's name or logo lightly and is serious about changing it.

In 2013 the NCAI pub-

lished a treatise entitled, Ending the Legacy of Racism in Sports & the Era of Harmful "Indian" Sports Mascots. The publication covers the nature of racism in sports from children's leagues to the professional

level. NCAI says professional sports teams with disparaging names and iconography such as the "Washington Redsk*ns... profit from harmful stereotypes [which] originated

during a time when white superiority and segregation were common place."

The report continues, "Each of these professional sports businesses attempt to establish a story of honoring Native peoples through the names or mascots; however, each one ... diminishes the place, status, and humanity of contemporary Native citizens."

NCAI has passed resolutions aimed at not only bringing awareness to the insensitive and ignorant nature of mascots misrepresenting Native Americans, but also at making effective change in sports arenas to combat the perpetuation of those stereotypes.

Holden said the NCAI was instrumental in changing team mascots and names in the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The organization also works with federal and

local legislatures to bring attention to the issue.

News of the movement has quieted down, but Holden said, "I wouldn't say that it's died, it just gets overshadowed by some of the other issues."

He said elementary and secondary school districts across the country have been reckoning with the mascot issue.

"It's still out there, and there are some parents within these school systems that understand it and they get it in terms of disparaging Native culture, but also the impact it has on those Native children in that school system where a lot of this takes place."

He said, "Within those local school boards there have been dozens of changes that you don't read about. We hear about them because they call us and ask us for more information."

Former Gila River General Counsel honored at NCAI Gala



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Rod Lewis, former GRIC General Counsel enjoys a dance in his honor during the NCAI Gala.

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Gila River Indian News

In a tribute to his father's legacy, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis honored Rodney Lewis at the NCAI Gala, Oct. 13.

"It is incumbent upon us to recognize our elders,"

said Gov. Lewis. "My father fit so many roles. He is a veteran, and he used the G.I. Bill to go to law school from there."

Rod, as he's known, is celebrated for his nearly 30-year career as the General Counsel for the Gila River Indian Community, and his

work that helped the tribe win its water rights.

Rod also worked on and won the case Central Machinery v. Arizona Tax Comm'n, which went to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1980.

Gov. Lewis said it was "one of the first big state taxation cases in Indian Country. The state of Arizona tried to tax our farms and so that went all the way to the Supreme Court. He argued that case. He was the first Native American to argue a case before the Supreme Court, and he actually succeeded and won that case. He was the first Native American to win a case in the U.S. Supreme Court."

Native American Rights Fund Executive Di-

rector John Echohawk said he's known Rod since the 1960s.

"We were in that first wave [of Native American lawyers]. We now have grown to 2,500 Native American attorneys. Rod had his vision helping his Gila River Indian Community deal with their biggest problem and that was the water rights issue. He put in 30 years working on that and he got it done, the largest Native American water rights settlement in history. I'm so honored to call Rod a friend."

Rod said it was an honor to be recognized "before such a distinguished group of tribal leaders. Every tribal leader [here] has so much to work for, spends so much time working on

the issues for your people."

He said a key to his work was having the support of the Community Council, and thanked them for their work.

Gov. Lewis presented his father with a shell necklace.

"Shell jewelry is a very ancient art," he said. "This design [is] a war shield design. It was held by our last hereditary chief, Antonio Azul. He carried this design on his shield when he went to war. He was an incredible intellectual. He was also a warrior, and a leader. That's why I want to give this to my father."

He gave another shell necklace with the image of the man-in-the-maze to Cladoosby.

The traditional basket

dancers group Achem A'al closed the evening with a series of ceremonial songs to honor Rod.

"Leadership is hard," Gov. Lewis said, but it's worth the hard work "when you see...that dedication turned into victories and hope for the people."

Brian Cladoosby thanked Gov. Lewis for uplifting his father.

He said, "We greatly appreciate you honoring him in a good way in front of so many tribal nations, an example to them to stand their elders up while they're still with us, to let them know how much we love them and care about them and to recognize the great work they've done for all of Indian Country."

GRIC Youth Competes in Miss Indian Arizona in Chandler

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Gila River Indian News

Shaandiin Parrish was crowned Miss Indian Arizona (MIA) at the Chandler Center for the Arts on Oct. 8. Parrish is 22, from the Navajo Nation and a student at Arizona State University.

Mykhal Mendoza of the White Mountain Apache Tribe was crowned Miss Indian Arizona First Attendant.

Seven contestants competed for the crown: Anissa Angel Garcia, Gila River Indian Community; Parrish; Juanita Lisa Rose Stanley, San Carlos Apache Tribe; Mariah Jordan Sharpe, Colorado River Indian Tribes; Mykhal Mendoza, White Moun-

tain Apache Tribe; Harriet Lynn Chewing, Tohono O'odham Nation; and Morgan Angel Smith, San Carlos Apache Tribe.

While she didn't take home a crown, Garcia said she was proud to represent the Gila River Indian Community and had a great time getting to know the other contestants.

The contestants kicked off the pageant with an opening number set to Shania Twain's "Man! I Feel Like a Woman." Each presented traditional regalia from their respective tribes, the depth of their cultural knowledge as well as their future aspirations.

Parrish is pursuing bachelor's degrees in political science and public policy. She is a Gates Millen-

nium Scholar and serves on the ASU American Indian Council. Her goal is to be fluent in Navajo.

In her spare time she is an amateur photographer, enjoys DIY projects, traveling, baking, gardening, and listening to stories from her grandparents. She wants to encourage Native American youth from Arizona to dream big.

She was quoted in the pageant as saying, "I believe that the power of change lies within the hands of this generation's youth. I think the youth just need encouragement to pursue their dreams and goals. I wouldn't be where I am today without the people that believed in me."

In a post on the MIA Facebook page, she wrote,



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis escorted Anissa Garcia at the Miss Indian Arizona Pageant. From left, Miss Gila River Oriana Apkaw, Anissa Garcia, Gov. Lewis, Jr. Miss Gila River Deirdre Copperfield, Jr. Miss Gila River Second Attendant Karissa Mark.

"I am honored to serve as your 55th Miss Indian Arizona. I am also excited to be serving with our love-

ly 1st attendant, Mykhal Mendoza, whom represents the great White Mountain Apache Tribe, and with our

wonderful 2nd attendant, Mariah Sharpe, whom proudly represents the Colorado River Indian Tribes."

GRIC was well represented at Native American Connections parade

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

What a day for a parade. For one and a half miles, 55 entries marched in Phoenix for the Native American Connections 34th Annual Parade under the theme, "Keeping Native Dances & Languages

Alive." The weather was clear and the mood was festive as Arizona's Native American communities displayed their pride and diversity from Third Street and Oak, north of Downtown Phoenix, to Indian Steele Park on Saturday, Oct. 8.

The Gila River Indi-

an Community was well represented with the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 leading way followed by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis who, in his usual fashion, walked the length of the parade route. Crowds cheered from the sidewalk for several other GRIC-related entries

including St. Peter Indian Mission Catholic School Royalty, Achem A'al Indigenous Traditional Pima Basket Dancers, Tribal Image Car Club, Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkdam, the Chicken Scratch Battle of the Bands organization, Korean War Veteran Ruben Jenkins and the Gila River

Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred group.

All together, the Community also placed very well when the awards were giving to the best entries.

Tribal Image Car Club won first place in the specialty category, Achem A'al won third place in the performance category, Gila

River Basket dancers were an honorable mention in the performance category and Ruben Jenkins was an honorable mention in the specialty category.

The grand marshal consisted of members of student Native American clubs at the ten Maricopa Community Colleges.

Photos by the Gila River Indian News



DV Awareness from page 1

challenges, and continue moving forward in life.

Father and son presenters, Ernest Tsosie Jr., 74, and John Tsosie, who founded "Walking the Healing Path," a group that raises awareness on domestic violence and violence

against women, told their own story of domestic violence but from a very different perspective. Their story was about being perpetrators of abuse.

Ernest said that drinking alcohol was a big factor in contributing to his be-

havior. He said it was during one of his drinking sprees when going after his wife that his small son jumped in front of his mother with fists raised, ready to protect her. Ernest said that when he saw this, he just turned around and left. It wasn't much longer that he came home one night, during a

drunken bender, to an empty house.

He said that even though talking about his past with his wife hurt him and opened old scars from the past, it was important to hear his side of the story, the side of the perpetrator.

"Keeping it a secret doesn't help the community," he said. "Somebody out there, if they hear this, we could touch them and even one person may be saved, may be positively affected by our own story."

Even though Ernest stopped drinking and changed his ways, the generational trickle-down effect of domestic violence took hold of his son.

John opened his portion of the presentation by telling audience members that our children are watching us and our actions.

One morning, he said, he could hear his parents fighting again, his father was very angry and stormed out of the house. He saw his mom crying in her room sitting on the edge of her bed. Through her tears, she smiled at him, asking him to promise her to never drink alcohol or take drugs, and most importantly, to always respect women and never use force against them.

At this moment in his speech, John stopped, wiping tears from his eyes, his voice straining. Later on in life, he said, he had broken those first two promises, but never his promise to never hit a woman. One



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Nicholas Lewis, Victim Rights Coordinator, assists Community members at the fair.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

GRPD Det. Manuel Duarte helps stamp Lupez Hernandez's card.

day, during a heated argument with his fiancée, he struck her and broke the third and last promise he had made to his mother.

Later that evening, he stood in front of a mirror and couldn't recognize himself anymore. It was at that moment that he called the police on himself.

Standing in front of a packed house at District 6's Head Start, John said, "I stand before everyone as a former batterer. I wish it wasn't so, but it is the

truth." He said that the only way to start the process of fighting back against domestic violence and violence against women is to come out to community events like the 4th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Fair.

Before ending his presentation he told the audience that "When you set your mind to something, you can accomplish anything, but you must have faith in yourself."

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- The polling place is closing early
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- There are not enough ballots
- You are told you have to come back later to vote
- Your vote was challenged and you don't know why
- Your Tribal ID was not accepted for identification



Gov. Lewis's speech highlights GRIC's opposition to freeway

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

The 73rd Annual National Congress of American Indians was well underway on the morning of Oct. 11 when Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis stepped up to the podium at the conference's Third General Assembly held at the Phoenix Convention Center.

The general assembly focused on the federal government's trust responsibility to tribes throughout the United States and Gov. Lewis's speech touched on how he has seen consultation processes between tribes and the federal government both fail and succeed.

Gov. Lewis said that in 1942 the U.S. Supreme Court found that federal agencies have "moral obligations of the highest responsibility and trust" when working with tribal property or interests. He said that while he agrees with the sentiment that federal agencies have a trust responsibility to protect tribal resources, lands, and assets; federal consultation to tribes can still fail.

He said that failures occur for a variety of reasons, which include federal agencies viewing consultation to tribes as unimportant, treating consultation as an empty process done only for the sake of doing it, and agencies unaware of how their actions affect tribes and thus not properly informing tribal communities of their planned projects.

Indian Country needs to use the upcoming nationwide infrastructure consultation with the federal government, said Gov. Lewis, to make sure tribes are participating in real dialogue with federal agencies. This should be done to gain full understanding from the federal government so they will consider the impacts of their infrastructure projects on tribal lands, resources, and people, he said.

When consultation fails between tribes and the federal government, he added, the effect can be disastrous, which is what happened with the Dakota Access Pipeline.

South Mountain Freeway Expansion

Gov. Lewis said that GRIC is also experiencing a situation similar to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's predicament with the Dakota Access Pipeline, specifically that federal agencies are not listening to GRIC's concerns over the South Mountain Freeway Expansion.

He said that the Federal Highway Administration and Arizona Department of Transportation both approved the freeway, which cuts through South Mountain, a culturally significant and natural resource to GRIC.

According to Gov. Lewis, four points of how the highway will affect GRIC are: that "it will forever alter the landscape and our views of South Mountain; isolate Community members from culturally significant locations and

resources; destroy sites on or around South Mountain that serve as Traditional Cultural Properties and are federally protected; and destroy or interfere with trails, shrines and archaeological sites that have cultural significance to [the Gila River Indian Community].

He said that the Community's tribal members and leaders, from the very beginning, had opposed the freeway expansion project. And, even though there were consultations with GRIC, the federal government did not consider the Community's concerns. Due to the lack of meaningful consultation with the federal government, the freeway expansion project has moved forward and will permanently impact or destroy the tribe's traditional cultural properties. And just as the Standing Rock Sioux's last recourse was to file a lawsuit, GRIC was also left with same option of filing a lawsuit in order to protect the tribe's culture.

Gov. Lewis said that the tribe's resources should not have to be spent on law-



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

The Third General Assembly, entitled Federal Infrastructure Permitting and the Trust Responsibilities, featured Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Chairman David Archambault, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

suits to protect its culture and resources, especially when those funds could be used to help its Community members.

How Consultation Has Worked

In contrast, there are examples of consultation with the federal government that have worked, said Gov. Lewis.

One example, he said, was that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service made a decision that could have affected the delivery of water to GRIC. GRIC was not consulted by the agency and the Community only learned of the issue late in the process of the project.

However, in order to avoid future issues from occurring again, the agen-

cy began regular government-to-government meetings with GRIC, which had the effect of increasing communication between the tribe and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Due to this increase of communication with the agency, said Lewis, he signed the "Statement of Relationship" with the Southwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2015.

He said that the Statement of Relationship was the agency recognizing GRIC's sovereignty in managing its own lands and resources. He added that other agencies should look into implementing similar relationships with the Community.

How To Improve Consultation

Gov. Lewis listed several of his own thoughts on how consultation between the federal government and tribal nations could be improved.

He said that it is imperative for tribal nations and federal agencies to develop relationships with one another, thus opening meaningful lines of communication; federal agencies must make sure that no matter what decisions are made, that they are able to be implemented on a local level; because federal staff generally does not understand the interests or needs of tribal nations, they receive training on when consultation should take place and how to consult; consultation must be meaningful, especially at the earliest stages of the decision making process; federal agencies must follow their own consultation policies because what is the point of policy if it is not followed, he said.

At the end of his 20-minute speech, Gov. Lewis told the general assembly made up of tribal leaders from all over the United States, it is crucial for all of Indian Country to gather together and speak with one voice, to make sure tribal nations are heard by the federal government.

NMAI Director gives update on Native veterans monument

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A group of Community veterans came out to hear from the National Museum of the American Indian Director Kevin Gover at the Gila River Lone Butte Casino Events Center on Oct. 5.

Gover is visiting tribal communities throughout the country to provide them an overview of the purposed National Native American Veterans Memorial, that will be raised in a space outside of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomed the group of veterans and thanked Gover for visiting the Community to share the monument's project plan that will represent Native veterans.

Gov. Lewis said, "It is a special moment for the Community, because we have a proud tradition of veterans, both men and women serving in the Armed Forces."

Gover, a member of the Pawnee Tribe of Okla-

homa, became the new director of the NMAI in 2008 after serving as a former professor of Indian Law at the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

He said in 2013 Congress had passed legislation to approve a monument that will be housed on the grounds of the NMAI and that he is leading the ambitious project to erect a new monument dedicated to Native Americans veterans that will rely on their input.

"We know of family members, relatives and friends who have served, but that's a story to not well known outside of Native American communities," said Gover.

He said the project is expected to be funded through private donations and is slated for completion in 2020.

It will be the only National Monument on the National Mall dedicated to recognizing Native Americans for their military service and will shed light onto a part of history that is unknown to most Amer-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

NMAI Director Ken Gover visits the Gila River Indian Community to discuss the plans for the National Native American Veteran Memorial in Washington D.C.

icans.

Gover said today over 31,000 Native American and Alaskan Native men and women are identified as being on active duty, which has always been the trend among this demographic of people.

Gover said that by next summer consultations with tribes should conclude and that there are many more tribes to visit in order to develop an idea of how the memorial will look and how it should represent Native American veterans.

GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety
Presents
PUBLIC SAFETY DAYS
Hosted at The
ARIZONA STATE FAIR

Saturday October 29th, 2016 Sunday October 30th, 2016
Hours of Operation: 10:00AM-6:00PM Hours of Operation: 10:00AM-5:00PM

This has become a popular annual event with law enforcement agencies and the public. The GRPD recruiting unit will be present to showcase our agency, distribute public awareness materials, and provide educational information.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • October 5, 2016

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147;
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CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday October 5, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:15am

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Sandra Nasewytewa

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (11:30)

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams,; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Barney Enos, Jr. (1:58); D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone (9:16); D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:30), Charles Goldtooth, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D3-Rodney Jackson; D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Introduction of Cheryse Austin, Chief Nursing Officer

Presenter: Ginger Fligger

MS. GINGER FLIGGER INTRODUCED MS. CHERYSE AUSTIN. MS. AUSTIN PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

REPORTS

1. Maricopa Village Christian School Annual Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Elda Diaz

REPORT HEARD

2. St. Peters Indian Mission School Annual Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Sister Martha

REPORT HEARD

*3. Travel Report 3rd Quarter-Fiscal Year 2016

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*4. Family Advocacy Center Update

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Gila River Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Report (D3 & D6)

Presenters: Rebecca Martinez, Jason Jones, Chilo Figueroa

REPORT HEARD

6. Wild Horse Pass Development Authority External Audit

Presenter: Dale Gutenson

MOVED TO NEW BUSINESS #3

7. Office Of Special Funding-FY16 Semi Annual Report

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

REPORT HEARD

8. Per Capita Office-FY2016 Semi Annual Report

Presenter: Neomi Martinez

REPORT HEARD

9. Enterprise Resource Planning-FY2016 Semi Annual Report

Presenter: Mike Jacobs

REPORT HEARD

10. Sacaton Middle School Annual Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Philip Bonds

REPORT HEARD

11. Casa Blanca Community School Annual Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Patricia Avalos

REPORT HEARD

12. Skyline Gila River School Annual Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

13. Gila Crossing Community School Annual Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Jeremy Copenhaver

REPORT HEARD

14. Blackwater Community School Annual Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

REPORT HEARD

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:15 A.M.]

15. Sovereignty in Education Cohort II

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HEAR

REPORTS #19 & #20 PRIOR TO REPORT #16

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION
[ADDENUM TO AGENDA]

19. Gila River Gaming Enterprise Inc, Monthly Report August

2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Michael Feldman, GRGE Board Of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

20. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community

Council For August 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:58 P.M.]

*16. Gaming Internal Audit 3rd Quarter Report Fiscal Year 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Dena Thomas

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

17. Child Protection Team Protocol (Executive Session)

Presenters: Rebecca Hall, Sunshine Whitehair

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

18. Protective Services Office Policies and Procedures (Executive Session)

Presenters: Rebecca Hall, Sunshine Whitehair

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

19. Gila River Gaming Enterprise Inc, Monthly Report August 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Michael Feldman, GRGE Board Of Directors

HEARD PRIOR TO REPORT #16

20. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community Council For August 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

HEARD PRIOR TO REPORT #16

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing

Amendment No. 1 To The October 1, 2015

Agreement Between The Gila River Indian

Community And Towers Watson Delaware, Inc.

(G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Sharon Harvier-Lewis

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From the

Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To Yavapai County For The

Mayer Fire Department (G&MSC forwards to

Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

RESOLUTIONS #2 THRU #22

3. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

Gila River Indian Community's Stated Shared

Gaming Revenues To he City Of Mesa For The

Save The Family Foundation Of Arizona (G&MSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To Pinal County For The

Maricopa Unified School District #20 Maricopa High

School Band (G&MSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From the

Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To The City Of Apache Junction

For The Superstition Fire & Medical District,

Community Risk Reduction Program (G&MSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For The

Arizona Burn Foundation, Inc., For Client Care

Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For The

Honoring/Hiring/Helping Our Heroes Of Pinal

County (HOHP) Veteran Center (G&MSC forwards

to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

8. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River

Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The

City Of Mesa For The Grand Canyon Council, Boys Scouts Of

America (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

9. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River

Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The

City Of Mesa For The Mesa Police Department Computer Fo-

rensics Unit (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation

for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

10. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For The

Phoenix Police Department Body-Worn Camera

Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

11. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Miami For The

Miami Police Department (G&MSC forwards to

Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

12. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To Yavapai County For The

Verde Valley Fire District Command/Rural

Response Vehicle (G&MSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

13. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To Pima County For The Avra

Valley Fire District (G&MSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

14. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Gilbert For

Mission Of Mercy (MOM) (G&MSC forwards to

Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

15. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For

Maggie's Place, Inc., The Hannah House (G&MSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

16. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To Pinal County For The Office

Of Emergency Management (G&MSC forwards to

Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

17. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's Stated Shared

Gaming Revenues To Pinal County For The Queen

Valley Fire District SCBAS (G&MSC forwards to

Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

18. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To Pinal County For The

Regional Fire & Rescue Department, Inc. Shade

Structure Replacement (G&MSC forwards to

Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

19. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To Pinal County For The

Honoring/Hiring/Helping Our Heroes Of Pinal

County (HOHP) Veteran Center (G&MSC forwards

to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

20. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From

The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

Gaming Revenues To Yavapai County For The

Yarnell Fire District (G&MSC forwards to Council

with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2
 21. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Gilbert For The Dignity Health Foundation-East Valley, Children's Dental Clinic (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2
 22. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Jewish Family & Children's Services, Mesa Behavioral Health Clinic (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2
 23. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Gaming Internal Audit's Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Dena Thomas
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 23-35
 24. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Revenue Internal Audit's Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Dena Thomas
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #23
 25. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Yoder & Langford, P.C. For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, H&SSC concurs)
 Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #23
 26. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila Indian Community And Harvey Economics For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)
 Presenters: Office Of The General Counsel
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #23
 27. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Dorsey & Whitney, LLP For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenters: Office Of The General Counsel
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #23
 28. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Franzoy Consulting, Inc. Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)
 Presenters: Office Of The General Counsel
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #23
 29. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An

Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gookin Hydrology, PLC For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)
 Presenters: Office Of The General Counsel
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #23
 30. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Service Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Center For Applied Research, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenters: Office Of The General Counsel
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #23
 31. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Peter Mock Groundwater Consulting, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)
 Presenters: Office Of The General Counsel
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #23
 32. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Hardee Consulting For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)
 Presenters: Office Of The General Counsel
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #23
 33. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Osborne Maledon P.A. For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenters: Office Of The General Counsel
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #23
 34. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Greenberg Traurig, LLP For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenters: Office Of The General Counsel
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #23
 35. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Public Policy Partners For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenters: Office Of The General Counsel
APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #23
 36. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America For Reach Casa Blanca Canal On Portions Of Allotted Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Setting The Amount Of Compensation Due To The Community For The Community's Undivided Interests In Such Allotted Trust Land (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Henrietta Lopez
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 37. A Resolution Approving An Agreement To Terminate And Cancel The Assignment And Assumption Of Lease Agreement Dated August 7, 2013 Between The Gila River Indian Communi-

ty And Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs with additional corrections)
 Presenter: Casaundra Wallace
APPROVED
 38. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-89-12 And Amending Resolution GR-47-16 To Combine The Proposed District Three Elderly Center And Service Center Under One Resolution For The Purpose Of Designing, Constructing, Operating And Maintaining The District Service Center, Elderly Center, Recreational Facilities And Any Future Community Service Facility On The Land Assignment As Shown In Drawing No. 40314-1278 And Drawing No. 40307-0075E (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Barney Bigman
APPROVED
 39. A Resolution Approving the Petition for the Enrollment of Gabriel Alexander Encinas into the Gila River Indian Community. (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Wayne Nelson Jr.
APPROVED
 40. A Resolution Reaffirming and Restating the Delegation of Authority for Certain Lease Amendments, Subleases, Assignments and Financing and Other Documents to the Economic Development Standing Committee (EDSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenters: John Roberts, Esther Manuel
APPROVED

**ORDINANCES
 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 NEW BUSINESS**

1. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation Loan To Gila River Farms Of Revolving Credit Line (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business in Executive Session)
 Presenter: Elizabeth Bohnee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
 2. NCAI Resolutions (G&MSC motion to forward the (3) Resolutions to Council for recommendation of approval)
 Presenters: Office Of General Counsel
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE [ADDENDUMS TO AGENDA]
 3. Wild Horse Pass Development Authority External Audit
 Presenter: Dale Gutenson
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT
 4. 960 Farm
 Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REFER THE ITEM BACK TO NRSC
MINUTES
 1. July 20, 2016 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
 2. August 3, 2016 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS
 >MISS INDIAN ARIZONA PAGENT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016, 6:30 PM
 >DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FAIR, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016, 9AM-1PM
 >PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR SHIRLEY HUGHS FAMILY
 >NCAI BREIFING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016, 9AM
ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:00PM
 * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 GENEVIEVE JOSE
 vs.
 CEDRIC SANTOS III
 Petitioner
 Respondent
 TO: CEDRIC SANTOS III
 CASE Number: CV-2012-0055
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 FINALIZATION HEARING regarding this matter on:
 Monday, December 5, 2016 at 1:30 PM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL 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 Finalization 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. This notice is in regard to the temporary order for sole/legal custody issued by this Court on

10-11-2016.
 GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.
 DATED this 11th day of October, 2016

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 Courtney McDaniel's
 Plaintiff/Petitioner
 vs.
 Esteban Acuna
 Defendant,
 TO: ESTEBAN ACUNA
 P.O BOX 332
 COOLIDGE, AZ 85128
 CASE Number: CV- 2016-0206
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 the following date and time at the place set below:
 Sacaton Court
 721 West Seed Farm Road
 Sacaton, Arizona 85147
 (520) 562-9860
 DATE: Monday, December 05, 2016
 TIME: 9:30 A.M.
 YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, 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 failed to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
 CASE Number: CV-2013-0338-ZMV
 VS. RAMONA WHITE-JONES
CIVIL SUMMONS
 TO: RAMONA WHITE-JONES
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 LOT 10 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court .
 YOU shall respond at a STATUS HEARING regarding this matter on:
 Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 11:30 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUO 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 13th day of October, 2016.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 RICHARD PERRY
 Plaintiff/Petitioner,
 vs.
 SHEILA TERRY
 Defendant/Respondent.
 TO: SHEILA TERRY
 CASE Number: CV-2016-0184
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 the following date and time at the place set forth below:
 Sacaton Community Court
 721 West Seed Farm Road
 Sacaton, Arizona 85147
 (520)562-9860
 DATE: Monday, November 7, 2016
 Time: 10:00 AM
 YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still re-

quired. 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 Thursday, September 22, 2016.

NOTICE OF CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Parents & Guardians:
 The Casa Blanca Community School is pleased to announce that it will be holding an election on
 Wednesday, November 23, 2016 to fill one (1) seat on its Board of Trustees. The polling station will held at Casa Blanca Community School. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 CBCS's Board meets at least once per month. Board members are expected to attend a School Board Orientation for New Members, which consists of a detailed overview of Casa Blanca Community School's day to day operations; attend periodic work sessions (usually held over a two day period on the weekend); attend various out-of-state trainings and conferences; have reliable transportation; be available to

reach by phone; and be available to meet when given short notice.
 If you are interested in running in the election, you must meet the following member qualifications:
 Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age as of November 23, 2016 (the date of election); Be a Community member; Reside in District 3, 4, or 5 and have lived in the District in which you are running for at least one year prior to November 23, 2016; Have a high school diploma, or GED; Successfully undergo a background check and drug/alcohol screen; Obtain an Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card; and Submit a timely petition signed by seven eligible voters from your District.
 To obtain a petition to get on the ballot, please contact Ms. Flo Long at CBCS, (520) 315-3489. Petitions must be returned to Casa Blanca Community School no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. The following persons are eligible to vote in the election (and sign petitions for Board candidates):
 Enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community who are at least eighteen (18) and who reside within District 3, 4, or 5 as of November 23, 2016 OR
 Parent, grandparent, or legal guardian whose name is on file as the responsible party for a child currently attending Casa Blanca Community School.

Lighting Arizona Purple for awareness



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Arizona Capitol Dome shined purple to mark the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. From left, Diane Umphress, Executive Director of Amberly's Place, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Nicole Bidwill, Arizona Cardinals Vice President.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

For the second year in a row, the front lawn of the Arizona State Capitol was a sea of purple as attendees took to their seats at the Lighting Arizona Purple ceremony on Oct. 3.

The event brings awareness to domestic violence and sexual trafficking and is part of Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women.

For the month of October the dome atop the Arizona Capitol building is cast in purple light in support of DV awareness.

The Commission is made up of representatives from around the state, which includes Gila River Indian Community Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

Antone said the Commission has made a lot of progress since last year and is continually bringing awareness about domestic violence and sexual trafficking out to the community's they represent.

"I am a member with of the Inter-Tribal Indian Association Executive Board, we try to get the tribal governments to recognize October as DV and sexual trafficking awareness month," said Antone.

Nicole Bidwill, Arizona Cardinals organization, and Diane Umphress, Arizona Child & Family Advocacy Network Representative, are both prominent supporters of the Arizona governor's campaign, who spoke at the event.

They called on all Arizonans to wear purple and change their light bulb to purple to support DV and sexual trafficking awareness.

Gov. Ducey thanked everyone involved with the campaign, because it lifts up the lives of individuals impacted by DV.

"The emotional and physical toll that domestic

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3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S PRAYER RUN

A prayer journey across the Gila River Indian Community

All Women Welcome -Elders and Young Women
Runners - Walkers
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OCTOBER 21-23, 2016

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Contacts:
Pam Thompson 480-721-0939
Alie Walking Badger 520-610-3754
Shelly Hayes 480-238-3076

"Honoring the generations of women of our past, Praying for the women of our present and future"

violence takes on our society is well documented," said Ducey.

He emphasized the importance of supporting victims of DV and to let them know there are people who care about their safety.

Antone said as part of

her initiative as a tribal leader is to provide outreach for casino, law enforcement, behavioral health, mental health providers and many other stakeholders around DV and sexual trafficking here in the Community.

Ducey said, "Our administration continues to

make new investments in child safety and to enhance partnerships with local and federal enforcement to combat human trafficking, drug smuggling and drug addiction and fund domestic violence shelters in Arizona."

RECORD REQUESTS

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VETERANS EVENTS

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For more information contact:
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Veterans, do you know the importance of having your DD 214?

Submitted by AmeriCorp
Gila River Indian Community

Let's start from the beginning... What is a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD 214)?

A certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD 214) is the separation papers, or discharge papers from the beginning of a Veteran's service until the end of their service.

You need a DD 214 to get started on receiving any services from the Veteran Affairs (VA) such as claims, pensions or compensation cases. If your families don't have your DD 214 when you pass, they won't be able to get a headstone from the VA. Finally, if you have your DD 214, you can use it to get a bunch of free food on Veteran's Day!

We hope you already knew how important these papers were. Yes, we know life happened and you might have misplaced or lost your papers. Maybe there was a flood last monsoon and they got ruined, or maybe when you came out of the service you didn't

pay attention to the big "THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT. SAFEGUARD IT" at the top of the document and throw it away with your old gas receipts.

Whatever the reason, if you don't have your DD 214, we want to help you get it.

So come see your local AmeriCorps Representative to start the process to get your DD 214. If you already have a DD 214, make sure it is on file with the Community or make sure your family knows where to find it in case of emergencies. We care that you're prepared!

Match the possessive word/phrase with its picture!

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