

Community argues before Arizona Supreme Court in ICWA case

We cannot stand by when our children are at risk of losing their tribal roots, their culture says Gov. Lewis

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The Gila River Indian Community presented an oral argument before the Arizona Supreme Court on April 11 in a case to determine whether the GRIC Children's Court or the Arizona state courts should have the decision-making power over a dependency case involving a Community child.

The case looks at the transfer provisions of the *Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978* (ICWA), and specifically at the story of one child who was taken from her mother at birth and has been in the state foster care system ever since. The Community attempted to have the child's case transferred to the GRIC Children's Court in 2015 on the basis of the ICWA transfer provision, but the motion was denied by the state juvenile court, a decision later upheld by the Arizona Court of



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A delegation of tribal leaders, elders, urban members and stakeholders attended the April 11 hearing.

Appeals. The case is now in the Arizona Supreme Court.

Attorneys for the Community argue that the tribe should have jurisdiction over the child's dependency case, and the circumstances surrounding the Commu-

nity's request for transfer "fall squarely within" the ICWA transfer provisions, which allow for the transfer of jurisdiction from outside courts to tribal courts at any time in the child custody proceedings.

The defense argues that the child's case should remain with the state because the Gila River Indian Community, having requested the transfer after the

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Dist. 7 hosts Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration

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Just as the sun was cresting over South Mountain, a 5K run and 2-mile walk started the fun filled day of events that would last from sun up to sun down.

The District 7 Maricopa Colony celebrated the 154th Annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace with a morning fun run, parade, music, games, and traditional Pee Posh bird dancers and songs on April 8.

People lined up along 83rd avenue for the parade, which included veterans' organizations from across the Community, school marching groups, GRIC departments and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

This year's grand marshal was Waylon Pahona of District 7.



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Bird dancers perform at the 154th Annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace celebration in District 7, April 8.

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Election Day is May 2, polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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The May 2 Community Council Election is around the corner, but eager voters can submit ballots by mail now through May 1.

Council seats are open in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Two seats are open in Districts 4 and 5, where voters are asked to choose two representatives.

Candidate statements are in the Community Council Election Guide, which is available at all district service centers. The following candidates for the election

were certified at the April 5 Council Meeting.

District 1: Joey L. Ba'ag Whitman (incumbent), Augustine Enas, and Wally Jones.

District 3: Rodney Jackson (incumbent), Darren Pedro-Martinez, and Antonelli Anton.

District 4 (two seats open): Jennifer Allison (incumbent), Christopher Mendoza (incumbent), Pamela F. Johnson, and Ramsey Moffett.

District 5 (two seats open): Marlin Dixon (incumbent), Merry Kris Kyyitan, Janice F. Stewart, Brian E. Davis, Sr. (incumbent), Ronald Lewis, Sr., James De La Rosa, and Jacob R. Antone.

District 6: Terrance B. Evans, Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewyte-wa (incumbent), and Denise Allison.

Where can you vote? Thanks for asking. Polling locations are available at the District 1 Multi-purpose Building 15747 N. Shegoi Road, District 3 Service Center 21 N. Church Street, District 4 Service Center 1510 W. Santan Road, District 5 Veterans' Building 3496 W. Casa Blanca Road, and District 6 Learning Center 5230 W. St. Johns Road.

Absentee voting will close May 1. To receive an absentee ballot, contact your district judge or the Tribal Elections Program

office at (520) 562-9735. District judges will be at their respective service centers from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. on May 1 (the day before the election) to assist voters with questions. District 1 Judge Audrey Evans – (520) 215-5949, District 3 Judge Hazel Lewis – (520) 610-2222, District 4 Judge Sharon Miguel – (520) 418-2142 or (520) 610-0670, District 5 Judge Gaynell Lopez – (520) 709-9835, District 6 Judge Lorina Allison – (480) 318-1274.

May 2 is Election Day. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call the Tribal Elections Program office or your district judge for questions or more information.

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Rodney B. Lewis takes seat on CAWCD Board

Thomas R. Throssell
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Gila River Indian Community member and veteran water rights attorney, Rodney B. Lewis, was sworn-in to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board of Directors (CAWCD) on April 6, becoming the first Native American to take a seat on the board, which oversees close to half of Arizona's Colorado River water allocation.

Surrounded by family and friends inside a Holiday Inn conference room in Casa Grande, Ariz., Lewis was administered the Oath of Office by GRIC Judge Jay Pedro. President of CAWCD, Lisa Atkins, congratulated Lewis and welcomed him to the board. After swearing-in, Lewis took his place beside fellow board members and began his duties overseeing the Central Arizona Project (CAP).

Lewis, who was appointed to the CAWCD by Arizona Governor Doug Ducey on March 15, replaces former board member Guy Carpenter, who resigned from the position. Lewis's term will expire in 2018, and to remain on the board, must run for and win the seat in an election.

"Given Rod's long and respectable experience in water law, I am pleased that a person of his caliber is available to fill this important position on the CAWCD board," said Ducey in a news release. "At a time when Arizona and its Colorado River system partners are working hard to find solutions to the complex issues facing us, it is good to have CAWCD board members of Rod's experience working with us."

In response to the appointment, Lewis said he hopes his 40 years of experience and tribal perspective provide a helpful vision to the CAWCD. He said the chance to sit on the board was the culmination of a career-long interest and passion for managing Arizona's water supply and water rights for Arizona tribes.

"I want to be an advocate for Tribes and for every Arizona resident, making sure the Central Arizona Project manages our water and tax dollars with a focus on true stewardship," he said in the news release.

The CAWCD board manages the CAP, a 336-mile canal that supplies the cities of Phoenix, Tucson, agricultural areas, and 12 tribal communities, including GRIC, with water from the Colorado River. The canal runs from Lake Havasu City southward to Tucson and delivers, on average, 1.5 million acre-feet of Colorado River water every year.

According to the Arizona Republic, Lewis said he hopes his seat on the 15-member board will allow Arizona tribes to finally have a say in the use of Arizona's water resources.

"It's important to know that Indian tribes receive almost half of the water from the Central Arizona Project," he said. "And I think tribes, from time to time, have felt that their interests were not being represented."

"In the past, tribal views have been ignored...we've been fighting for the recognition," he said according to the Arizona Republic. "This is a step forward."



Rodney Lewis takes oath of office administered by GRIC Jay Pedro.

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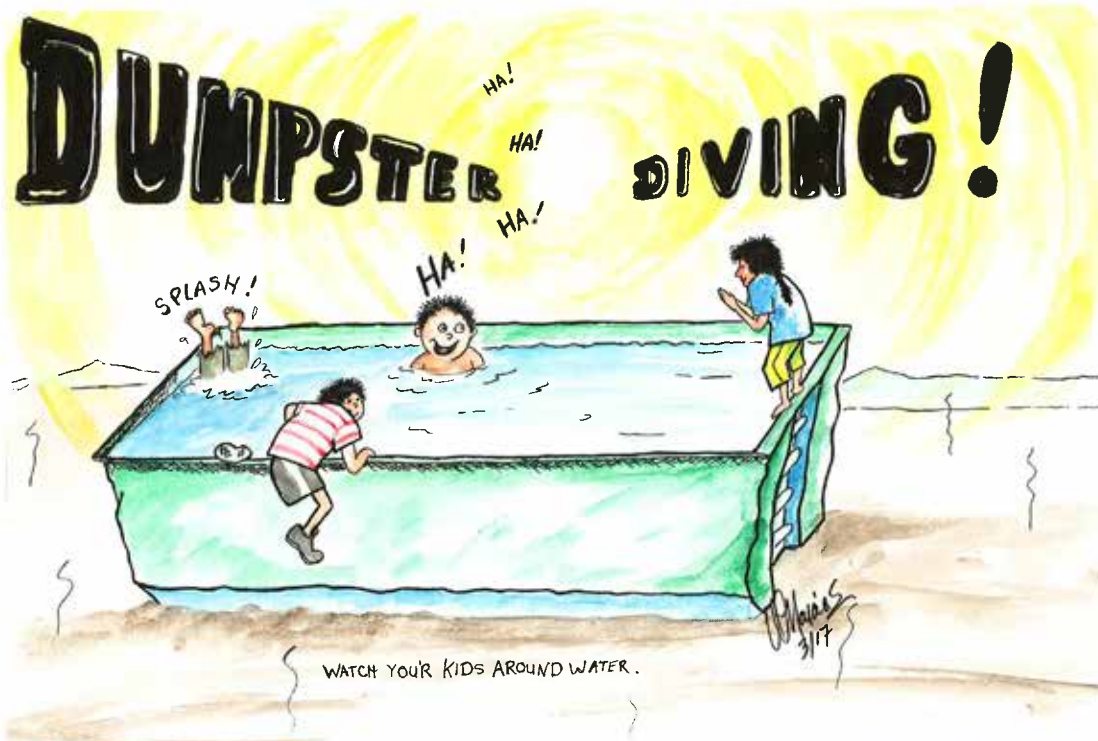




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child's parental rights had been terminated, was too late in filing a motion to transfer the case to the tribal court, and that the transfer provisions of ICWA do not apply in this case.

The child in question, known only as A.D., was born in 2014. Her mother is a Gila River Indian Community member, but A.D. was not born on the Gila River Indian Reservation. Because both the mother and child tested positive for amphetamines and opiates at the time of birth, A.D. was taken into the custody of the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS).

DCS led the girl's dependency case and placed A.D. with non-Indian foster parents. The Community began working with DCS on the case beginning Oct. 3, 2014 and did not object to the child's placement at the time, but meanwhile began a search to identify a placement with relatives of A.D. within the Gila River Indian Community, or otherwise within compliance of ICWA.

Five months later, on March 4, 2015, DCS moved for termination of parental rights for the mother and father of A.D, and parental rights were terminated by

June of 2015. According to court documents, the Community agreed to the placement of the child with her foster parents, "until an ICWA-compliant placement could be identified."

On August 15, 2015, the Community requested a transfer of A.D.'s dependency case from the state court to the tribal court. At that time, the state, through DCS, concurred, but the foster parents objected.

The case of whether the tribe should be granted its request to transfer jurisdiction of the child's placement case to the tribal court has been in litigation ever since. The hearing last week was the latest in the tribe's attempt to win the right to handle A.D.'s placement case. A contingent of supporters attended the hearing, including GRIC urban members and elders.

"For years now, the Gila River Indian Community has done everything within our power to protect Community members and their families, every Indian child and every Indian family," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in a press release later that day. "We will continue down this same legal path for as long as the

rights of Indian children and Indian families remain under attack. We cannot stand by when our children are at risk of losing their tribal roots, their culture and their families, or when the Indian Child Welfare Act is at risk."

He said, "For almost 40 years now, ICWA and the tribal court system have worked as intended to protect Indian families and to treat our families with fairness. This landmark law should not be stripped of its key role in protecting our people, nor should Indian children be ripped from their homes and their culture."

At the recent Supreme Court hearing, one Justice asked why the tribe waited until after the parental rights had been terminated to request the jurisdictional transfer. The attorney responded, "the termination of parental rights was in the express lane compared to most other cases...in Arizona state court, and that puts particular time constraints on the parties to a particular case. The case went from filing [for dependency for A.D.] to termination [of parental rights]...in less than six months." Typically these cases can take a year or longer.

In the written argument, GRIC attorneys noted that, "Tribes often re-

frain from seeking transfer of a case early...and agree to non-ICWA compliant placements," both exemplified in this case, "in order to facilitate family reunification and allow the family access to services which may be geographically closer."

In its argument to the Supreme Court, the Community stated the Court of Appeals' (COA's) read-

ing of the ICWA transfer provisions "is contrary to the plain language of the statute and leads to absurd and inconsistent results." It also says, "The COA's interpretation of 1911(b) is contrary to the purpose and spirit of ICWA."

Section 1911 of the 25 U.S. Code covers "Indian tribe jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings."

A ruling on the case is expected in the coming months. The Arizona Supreme Court will either affirm the appeals court decision that the Community was not able to transfer the case under ICWA, or it will rule that the language of ICWA allows for the transfer of jurisdiction as it was requested by the Community, and return the case to the Court of Appeals.



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4:30pm	Fractured Land <i>A young Indigenous law student fighting to protect his land and people from the ravages of neocolonialism.</i>	Sivummut	Aboriginal Adventures	Common Ground	Down The Mighty River <i>The River That Heals</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report		
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5:30pm	Native Report	People of the Pines <i>Reservation and Survival</i>	People of the Pines <i>Reservation and Survival</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Crossroads</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven		
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6:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Wapos Bay <i>They Dance At Night</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Something to Remember</i>	Wapos Bay <i>A Time to Learn</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Elements</i>	Wapos Bay <i>All's Fair</i>		
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8:00pm	Native Shorts <i>12 episode series that feature short films.</i>	Indians and Aliens <i>Harry Snowboy</i>	Back In The Day <i>Halfway</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Mujer Maiz</i>	Rez Rides <i>Burning Up Mad Mohawk</i>	Champions of the North <i>Modern Times</i>		
8:30pm	JAMES & ERNIE IN PASQUA 2012 & MULCHUTHA ACTIVITIES	The Other Story of the Forgotten Slaves <i>The Oriental slave trade, perpetrated by Muslims.</i>	The Other Story of the Forgotten Slaves <i>The Oriental slave trade, perpetrated by Muslims.</i>	Goshen <i>The indigenous Tarahumara, light-footed running tribe, striving to maintain their ancient culture against all odds.</i>	Planet Doc <i>Different tribes all over the planet show us how they live.</i>	Aztec: Pyramids of War <i>From the ancient Olmec and giant carved stone heads to the magnificent pyramids at Teotihuacan, the Aztecs were inheritors of thousands years of indigenous culture.</i>		
9:00pm	More Than Frybread <i>22 Arizona Native American frybread makers, compete for the first ever, state of Arizona Frybread Championship!</i>	We Are The Indians <i>Their ancient spirituality has shielded them but modernity is encroaching.</i>	Cousins Across The Sea <i>Investigation and scientific evidence that verifies the past of the Pacific people.</i>	The Human Effect <i>Geronimo shows the negativity that has been taking place.</i>	The Wayana Indians <i>They are witnesses to the irreversible destruction of their environment.</i>	WAILAFEST 2017 @RAWHIDE, CHANDLER, AZ		
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Incident Log March 19 – March 25, 2017

Gila River Police officers responded to 646 calls for service and made 44 arrests.

District One:

Homicide – Two deceased victims were located in the desert area. Police arrived and took control of the scene. The FBI and Gila River Detectives worked the scene and located a lead. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and the case is continuing to be investigated.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Weapon – The suspect un-holstered his firearm during a domestic argument with his nephew and placed it on a table. Both subjects in this incident were intoxicated. The victim left prior to police arrival but was later located and arrested.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

District Two:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect assaulted the victim, his aunt, after kicking in her bedroom door and strangling her. The suspect fled prior to police arrival and the victim refused medical attention.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Three:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and the victim, her juvenile son, were involved in a domestic dispute when the victim tried to contact the police. During this time the suspect placed him in a choke hold in an attempt to stop the call to the Police. The suspect was contacted and arrested. Gila River Medical Services responded and provided medical treatment to the victim.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Aggravated Assault – The suspect assaulted his girlfriend after a domestic dispute. During the altercation the suspect struck the victim with the handle of a large knife and again with a collapsible baton. The victim was evaluated and then transported to a local hospital for treatment of her non-life threatening injuries.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Burglary – A suspect entered a residence without permission and took a television, a DVD player and DVDs. The victim had been away from the residence for an extended period of time.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The suspect entered the victim's residence and stole a cellular phone. The victim was later informed that the suspect was attempting to sell the stolen cellular phone.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Four: (Stotonic Area)

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

Theft – A suspect stole a laptop from the trunk of a vehicle while it was parked in a parking lot at the Rawhide Western Town and Event Center. The victim was attending a concert at the venue.

Status: Under Investigation.

Shoplifting – A suspect entered the Famous Footwear store, Phoenix Premium Outlets, and took shoes from the display and fled the area on a bicycle. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation.

Shoplifting – A suspect entered the Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th store at Phoenix Premium Outlets, put on a jacket then proceeded to leave the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – A suspect entered the Wild Horse Pass Chevron store, took cases of beer and exited the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation.

Shoplifting – A suspect entered the Lone Butte Trade Center, placed cartons of cigarettes into a bag and exited the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – A suspect entered the Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th store at Phoenix Premium Outlets, and took three purses and a pair of sunglasses and then proceeded to leave the store without paying for the merchandise. The store security officer was able to detain the suspect until police arrival.

Status: Suspect was detained.

Auto Theft – Suspect(s) stole a red Jeep Grand Cherokee from the employee parking lot at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort. The victim also reported there were personal firearms inside the stolen vehicle. The stolen vehicle was located the following morning with the firearms missing from the vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Five:

Aggravated Assault

– The suspect arrived at the victim's residence, attempted to strike the victim with a vehicle after he came outside. The victim avoided the vehicle and ran inside the residence to call police. The suspect then got out of the vehicle, broke out windows to the residence and crawled in through the broken window. The victim attempted to push the suspect out of the residence which caused the victim and suspect to get into a physical altercation during which the suspect used a car key to stab the victim in the back of the head. Gila River EMS medically cleared the victim and transported the suspect to a nearby medical facility.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the Casa Blanca Market and took several items without paying for the merchandise. A store employee confronted the suspects but they left the premises prior to police arrival.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – A suspect entered the Casa Blanca Market and took several items and placed them in her pocket. The cashier approached the subject who paid for other items but left without paying for the merchandise in her pocket.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Six:

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Seven:

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

Incident Log March 26 – April 1, 2017

Gila River Police officers responded to 715 calls for service and made 44 arrests.

District One:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect arrived at a residence, intoxicated, and assaulted the girlfriend and another victim, who was visiting at the time. The suspect utilized a hammer while striking both subjects. Both victims refused medical treatment and the suspect was gone prior to police arrival.

Status: Under Investigation, charges forwarded.

Aggravated Assault

– The suspect arrived at a residence, exited the vehicle, and pointed a rifle at the three individuals who were in front of the house. The suspect then fired two rounds before the weapon jammed. The suspect then approached the subjects

and began to physically assault one of the female victims. All three victims refused medical attention. No persons or structures were struck with either round.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Theft – A suspect entered the fenced area of Fire Station 421 and stole a propane tank from the property. This occurred during the evening hours between Wednesday and Friday.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Two:

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Three:

Homicide – The victim was in a verbal and physical domestic dispute with his girlfriend and was left to walk on the side of the road. The girlfriend returned with the suspect to look for the victim. The suspect stepped on the accelerator and struck the victim. The suspect then continued on and left the scene of the accident. The suspect and occupants of the vehicle were later contacted and the suspect was taken into custody.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Aggravated Assault – During the course of a family argument the suspect retrieved a kitchen knife. He then attempted to stab his mother's boyfriend during the altercation. No injuries resulted during the argument and the suspect was taken into custody.

Status: The juvenile suspect was arrested.

District Four:

(Stotonic Area)
No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

Burglary – Suspects entered a fenced area around a construction site by cutting the chain link fence. They then opened and forced entry into a locked building. The suspects removed multiple construction tools. The suspects fled the area prior to anyone discovering the crime.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – A suspect stole an air screw gun from an unsecured locker at Redman Homes.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft From A Motor Vehicle – A male suspect broke the driver side window to a black Hyundai and stole a white phone charger while it was parked in the parking lot of the Phoenix Premium Outlets. Further investigation revealed Premium outlets security observed a male subject

acting suspicious and looking into vehicles that were parked in the parking lot. The male subject left in a purple Hyundai.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft From Motor Vehicle – The suspect entered the victim's Jeep Liberty while it was parked in the employee parking lot of Lone Butte Casino, stole several CD's and a check before leaving the area in a separate vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft From Motor Vehicle – The suspect stole a backpack containing various personal items from the victim's vehicle while it was parked at Lone Butte Casino. The victim realized the theft occurred after observing the driver's side window was pulled down.

Status: Under Investigation.

Auto Theft – The suspect stole a Polaris that was parked behind a residence while the owners were out of town.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect assaulted his girlfriend of 5 years by strangling her with his hands, then punching and kicking her. The victim sustained various injuries during the course of the attack. The suspect also damaged personal property belonging to the victim.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Weapons – A suspect traveling in a silver car with tinted windows shot six rounds from a handgun out of the passenger side window. There was no evidence of any persons or structures hit at the time of this incident but evidence was recovered.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect stabbed the victim, her boyfriend of eleven years, after a domestic verbal altercation escalated and became physical.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

District Seven:

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

Incident Log April 2 – 8, 2017

Calls for services this week: 689 Arrest made: 51

District One: (Blackwater)

No Incidents regarding part 1 crime

District Two: (Sacaton Flats)

No incidents regarding

part 1 crime

District Three- (Sacaton)

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a residence for a disturbance call. Upon their arrival they discovered an intoxicated male who was disturbing others at the residence. The subject agreed to go to bad and as Officer were preparing to leave the suspect exited the residence. It was discovered the individual had produced a knife and was now threatening to kill officers. The subject was detained and taken into custody.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Theft – Camera's were stolen from the Cultural Resource Management Department.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

No Incidents regarding part 1 crime

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to Wild Horse Pass Casino in reference to two intoxicated patrons refusing to leave. Upon making contact with the patrons, for attempting to punch a Security Officer, Officers directed the aggressive patron to place her hands behind her back. As Officers began handcuffing her, a short scuffle with the officers occurred where she kicked one of them in the chest. The suspect continued to resist and again kicked an Officer in the chest while being placed in a patrol vehicle.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Auto Theft – A black and purple 2015 Harley Davidson motorcycle was taken from the Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park. The vehicle was entered into the system as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – A male suspect walked into Saks Fifth Avenue off 5th and grabs a pair of Armani sunglasses and used a pair of pliers to cut the security device off the glasses. The suspect then exited the store without paying for the item. As security attempted to contact the subject he ran from security and drove away in his vehicle. The male subject was identified, and will be contacted for follow up.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – A male

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ASU Del Webb School presents adobe brick designs for home building

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Arizona State University Del E. Webb School of Construction, in collaboration with the Gila River Indian Community, share a common vision of building homes out of adobe brick.

During a presentation at the GRIC governance center on March 29, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Gila River Indian Utility Authority (GRICUA) Chairman John Lewis talked about the idea of building homes out of adobe brick, and how the ASU school of construction is reviving the traditional form of home building in a more contemporary setting.

Wanda Dalla Costa, a visiting Eminent Scholar from the Saddle Lake First Nation in Northern Alberta, has an interest in working with the Community to build interest in making indigenous studies of tra-

ditional homes a part of the curriculum at ASU.

At the center of the project, the goal is to embed indigenous architecture within today's approaches to building modern homes.

Costa said, "Our initial discussion led to a number of different activities. We sat down and tried to understand the Community's priorities and what was important."

Native ASU students took part in the development of the conceptual design of the sustainable home, took care to incorporate areas for gardening to promote food sovereignty and external structures like a vato, which is often used for shade and gathering places.

Costa showed a video that walks through the conceptual adobe home. The video, which was developed by Ryan Bowman and BriAnn Laban, a member of the Hopi tribe, pro-

vided the science behind the use of adobe bricks.

A benefit to using earthen materials like adobe bricks is its high thermal mass, meaning it can store heat during those cold winter days and keeps the interior cool during hot summer months.

GRICUA Chairman Lewis said it's about improving the quality of life and lowering the cost of utilities to homeowners.

"There is also a cultural component. So there is a part of bringing to bear some of our cultural and traditional values in terms of building materials," said John.

During the visit, Costa presented Gov. Lewis with a conceptual design of an adobe home that reflects the traditional *ki* structure used by the Huhugam.

Gov. Lewis said the designs are a good way of demonstrating where the Community would like to be with sustainable hous-

ing and that it is important to provide energy efficient homes that are easy on the owner's wallet.

He said the collaboration with ASU, puts everything into an analytical frame of mind with what the Community is doing to plan for future development of energy efficient infrastructure and serves as a model for other tribes.

Dalla Costa said an exact cost for the price of building one unit has not been determined, because the project is still in the conceptual stage of gathering more input from the Community.

In the interim, a sustainable housing initiative survey has been developed between the Governor's office, the ASU School of Construction and GRICUA.

The survey will identify ways to design and build sustainable homes in the Community and needs tribal members input to



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Wanda Dalla Costa discuss the possibilities of adobe brick home construction.

help with the initiative.

GRICUA invites Community members to take the survey, which will enter each participant a chance to win one of eight \$25 Harkins Theater gift tickets.

There are two ways Community members can take the survey, which can be found on www.gricua.net.

The second option

is stopping by one of the Community's seven district service centers and picking up a copy of the survey.

Once the hard copy has been completed, individual can return the survey to the district service center or drop it off directly at the GRICUA offices by 4 p.m. on April 28.

GRPD invites Community to join them in physical training exercises

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

In the early morning hours of the workweek, finding the motivation to strap on a pair of running shoes for a jog can test even the most stalwart runner's willpower. But now that the Gila River Police Department is reaching out to Gila River Indian Community members to put on their running shoes and join them for physical training (PT) exercises, those looking to get back into shape are not alone in their pursuit of fitness.

Over the next several months the GRPD is holding bi-monthly PT exercise events as a part of their Recruit Orientation Program, which is not just open to aspiring GRPD recruits but to anyone interested in getting healthy and fit. The next GRPD PT exercise event will be held at Sacaton Middle School's running track on April 22 at 7 a.m.

GRPD Sgt. Paul Maroney, who is organizing the PT exercise events, said they are inviting the public to their PT events to help create more awareness that GRPD officers are not just out there arresting bad guys, they are also promoting a positive healthy lifestyle within the Community.

"This PT program is for people who want to become GRPD officers, however it is also for people who want to get healthy and fit and have some direction," said Maroney. "Anybody and everybody, who is interested in just working out or becoming a police officer, are welcome to join."

The PT exercises will consist of running, push-ups, and sit-ups. While aspiring recruits will work on running 1.5 miles in 15 minutes and 20 seconds, doing 31 sit-ups in one minute, and 29 pushups in

one minute, Community members are encouraged to go at their own pace.

"It is going to be a proactive supportive environment and if you can't do a pushup, if you can't do a sit-up, we will help you," said Maroney.

For those interested in pushing themselves to reduce their running times or improve how many sit-ups and pushups they can do in one minute, GRPD Officers Adam Boyd, Veronica Sanchez, and Jerrod Rosson will be available to provide any assistance and training techniques.

Maroney said that GRPD Officer Boyd, who is a professional triathlete, will be onsite to demonstrate proper running techniques to improve running performance.

"He is going to teach people how to run correctly," said Maroney. "There are actually techniques that decrease your time and in-

crease your running endurance."

He said in years past during a PT Instructor course, he had to decrease his running time by two minutes within 30-days.

He said that the course's PT instructors showed him techniques that allowed him to run faster and gain more endurance. "There is a science behind it," he added.

After the April 22, PT Exercise event, the next event will be held on May 20. For more information about the PT exercise events call (520) 562-7137.



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Physical Training event on Feb. 25 at the Sacaton Middle School track.



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WHAT TIME IS IT?
 Learning numbers and how to count in O’otham is one of the first lessons that are taught to learners, whether they’re learning at home or in school. Most people quickly learn how to recite the numbers from one to ten in O’otham (hemako, go:k, vaik, gi’ik, hethasp, chu:thp, vevam/vevkam, gi’igik, hemuchkam, vesthma:m) but don’t realize how much of an opportunity they have to use those numbers in everyday life. Knowing how to say the numbers in O’otham is very important as we use numbers everywhere. We use numbers when we count items or measure things around us. We also use numbers to keep track of the passing of time, whether it is the day, month, or year. Every time we use numbers we have the opportunity to use the knowledge of our own O’otham ñe’ok instead of the English numbers we’ve grown accustomed to.

is relatively new for our Community and is based on a European idea of the day divided into 24 hours. This idea was brought to our lands by Spanish and Mexican visitors starting in the late 17th Century. Prior to this date, the traditional concept of the day (thash) was more loosely divided into a few periods that corresponded primarily to morning (sialig) afternoon (tha:m juk), evening (huduñig) and night (chu:g). The Spanish influence on our Community can be heard in the words that we now use to tell time. In O’otham we divide the day (thash) into hours, which in O’otham are called o:la a word that was borrowed from the Spanish word hora ‘hour’. Hours are divided into minutes which are called minu:thi which is another borrowing from the Spanish word minuto.

One area where we can incorporate O’otham numbers in our daily lives is with telling time. A common question that is often asked by people of all ages is “What time is it?”. Now, the hourly concept of time that we presently use

There are a number of different ways in O’otham to ask the question “What time is it?”. The easiest way is by using the question phrase Sha:chuđ o:la?, which literally translates as “What hour is it?”. Another way of asking the same question is by saying “He’ekia o ‘i him? which literally asks “How many (hours) are going (by)?”.

You might sometimes hear people say the same phrase as “He’ekia ‘o vai him?”. All of these questions are different ways of asking the same thing and are understood by speakers. The difference on which form a speaker will actually use in a conversation can be based on his or her preference or on their dialect and it is important to pay attention and ask people in your area how they would ask the question “What time is it?”

Replying to the questions is relatively simple and uses your knowledge of numbers. For example, if you wanted to say that it’s one o’clock you can simple reply to one of the questions above with “hemako o:la”, which literally says “one hour” or “one o’clock”. If you wanted to be a little more proper in your responses you can also say “Tho hemako o:la” meaning “it is one o’clock”. And if you wanted to emphasize that the hour has reached one you can use the phrase “E-ai ath heg _____” which is a way of saying that the clock has reached a certain point of the day. To complete this example you would use E-ai ‘ath heg hemako o:la, meaning the time has reached one ‘o clock in the day.

Now let’s say the time has reached the half hour mark. In order to express the half-hour of the clock you use the phrase eda hugkam, which means half past or in the middle. For example, to say it is 10:30 you can say “Tho vesthma:am eda hugkam o:la” which literally says it’s the middle hour past ten. To say it is 3:30 you would say “Tho vaik eda hugkam o:la”. And in the same manner, to say it is 9:30 you would say “Tho hemuchkam eda hugkam o:la”.

Now if you want to say it’s anytime in between the half hour and hour you use one of two phrases that mean either it is a number of minutes past the hour or a number of minutes lead-

ing up to the next hour. In O’otham these phrases are “‘i ba’ivch” which means past (the hour) and “am wui” which means what’s left (until the next hour). For example, if you wanted to say that the time is 8:05 you would say “Tho hethasp minu:thi ‘i ba’ivch heg gi’igik o:la” or it’s five minutes past eight o’clock. In a similar way if you wanted to say the time is 8:07 you can say “Tho vevkam minu:thi ‘i ba’ivch heg gi’igik o:la”. But on the other hand if the time was 7:55 you would have to think of how many minutes there are left until the next hour. In this case there are five minutes left until the hour hits eight so you would say in O’otham “Tho hethasp minu:thi

am vi’is heg gi’igik o:la” or it’s five minutes until eight. Similarly, if the time was 7:53 you would say there’s seven minutes (left) until eight o’clock or “Tho vevkam minu:thi am vi’is heg gi’igik o:la”.

Telling time in O’otham takes practice and a little time to get used to the system. But it is a good way to bring more O’otham into your daily life and utilize your knowledge of numbers. We encourage you to start asking each other “Sha:chuđ o:la?/He’ekia ‘o ‘i him?” and figuring out how to say the time using O’otham. This month’s word match will give some good practice on how to say the time in O’otham.

Sha:chuđ o:la?/He’ekia ‘o ‘i him? Match the O’otham time with its Clock Face!

Hethasp minu:thi ‘i ba’ivch heg go:k o:la

Chu:thp o:la

Hethasp minu:thi am vi’is heg go:k o:la

Gamai-go:k eda hugkam o:la

Vesthma:m minu:thi ‘i ba’ivch heg vevkam o:la

Hemako eda hugkam o:la

Gi’ik o:la

Vesthma:m minu:thi am vi’is heg hemuchkam o:la

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Volunteers of the Year Delvina Sunn and Gaylan Redbird joined Pahona in ushering in the procession of parade entries.

In addition, McKaley Lewis and Jordan Ochoa were named Super Stars of the Year.

In the afternoon a horseshoe tournament, bird dance competition and billiards tournament brought many competitors out to the

event and later skate boarders shredded and grinded at the skate park next to the outdoor pavilion.

The day wouldn’t be complete without a dance, with musical entertainment provided by Two Rivers.

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GRIC employees recognized at Team CSD Day 2017 event



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CSD employees wore a variety of hats in participation of Team CSD Days theme of Our Hats Off To You.



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Alan Blackwater, D1, receives recognition for his 34 years of serving the Gila River Indian Community at the Team CSD Day held at the Rawhide Pavilion on April 13.

Thomas R. Throssell Gila River Indian News

Community Services Department (CSD) employees were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Gila River Indian Community at the Team CSD Day 2017 event held at the Rawhide Pavilion on April 13.

Around 350 employees attended the annual event, which was filled to the brim

with activities like a pep rally, years of service recognition, steak lunch, and competitive games.

Joanne Miles-Long, CSD Director, said this year's event theme was "Our Hats Off To You!" because many CSD employees don't just work an 8 to 5 job and are being recognized for their dedication. She said the department is on call 24 hours, seven days a week because issues in the Community arise at all

hours and CSD employees are always there to lend a helping hand.

"[You have] compassion for each other, ... respect one another and I appreciate that very much," said Miles-Long to the crowd of employees. "It speaks very well of each and every one of you. You are all unique, you are all special, you all bring something to the table," she said.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who was unable to

attend the event because of business in Washington D.C., had a statement read that said, "The Community Service Department is the heart of the Gila River Indian Community. I appreciate your dedication and service and I know the Community at the district level does too. The hard work you do for the Community does not go unnoticed. As we enter this weekend, I extend a peaceful Easter celebration to you and your families. Have a great day with fun filled activities with your coworkers

and you all deserve it. Thank you."

The event concluded with a surprise announcement that all employees were being treated to movie at a Harkins Theatre.

"It is only a small token of our appreciation for what you do for the Community," said Miles-Long. "We just hope that you enjoy yourself, you enjoy your co-workers, [and] that you know you are apart of a team... you make us who we are."

The CSD operates the Communities service centers and a variety of programs, including: the Elderly Nutrition Program, Elderly Services Program, Women Infants and Children Program (WIC), Commodity Foods Program, Tribal Recreation/Wellness Center, and the Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library.

Below is the list of CSD employees recognized for their years of service working for the Gila River Indian Community:

- Pamela Valdez 10
- Daniel Perez 10
- Derald Thomas 10
- Marcos Martinez 10
- John Lynch 10
- Michael Stevens 10
- Merlena Calabaza 10
- Gary F. Juan 10
- Carla Lemos 10
- Geneva Lyons 10
- Jose Terrazas 10
- Carol Santos 10
- Joanne Brewer 10
- Casey McAfee 10
- Angie Nava 10

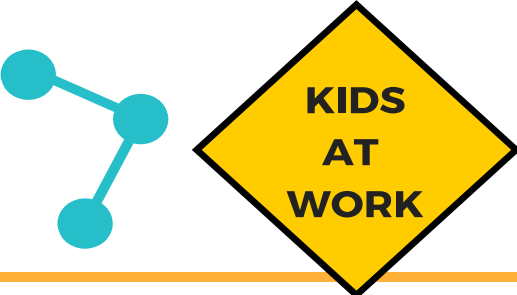

- Ina Nahee 10
- Theresa Miranda 10
- Lawrence BlackElk 10
- Cynthia Yazzie 10
- Mario Valenzuela 11
- Jackie Lewis 11
- John Thomas 11
- Alma Maira Martinez 11
- Cynthia Satala 11
- Cruz Lewis 11
- Wilbert Flores 12
- Cecelia Eddie 12
- David Thomas 12
- Cliff Boss 12
- Emmanuel Antone 12
- Peter Sanchez 13
- Stanley Ramon 13
- Virgil Jordan 13
- Vincent Granillo 13
- Lee Juan 13
- Sherwin Whitman 13
- Daniel Duran 13
- Mary Dixon 14
- Colin Francisco 14
- Jerome Antone 14
- Gordon Santos Jr. 15
- Delmer Osife 15
- Nancee Calderon 15
- Delmer Peters 15
- Valerie Johnson-Antone 15
- Ricardo Stewart 16
- Terry Voltares 16
- Brian Harrison 16
- Eddie Duarte 16
- Donald Osife 17
- Harriet Allen 17
- Nelson Johnson 17
- Garrett Peters 17
- Lino Valdez 17
- Merlin Blackwater 17
- Erma M. Antone 17
- Harriet Allen 17
- Deborah Morago 18
- Greg Lewis 19
- Ann Lucas-Stewart 21
- Mary Osife 23
- Harold Osife 27
- Alan Blackwater 34
- Melva Charles 36

Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River visit Council



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The Gila River Royalty Committee presented the 2017-2018 Royalty Court, Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia and Jr. Miss Gila River Haili Gonzales, at the first regular monthly meeting of the Community Council on Wednesday, April 5 in Sacaton.

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University of Arizona hosts water conservation conference

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The University of Arizona hosted the Water Resource Research Center (WRRRC) Conference on Irrigated Agriculture on March 28.

The conference focused on how drought conditions have impacted Arizona farmers.

It also delved into the way the Arizona water representatives are addressing drought concerns by developing water conservation plans with regional stakeholders.

Farmers Ramona and Terry Button talked about how they manage their sprawling farm that grows traditional O’otham foods, during the Whole Farm Management for Efficient Use panel discussion.

Both said, one benefit to the kinds of foods they grow, is their resiliency to thrive in arid climates, like the Sonoran Desert.

Ramona said farming has always been a way of life, a life that has been practiced by the Akimel O’otham for years living along the Gila River.

Other speakers talked about the regulation of water that is used by different customers and that, although today’s water conservation plans are not a long-term solution to Arizona’s water shortages, it is

a step in the right direction for a comprehensive water plan.

One of the highlights of the conference was about the Ground Water Management Act that was passed in 1980.

A documentary film called *Groundwater: To Enact a Law for the Common Good* highlighted the history of the Arizona Groundwater Act.

The act set a new precedent for Arizona water conservation that has seen many of its provisions benefit farmers and municipalities.

Ron Reyner, a third generation farmer and a member of the Family Farm Alliance, which advocates for ranchers, farmers and irrigation districts throughout the western half of the United States, was one of the panelists who spoke about the importance of the Groundwater Act.

“In retrospect, positive things came from the act... It validated agriculture’s use of water,” said Reyner.

He said the groundwater act played a huge role in ensuring the sustainability of farming in a competitive environment, where urban development was placing a strain on the state’s already limited groundwater supply.

In the early 1980’s, as the state was beginning to come to terms with the

looming drought conditions, the price of groundwater increased, threatening the ability for farmers to stay in business.

He said the act established a set of responsibilities on groundwater management that was fair for everyone and in that it didn’t price farmers out of buying groundwater.

Arizona Department of Agriculture Director Mark Killion said the groundwater act established provisions to make it safe for everyone to use.

“[It] was one of the first efforts in the U.S. to preserve groundwater and prompted neighboring states like California and Nevada to look at the safety of their water resources,” said Killion.

He said water banking was another product of the Groundwater Act, because it prompted each of the three states that have access to the Colorado River to share their water shares with other places that are in need of resupply.

Later in the conference, Akin Gump Strauss & Feld LLP Senior Counsel Jason Hauter presented the Gila River Indian Community’s recent efforts to conserve water on a panel discussion called Planning for Central Arizona’s Looming Agricultural Water Shortage.

Huater talked about



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Ramona Button presented at the Water Resource Research Center Conference on Irrigated Agriculture at the University of Arizona on March 28.

the creation of Gila River Water Storage, LLC. (GRWS), which was established to market stored water and help fund the costs of bringing the Community’s entitlement of Central Arizona Project water to the GRIC.

He said the GRWS, coupled with a five-year water plan, led to the creation of a permanent water fund that would help improve water infrastructure in the Community.

In regards to water conservation, Hauter said the Community is also part of the on-going water conservation discussions with local stakeholders across Arizona to developing better ways of managing and

recharging groundwater.

The Community is also involved with the Lower Colorado Basin Drought Contingency Plan, which involves multiple municipalities, like the City of Phoenix, in allocating excess Central Arizona Project water to preserve the water levels of Lake Mead.

He said the Community continues to discuss system conservation management with its constituents to address the drought conditions in the lower basin states.

In the long term, he said, the state will need to be more creative in addressing its water shortage needs and that the Community’s efforts to address wa-



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Attorney Jason Hauter speaks at the conference on Gila River’s support of water conservation efforts.

ter shortages in the short-term are just one piece of the puzzle towards water conservation.

Tribal Education to promote reading with Community Youth Grant

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Last spring the Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department applied for the Community Youth Grant

from the U.S. Department of Education, to develop early education initiatives for students and teachers across the Community.

TED plans to use the grant to bolster reading habits, promote the best

practices in teacher education and introduce more Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics into the classroom.

TED Director Isaac Salcido said his department has already begun to work on parts of the grant’s objectives by working with the Community’s early education centers.

He said the decision to apply for the grant came at the need to help some of the students at the Community’s early education centers that were having difficulties reading at their age level.

The grant will also be used to develop a book distribution program that is aimed at increasing reading at home.

One of TED’s goals

is to put 100 books in 80 percent of the Community’s homes by the end of the grant’s term of four years.

Additionally, it will provide teacher trainings, which are being provided by Extreme Teaching, based out of Eastern Michigan.

Salcido said, “It’s growing habits of reading. Sometimes grandparents will ask what is the best way to teach their kids how to read.”

“The early childhood piece [of the grant] involves getting all the people involved in parent training, to come together and determine what is the message [we] are giving about the role of parenting in the Community.”

It has been understood that the role of parenting does not always involve the mother and father, but is also carried out by other members of the family.

He said guardians ask questions like, “How can I help my child in school?” What if my child doesn’t want to go to school or they don’t like to read.”

It will also allow TED to develop culturally rele-

vant books that will have themes based on what the students see in the Community.

Another component to the grant is the development of culturally relevant books that make connections between the children and their environment.

Culture Coordinator Anthony Grey said the ultimate goal of the books is to develop children’s interest in reading and about their Community, which they hope to incorporate into the themes of the books.

“Whenever someone brings up culture or language, they think of how [we] did things way back when,” said Grey, “So now, we are looking into how we can depict Community life today through the children’s books.”

He said reading develops when parents and children start making connections when they hear stories about their family or the Community.

“That is where the excitement of wanting to learn more begins in a child’s life.”

Other components mentioned in the grant are

underway with trainings provided to 25 teachers at different education centers across the Community.

TED Assistant Director Fredrick Poitra said Extreme Teaching has already provided the fifth through eighth grade educators with out-of-the-box teaching styles that can be used in the classroom.

He said Science, Technology, Engineering and Math are one of the subjects being integrated into curriculums at schools in the Community.

“It’s about increasing the academic standard and expectations of the Community,” said Poitra, “Changing [that] outlook, I think [is] huge.”

All three said that change is an incremental process that takes small steps to see improvements of children across the Community.

Salcido said it is about developing benchmarks every year in order to get a birds eye view of the progress that will be made by evaluating the work that is being done.

Kuavol, aka Wolfberry, takes center stage at Dist. 3 culture class

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Kuavol is the quietly treasured desert dessert of the O’otham, oft overlooked and nearly forgotten. But the small red fruit took center stage at a public class in the District 3 Service Center, April 6, led by O’otham language instructor Tammy Histia, who shared her grandmother’s recipe for kuavol pudding.

The fruit, which is related to the Chinese goji berry, is also known as wolfberry. Both are in the nightshade family of plants, along with tomatoes. The small purple flowers of the kuavol bush bloom in early spring, and O’otham harvest the little berries from February through April.

The berries glow bright reddish orange against their muted green bushes. They grow in an oblong, rugby-ball shape and are the size of a nickel when fully ripe. One large bush can produce upwards of 500 berries and it can be painstaking to pick each of them individually.

Histia recommends walking into the desert to pick good berries rather than those closer to the road to avoid potentially consuming pollutants from cars passing by. She also suggested seeking out berries

on smaller bushes, lower to the ground, but warned to be careful of snakes that like to hide in the shade of the kuavol bushes.

More than 30 people attended the language class to learn about the kuavol, and most of them were elders. While the kuavol has long been a favorite snack of the O’otham, not many know how to prepare it, said Histia. The elders are learning too.

The practice of harvesting kuavol seems to have skipped a generation. Many of the elders in the class remembered the treat from their youth, but never learned how to make it for themselves, so learning the pudding recipe was new for them too.

“It brings back memories,” said Alex Blaine III, whose grandmother used to make treats with kuavol. The last time he had kuavol pudding was when he was a child, maybe 45 years ago, he said. “Those were the good days.”

Blaine said he sees the fresh kuavol out in the desert, but wasn’t sure how to prepare them and always wanted to learn. “This was my chance. Now I know,” he said. “I thought it was a hard deal, you know, but it’s pretty easy [to make].”

Kuavol is beloved for its subtle sweetness and

can be enjoyed in a variety of ways. It can be made into a dip, a sauce, a blended drink, mixed into pies or tossed into salads. It’s also delicious fresh off the branch. The fruit has a tart, bittersweet taste like a cross between a cranberry and a sweet tomato.

Histia remembered picking kuavol from the desert bush with her sister – grandma’s orders. “She would give us a [used] coffee can and she’d be like, ‘Don’t come back until it’s full,’” she said. “We would come home with a full can and that was our dessert just about every night that

it was in season. She would bake a cake and cut it into small little squares for us, put it over it like strawberry shortcake. That was our dessert.”

The pudding Histia made for the class was originally her grandmother’s and it is reprinted here with Histia’s permission.

“It’s really simple... just flour, sug-

ar, and water and that’s it. And you’re just boiling it all together,” she said. “Only

ten minutes to cook it and it’s ready to serve.”



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN
Tammy Histia, left, prepares kuavol at the D3 Service Center, April 6.

Kuavol Recipe - Kuavol Pudding

(Tammy Histia : Sharing my Lu’lu’u- Evelyn Wilson Jones recipe.)

1. Clean and wash berries under cold water. Removing all stems and leaves.
2. Place berries in a pot to boil.
3. Add water. Water level should be filled to the same level that the berries are in the pot.
4. Turn stove on high and bring to a boil.
5. Once the berries are boiling, turn stove to medium heat.
6. Berries will start to turn an orange color. The natural sugars will start to turn water to syrup.
7. The berries are ready for thickening. Mix the following ingredients in a separate bowl.
 - 1 – 1 ½ cup of water (Shuthag)
 - 1 – 2 tablespoons of sugar (A:suga). Sweeten to your taste.
 - 1 – 2 tablespoons of flour (Chu’i)
8. Add mixture to boiling berries. Stir and let boil for about 5 minutes or until it has the consistency like gravy. It is up to you on the thickness of your pudding, you may like soupy or thick.
9. Remove from heat.
10. Serve and enjoy eat. It can be served cold or hot.

Recipe courtesy of Tammy Histia

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GRGE names Corporate Vice President of Marketing



Submitted by Alexis Kramer
OH Partners Public Relations

Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. has named Dominic Orozco as Corporate Vice President of Marketing for its three Valley gaming and hotel properties.

Orozco will oversee marketing operations at all three Gila River properties, which include Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, Vee

Quiva Hotel & Casino, and Lone Butte Casino.

“The enterprise is thrilled to welcome on board Mr. Orozco as the Vice President of Marketing,” said Kenneth Manuel, Chief Executive Officer for Gila River Gaming Enterprises. “With his extensive background in the gaming and marketing field, we are confident that new and innovative days are ahead for the Gila River Gaming Enterprise brand.”

Dominic brings more

than 17 years of experience in the gaming industry to Gila River Casinos. During his gaming career, Dominic served as president and chairman for the New Mexico Cibola County Chamber of Commerce and served as a board member for the State of New Mexico Division of Tourism.

“It is a pleasure to fill this role and market such a dynamic enterprise. The Enterprise is complete with robust property amenities and a strong presence in the

market, which will be instrumental in enriching the experience and brand,” said Dominic Orozco.

Relocating to Arizona from New Mexico to serve as the Director of Gaming at RIESTER Advertising, Dominic directed advertising and marketing efforts for 20 casinos, including casinos in Phoenix, Arizona and Choctaw Casinos and Resorts in Oklahoma.

Dominic began his career in New Mexico with the Laguna Development

Corp. operating two casinos near Albuquerque, NM. He was instrumental in launching a new brand for Dancing Eagle Casino while receiving several awards through recognized industry experts, including Raving’s Romero Awards. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Business from New Mexico State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from the University of Phoenix.

Coolidge High School students showcase work at the Heard Museum

Submitted by Terry Willis
GRIC Student Advisor

Two students from Coolidge High School participated in the 2017 Heard Museum American Indian Art Show & Sale, held

March 24. The show attracts American Indian students from all over North America, and provides students the opportunity to exhibit and sell their work in the world famous Heard Museum. Students also compete for ribbons and

cash prizes in 13 categories and two age divisions.

Tenth grade student Lorenza Aleman from District 4 submitted two photographs; one of her photograph’s was titled “The Fallen” the other was titled “Alone.” Lorenza received

a third place ribbon and a certificate for her photograph the “The Fallen.”

Lorenza enjoys photography and her goal is to attend Film School at Scottsdale Community College. She is very talented in her work and does a fine job and her photographs certainly tell a story and have special meaning.

Senior Ellayna Polingyowna, District 4, did an acrylic painting titled “Harvesting Corn.” Ellayna’s art was sold.

The beautiful painting represents a corn dancer harvesting corn and a long hair kachina blessing the water and bringing rain to the Mesa and the crops. She will receive a check and also received a certificate.

Ellayna is an amazing artist. She is always eager to partic-



Photo Courtesy Terry Willis

Lorenza Aleman and Ellayna Polingyowna hold certificates of their art.

ipate in many art activities throughout the school year both in her community and other outside events. She is very talented in drawing and painting.

Ellayna’s goal is to attend the Institute of American Indian Arts School in Santa Fe, NM. She has already begun working on her application and is very

excited. She shares deep expression in all of her artwork and drawings.

This is the second year in a row both of these students have participated and won in the art sale. Congratulations to these two young ladies. It has been a great year for each of them! We are very proud!

Public Hearing Presentation by

Department of Housing Development

of the
Draft Asset Management Policy & Draft RHIP Policy Revision

Department of Housing Development has developed a Draft Asset Management Policy and a Draft RHIP Policy Revision. These policies are now ready for the public review and comment period.

Presentations will be held at each District Service Center to explain the policies and to accept public comments. Copies of both policies are available for review at the Service Centers and Department of Housing Development.

The tentative presentation schedule is:

District 1- <i>Wednesday, April 26, 2017</i>	District 2- <i>Thursday, April 27, 2017</i>
District 4- <i>Monday, May 1, 2017</i>	District 3- <i>Tuesday, May 2, 2017</i>
District 5- <i>Thursday, May 4, 2017</i>	District 6- <i>Wednesday, May 10, 2017</i>
District 7- <i>Thursday, May 11, 2017</i>	

Presentations are scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If the presentation has to be rescheduled due to emergencies, notice will be posted at the Service Center. Please contact Department of Housing Development at (520) 562-1863 if you have any questions.

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Wednesday May 3, 2017: Sacaton Elementary School 9a-12p

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Friday May 12, 2017: Gila Crossings Community School 1p-3p

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Contact for more information:
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JUNE 5-29, 2017
MONDAY-THURSDAY
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April 7, 2017

Student must be enrolled at CBCS for the 2017-2018 school year to participate in the summer program.
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CONTACT

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • April 5, 2017

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday April 5, 2017, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:12 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Executive Officers Absent:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz (9:28); D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza,; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-, Charles Goldtooth (9:32), Sandra Nasewyteva (10:46); D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent: D4-Barney Enos, Jr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Request For Presentation-Audubon Arizona

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED MS. SONIA PERILLO. MS. PERILLO PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE AUDUBON PROGRAM AND EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

2. Ryan House

Presenters: Brian Schulman, Alyssa Crockett

MR. BRIAN SCHULMAN PROVIDED A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESENTATION AND MS. ALYSSA CROCKETT. MS. CROCKETT PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE RYAN HOUSE PROGRAM. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS

3. 2017-2018 Gila River Royalty Court Introductions

Presenters: Gila River Royalty Committee

MS. APRIL CRAWFORD INTRODUCED THE 2017-2018 ROYALTY COURT. JR. MISS GILA RIVER HAILI GONZALES INTRODUCED HERSELF AND PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HER PLATFORM. MISS GILA RIVER ANISSA GARCIA INTRODUCED HERSELF AND PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HER PLATFORM. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:16 A.M.]

REPORTS

1. Four Rivers Quarterly Narrative

Presenter: Anthony L. Young Esq.

REPORT HEARD

2. Travel Report, 1st Quarter-Fiscal Year 2017

Presenters: Suzanne Johns, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD

3. Pee Posh Veterans Association 1st Qtr Report 2017

Presenter: Arnie Bread Sr.

REPORT HEARD

4. Pee Posh Veterans Association 2nd Qtr Report 2017

Presenter: Arnie Bread Sr.

REPORT HEARD

5. GRICUA Report-FY17 1st Qtr

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Gila River Gaming Enterprise Inc. Monthly Report For February 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Planning & Oversight Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community Council For February 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving And Designating 0.9387 Acres, More Or Less, Of Community Trust Land In District Six For The Development And Construction Of District Six Storage Yard, And 1.0999 Acres, More Or Less, Of Community Land In District Six For The Development, Construction And Operation Of District Six Municipal Solid Water Transfer Sta-

tion (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, with corrections)

Presenter: Nona Baheshone

APPROVED

*2. A Resolution Approving A Plan Of Operations Between The State Of Arizona And The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Kathleen Elliott

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Melanya Sue Pasqual Located In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30315-0777 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, with corrections)

Presenter: Eugene Blackwater

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Rescinding GR-178-07 Which Approved A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Ted R. Kisto, And Approving A Fifty Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Tedine K. Kisto, Located In District Two Of The Gila River Indian Reservation and Designated As Drawing No. 30216-0859 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, with corrections)

Presenter: Eugene Blackwater

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Maricopa County For Improvements To Baseline Road From 91st Avenue To 77th Avenue Alignment (G&MSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Lt. Governor Monica Antone

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. A Resolution Of The Gila River Indian Community Supporting The Tohono O'odham Nation's Position On Border Security And Immigration Enforcement On Tribal Lands (G&MSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; CRSC concurs with corrections)

Presenter: Barnaby V. Lewis

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving The Sale Of The Gila River Farms' Cotton Gin To Chihuahua Cattle & Cotton, Inc. For \$100,000.00 (G&MSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Gila River Farms, Casaundra Wallace

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving The Mutual Termination Of Business Lease No. B-GR-48-2A Between The Gila River Farms And The Wilbur-Ellis Company LLC. (G&MSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Gila River Farms & Javier G. Ramos

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. A Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement for the Sharing of Public Health Data between the Arizona Department of State Health Services and the Gila River Indian Community Tribal Health Department (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Christina Floyd

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. A Resolution Approving the Relinquishment of Julian Coronado From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under Resolutions)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Approving The Relinquishment of Arnold Isaiah Barehand Zamudio From the Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under Resolutions)

Presenters: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

APPROVED

12. A Resolution Approving the Petition For The Enrollment Of Mariah Rochelle Utuga Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under Resolutions)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

APPROVED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

13. A Resolution Approving Membership Of The Gila River Indian Community In The National Indian Gaming Association For Calendar Year 2017 And Authorizing Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) For The Community's Annual Dues

Presenters: Office of General Counsel

APPROVED

ORDINANCES UNFINISHED BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

1. NIGA Tradeshow And Convention (G&MSC motions to open up the Conference to Committee and Council members to attend the Convention April 10-13, 2017 in San Diego, CA utilizing Dues and Delegation line item)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing

Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO ATTEND

2. Gila River Farms Budget Request 2017-2018 (G&MSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Gila River Farm Board, Cletus Shirley

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. District 2 Enrollment Committee Member Appointment (LSC forwards to Council under New Business)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REINSTATE

FRANCISCO OSIFE

4. Certification of Qualifications for the 2017 Community Council Candidates District 1, District 3, District 4, District 5, & District 6 (LSC forwards the candidates for District 1, District 3, District 4, District 5, and District 6 to Council with recommendation for certification)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR DISTRICT 1: JOEY L. BA'AG WHITMAN, AUGUSTINE ENAS, AND WALLY JONES

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY

FOR DISTRICT 3: RODNEY JACKSON, DARREN PEDRO-MARTINEZ, AND ANTONELLI ANTONE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY

FOR DISTRICT 4: JENNIFER ALLISON, CHRISTOPHER MENDOZA, PAMELA F. JOHNSON, AND RAMSEY MOFFETT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR DISTRICT 5: MARLIN DIXON, MERRY KRIS KYIYITAN, JANICE F. STEWART, BRIAN E. DAVIS, SR., RONALD LEWIS, SR., JAMES DE LA ROSA, JACOB R. ANTONE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY

FOR DISTRICT 6: TERRANCE B. EVANS, ALBERT PABLO, SANDRA NASEWYTEWA, AND DENISE ALLISON

MINUTES

1. April 6, 2016 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

AS AMENDED

2. June 1, 2016 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

AS SUBMITTED

3. March 1, 2017 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

AS SUBMITTED

4. March 15, 2017 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

AS SUBMITTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> NAVAJO GENERATING STATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS, APRIL 5 – 6, 2017, WHP CORPORATE CENTER

>NEGOTIATION TEAM MEETING, APRIL 6, 2017, 9 A.M.

>5-TRIBES EVENT, SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017, 9 A.M. TO 12 A.M., DISTRICT 7

>COUNCIL MEMBERS CELAYA, ENOS, JR., AND REDBIRD ON TRAVEL, APRIL 12-14, 2017

>GOVERNOR AND COUNCILWOMAN ALLISON ON TRAVEL APRIL 10-13, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:55A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA

LINDA N. THOMAS

Petitioner/Plaintiff

CASE Number: CV-2017-0039-RO

vs.

MARLENE GARCIA

Respondent/Defendant

CIVIL SUMMONS

TO: MARLENE GARCIA

78TH AVE. 1/4 MILE S/O BASELINE

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: Monday, May 1, 2017 at 1:30 PM in Courtroom VII, West-end Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, 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 16th day of March, 2017

Linda N. Thomas, Case Number: CV-2017-0039-RO

Plaintiff(s)

Vs

Marlene Garcia) CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER

Defendant(s).

(March 16, 2017- May 1, 2017)

CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER

(TEMPORARY)

THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER HAVING COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a RESTRAINING ORDER; and it appearing that a Restraining Order is needed and the Court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date, a Restraining Order against the named defendant, MARLENE GARCIA.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED Linda N. Thomas, and her residence. IN ANY MANNER:

PENDING ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING ON: May 1, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at The West End Judicial Center.

4751 W. Pecos Road, Laveen, Arizona 85339. FURTHER, A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

ANNOUNCEMENT

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY UTILITY AUTHORITY Summer College Student Intern Program 2017 The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) has an opportunity for a full-time Summer College Student Intern. The student will learn about the tasks and responsibilities of the people who provide electric service to the Community. OPPORTUNITY: - Student will work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday - Pay will be \$10.00 per hour (Arizona Minimum Wage) - Program for student will be developed based on his/her major course of study - for example, a

Business or Accounting major will work primarily with staff in that area; an Engineering or technical major will work primarily in the Operations areas of GRICUA - Students will learn from experienced draftsmen, warehouse & purchasing personnel, meter technician, line workers, accountants, customer service representatives and others directly involved with the work in the utility REQUIREMENTS: - Student must be at least 18 years of age and currently enrolled as a full time student at an accredited college or university. - Student must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community - Student should have some basic computer skills, such as word pro-

cessing and spreadsheets; clear Arizona driver's license - Students must complete the GRICUA Application for Employment which can be found at http://www.gricua.net/employment.html - Deadline for filing applications is April 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. - Student will be required to pass a drug screen and background check prior to employment - Return applications via e-mail to GRICUAHR@GRICUA.NET; by fax to 480-452-1429 or mail to GRICUA Human Resources Dept. at 6636 W. Sundust Road, Box 5091, Chandler, AZ 85226. Preference is given to qualified Native American candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act. GRICUA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY UTILITY AUTHORITY Summer High School Student Intern Program 2017 The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) has an opportunity for Summer High School Student Interns to learn a little about how an electric utility operates. Three interns will be selected for summer internships. The students will rotate through various departments at GRICUA, learning about the tasks and responsibilities of the people who provide electric service to the Community. OPPORTUNITY: - Students will work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday

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ment which can be found at http://www.gricua.net/employment.html - Deadline for filing applications is April 28 at 4:00 p.m. - Applications will be evaluated upon receipt and interviews may be scheduled before closing date. - Return applications via e-mail to GRICUAHR@GRICUA.NET; by fax to 480-452-1429 or mail to GRICUA Human Resources Dept. at 6636 W. Sundust Road, Box 5091, Chandler, AZ 85226 Preference is given to qualified Native American candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act. GRICUA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

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suspect took four cartons of cigarettes that were on display and walked out of the Lone Butte Trade Center Smoke Shop. The surveillance camera was able to get a picture of the vehicles license plate as he was leaving the premises. Further investigation revealed that this is the second time the suspect has taken items from the store.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft - The victim reported that while at the Wild Horse Pass Casino his .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver silver in color was taken from the center console inside his vehicle.

The victim stated he forgot to lock his vehicle and discovered the weapon missing a couple of days later.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft - Officers responded to the Sheraton Hotel when two employees stated that their vehicles had been damaged and a purse was taken from one of the vehicle. Upon arrival officers observed the first vehicle to have a broken driver side window and the steering column to be damaged. The second car the driver side door was observed to be open and the wires hanging from the steering column. A vehicle was reported to be seen in the area. A check of the license plate revealed that

the vehicle was reported stolen out of the City of Maricopa.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft - The victim stated while at the Lone Butte Casino earlier in the day her purse was stolen. Upon speaking with the victim she stated while in the restroom she placed her purse on the floor, as she attempted to retrieve it she observed an arm reach in and take her purse from the floor. Her purse was later located but several items were taken and not found when the purse was returned to the victim.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft - The victim called dispatch requesting

to file a report regarding someone stealing her purse. Investigation revealed the victim was at a private event being held at the Wild Horse Pass Casino when she placed her purse down on a chair and later found it to be missing. The purse was not located at that time. A suspect was located and further investigation revealed the suspect did have in her possession some of the items that were taken. Charges are being pursued through the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft - Officers were dispatched to Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th in reference to a possible theft. Upon arrival of the Officers the investigation revealed the suspect had two pairs of glasses in his possession at the time which were taken from the sunglasses display case. Two security tags were found in one of the dressing rooms where the seat had been cut open and the security devices were placed inside the seat. The suspect was given a cited into court and was informed he was no longer welcome on the mall premises.

Status: Suspect was cited

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault - Officers were called in reference to a fight taking place at a residence. Upon the arrival of the Officers it was discovered the suspect was intoxicated and had struck two females during an altercation. The first victim was punched in the face causing her to lose a tooth, dragged by her hair and kicked multiple times. The second victim attempted to break up the fight between the suspect and another male where she was then hit in the head with a razor scooter causing a bump and laceration. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into jail.

Status: Suspect was arrested

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault -

During an altercation a juvenile male suspect stabbed a male victim with a large kitchen knife while at a residence. The suspect left prior to the officers arrival but was later located in the desert area near the residence. The male juvenile suspect was booked for the assault and his outstanding local warrant. The victim was transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Juvenile Male Suspect was arrested

Aggravated Assault - Officers were dispatched to a residence regarding an individual being stabbed. Upon arrival officers determined the altercation took place in a vehicle. It appears the suspect struck the victim with a knife which she had in her possession at the time of the incident. The suspect was not located at the time of the incident.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault - Officers responded to a residence in reference to a domestic fight. Investigation revealed that the suspect arrived at the residence intoxicated and began to talk loudly with his ex girlfriend. The suspect pushed the victim onto the baby causing the baby to wake up and began to cry. As the suspect became angrier he struck a plastic container causing it to break then shoving the victim down on the bed placing his arm around her neck and head

causing her difficulty in breath. The victim refused medical treatment and the suspect was taken into custody and booked into jail.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Auto Theft - The victim reported his vehicle missing as he attempted to locate his vehicle in the parking garage. The victim stated his vehicle was paid off and that he did not know who would take his vehicle. The vehicle was entered into the system as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft - The victim reported while she was out of town her vehicle was taken from her residence. No one had access to her keys nor did she lend out her vehicle. Later she observed her vehicle going into Phoenix and she alerted the police. The vehicle was entered into the system as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Burglary - Officers responded to a church when the reporting party stated he discovered the doors to the church had been forced open. The front door was forced inward causing damages to the door and the door jam. Certain items were discovered missing from inside the Church.

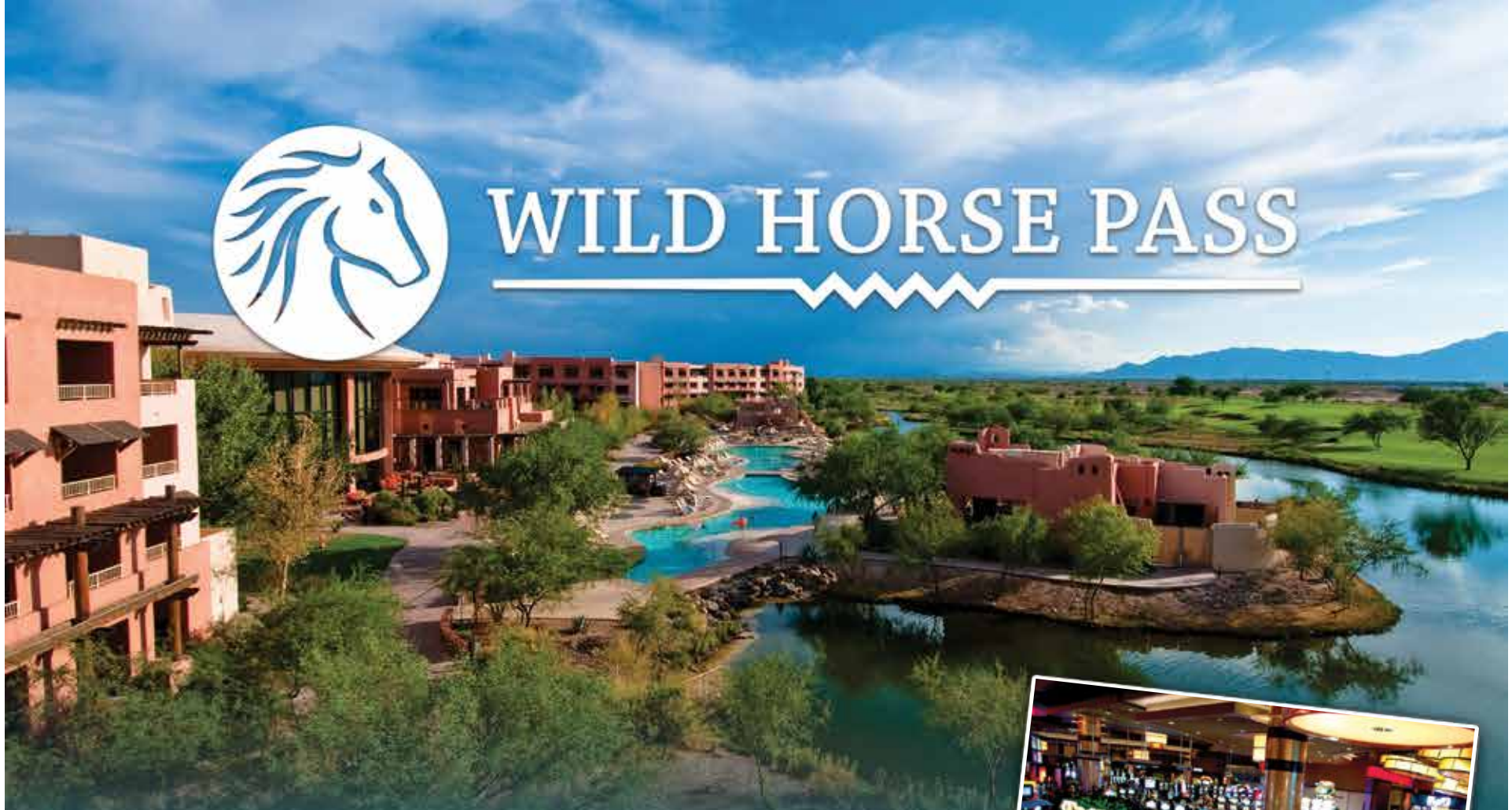
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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS INTERSTATE 11 TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (NOGALES TO WICKENBURG) The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are hosting public meetings to present corridor alternatives for Interstate 11 between Nogales and Wickenburg. YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED! Meeting attendees will be able to review and comment on the proposed alternatives. The alternatives were developed as part of the environmental study and based on input from the agency and public scoping meetings held in 2016, technical analysis, findings from previous studies, and public comment through postal mail, email, telephone and the I-11 website. Six public meetings are being held throughout the study area, including Wickenburg, Buckeye, Casa Grande, Marana, Tucson and Nogales. The same information will be presented at each meeting. Public input is necessary to advance the work done by the team to narrow the universe of alternatives to the reasonable range of alternatives that will be presented at these meetings. WHAT IS I-11? I-11 is a critical piece of multimodal infrastructure that will diversify, support, and connect the economies of Arizona and Nevada. It also could be connected to a larger north-south transportation corridor, linking Mexico and Canada. The purpose of the I-11 corridor is to provide a high-priority, access-controlled transportation corridor that has the potential to enhance the movement of people and freight, while facilitating regional connectivity, trade, communications and technology. YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE 1 Wednesday, May 10 | 5 to 7 p.m. Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center-Dining Rm 405 E. 6th Street | Casa Grande, AZ 2 Tuesday, May 16 | 5 to 7 p.m. Buckeye Community Center-Multipurpose Rm 201 E. Centre Avenue | Buckeye, AZ Presentation: Approximately 5:15 p.m. Following the presentation, the meetings will be held in an open-house format. Study team members will be available to answer questions. Additional public information meetings are being held throughout the study area. The same information will be presented at each meeting. For more information, please visit i11study.com/Arizona. CAN'T MAKE A MEETING? Starting on April 28, visit the website to review the meeting materials and take the online survey: i11study.com/Arizona Call the toll-free bilingual hotline: 1-844-544-8049 Comments received at the meetings or online by June 2, 2017 will be included in the summary of comments. Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), ADOT does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. Persons who require a reasonable accommodation based on language or disability should contact Laura Douglas at 602.712.7683 or ldouglas@azdot.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to ensure the State has an opportunity to address the accommodation. De acuerdo con el título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 y la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA por sus siglas en inglés), el Departamento de Transporte de Arizona (ADOT por sus siglas en inglés) no discrimina por raza, color, nacionalidad, edad, género o discapacidad. Personas que requieren asistencia (dentro de lo razonable) ya sea por el idioma o por discapacidad deben ponerse contacto con Laura Douglas al 602.712.7683 o ldouglas@azdot.gov. Las solicitudes deben hacerse lo más pronto posible para asegurar que el equipo encargado del proyecto tenga la oportunidad de hacer los arreglos necesarios. GILA RIVER INDIAN NEWS 4/23/17 FOR MORE INFORMATION: i11study.com/Arizona Project No. M5180 01P | Federal Aid No. 999-M(161)S

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