

## Historic USS Arizona flag is displayed throughout GRIC

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Just days ahead of the anniversary that marked our nation's entry into World War II, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt said it was, "A date which will live in infamy."

The flag on the USS Arizona, a symbol of the freedoms that Community members and their brothers and sisters in arms across the nation have fought to preserve, was on display in the Community.

At the Gila River Indian Community Governance Center Community, veterans and members of Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 came together to honor the Pearl Harbor Memorial Remembrance flag on Nov. 27.

The Pearl Harbor memorial flag started its day at the District 1 Multipurpose Building, traveling to District 2 and ending its journey at the Governance Center in District 3.

There, the flag was placed in the lobby for visitors to see and hear of the history of that eventful day on December 7, 1941, when Japanese naval aircraft attacked the U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor on the island of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Over 2,400 Americans would be killed in the surprise attack, which included 1,000 civilians.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis greeted veterans from various groups and spoke about the histo-



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**Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 honor the Pearl Harbor Memorial Flag from the USS Arizona, at the Governance Center in Sacaton on Nov. 27. The flag was displayed in all seven GRIC districts to mark the anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.**

ry of Community members, who fought in World War II.

Lewis said, "To bring the USS Arizona Pearl Harbor remembrance flag [here] and all that was done to coordinate this highest honor, just confirms that we recognize all of our veterans and those that made the ultimate sacrifice, including those that are continuing to honor our tradition

of military service.

"It is one of the most significant parts of history and is an example of a conflict where so many of our Community veterans fought and gave their lives. We are fortunate to have those members, who have made a solemn commitment to protect our Community and nation," said Lewis.

On Dec. 6., the remembrance

flag will make its final stop at the Huhugam Heritage Center, where a Flag Breathing Ceremony for the memorial flag will take place in conjunction with the American Legion Post 114 "Bushmasters," who will ceremoniously receive the flag. Post 114 is the parent

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## Student-athlete caps perfect season with championship

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In just their second-year of varsity competition, the Casteel High School Colts capped an undefeated season, topping top-ranked Tucson Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, in the 3A state football championship game over the weekend at Campo Verde High School.

Helping the Colts has been sophomore defensive lineman Malachi Siquieros, a Gila River Indian Community member. At 6-foot, 245-lbs the defensive end has been a strong force for the Colts since stepping on the field as a freshman.

"It's so exciting, very emotional, I'm exhilarated right now," said Siquieros after the state championship game. "It's amazing and just like in the movies. We did it for our family, fans and our school."

As a freshman, Siquieros was named 2nd team all-conference for Class 3A. He was also named to the first-team 3A Metro all-region. As well as being selected to the East Valley Tribune All-Tribune Small School Football team, he was also awarded the Casteel



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**Malachi Siquieros, 71, defensive end for the Casteel High School Colts football team celebrates during the 3A state football championship game against number 1 ranked Tucson Pusch Ridge Christian Academy on Nov. 27. Casteel won 35-28.**

High School Most Valuable Lineman Award by his coaching staff.

"He is a great student, great athlete and a high-level player," said Casteel head coach Spencer Stowers. "He wants to be great and he has a competitive drive.

He can play all of the positions on the defensive line because he stops the run and rushes the passer. He has a very bright future ahead of him and with his size anticipate him playing college ball."

In his sophomore campaign,

Siquieros has already been named to the 3A Metro all-region team for the second year in a row. As of press time, the voting for the all-conference team was still in

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# Whitman and Rhodes receive President's Lifetime Achievement Award

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis awarded two Community veterans for their service across the Gila River Indian Community on behalf of the President of the United States.

"Today is a special day and opportunity to recognize you two for helping your fellow veterans, your brother and sister veterans. I just want to thank you," said Gov. Lewis.

Wesley Rhodes and Darrell Whitman, who both served with AmeriCorps, received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement award on Nov. 22.

Program Evaluator Leonard Bruce with the Office of the Community Manager said, "One of the reasons Darrell and Wesley are receiving the award is because of the tremendous amount of hours and service they have shown through the AmeriCorps Program."

He said the two have been instrumental in providing mentorship to new AmeriCorps members, organizing community veterans events, and bringing service men and women together.

Gov. Lewis read a letter of appreciation from the President of the United States, that lauded both of them for their volunteer service and commitment to the Community.

"You have assured the continuation of America's unparalleled commitment to improving the lives of others. You have served as a mode of the American spirit," said the letter.

The letter also stated the award is the nation's show of appreciation for those, "who give so willingly of themselves and their lives for the benefit of others." Whitman and Rhodes are no stranger to giving their time and talents for others. Whitman is a veteran of the US Army and Rhodes is a veteran of the Marine Corps.

Gov. Lewis said Whitman and Rhodes have demonstrated some of the highest qualities of leadership in helping build the AmeriCorps program into a prime example of serving veterans within a tribal community.

Bruce said the recognition comes with another bit of extra news about what Whitman and Rhodes will be doing over the foreseeable future.

"One of the reasons it is also a special occasion is because they have been chosen as Peer Support Specialists for the new Veteran & Family Service Office, based on the three years of service that they have contributed to the advancement of veterans and their families," he said.

Bruce explained, as Peer Support Specialists, Whitman and Rhodes knowledge and connections with Community veterans will help to build the VFSSO into a great foundation for future services and resources to serve Veterans and their families.

Gov. Lewis in response to the success of AmeriCorps praised the work of Employment & Training Director, Lana Chanda and former AmeriCorps Coordinator,



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**Darrell Whitman and Wesley Rhodes were honored with the President's Lifetime Achievement Award. From left, Whitman, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Rhodes.**

Leonard Bruce for developing the program and the implementation of the grant that was awarded to the Community three years ago. With AmeriCorps receiving another 3-year grant, and members now serving with the Veterans & Family Service Office, Gila River can anticipate continued support for veterans and their families for many years to come.

In closing, Governor Lewis declared "What we have is an important duty to serve our veterans and bring services to them that will greatly benefit them and their families."

Darrell Whitman served in the U.S. Army from 2006-2010 with the 82nd Airborne Division and served two tours of duty

during Iraqi Freedom campaigns. Wesley Rhodes served in the United States Marine Corps from 1979 to 1982 and was assigned to a Marine helicopter squadron based out Jacksonville North Carolina and out of Norfolk Virginia.

Rhodes was deployed aboard naval vessels as part of recovery efforts of service personnel during times of conflict.

Whitman said despite receiving the award, he and Rhodes are still keeping busy doing what needs to be done for the AmeriCorps program and Veterans and Family Services department.

Rhodes said, "We were doing what needed to be done, talking with veterans and getting to know their history and listening to the

stories that they have to say."

"Over the last three years the work that we have put into the program has gotten us to where we are now."

Whitman said awards are a great way of showing how well the program has come, but attributed the accomplishment to other program members, who are equally deserving of praise.

"We did not come into this program looking for an award. It was the participation of everyone gathering information from the veterans and trying to get people to make a positive impact on their lives and the Community," said Whitman.



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# Football

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progress and with the season just ending, more accolades should be awarded.

"It's about self-confidence," said Siqueros. "Whatever you want, you have to go and get it. You need to have desire and chase after it. I work on my craft, work hard every day trying to get better."

With two more years left, Siqueros and the Colts face a much tougher challenge heading into next season. The new school, without seniors, adds more to its enrollment each year and next year will be competing in Class 5A.

"We had the mindset of being a big school already," said Stowers. "We are ready to achieve at a

higher level and we'll be bringing everyone back and I think we are going to surprise people."

This season, Casteel finished 14-0, with five games coming by nine points or less. The other nine games, they won by an average of 62 points.

Siqueros is the son of Timothy and Regina Siqueros.

"It's about representing," said Siqueros of being a GRIC athlete. "Not many people think we are able to do much but as long as you put your mind to it, you can do whatever you want. Follow your dreams and they'll come true."



Siqueros, 71, is the son of Timothy and Regina Siqueros.

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# USS Arizona

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host of the remembrance flag and allowed Post 84 and other Community veteran groups organized the posting of the remembrance flag throughout each of the Community's districts.

Through a series of meetings about how to bring the remembrance flag to the Community, HHC Director Shirley Jackson said the veterans and American Legion posts helped make the flag's journey through the Community possible.

"Originally we were approached by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indi-

an Community Huhugam Ki Museum representative Thomas Jackson about the idea of bringing the remembrance flag here to the Community" said Jackson.

HHC held planning meetings to ensure the flag was on display in each district for those not able to attend the flag breathing ceremony on Dec. 6.

Jackson said HHC Museum Technician I Donald Sabori and Darrell Whitman, who serves as the HHC Liaison to the veteran's population, reached out to veterans for assistance.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and veterans pose with the flag.

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# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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## Incident Log

October 22 - 28, 2017

Calls for services this week: 57, Arrest made: 65

District One (Blackwater):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – The victim called dispatch to report an aggravated assault. The investigation revealed the victim's sister used a box cutter to stab/cut the victim causing physical injury to her upper lip and abdomen. The suspect was detained and booked into custody.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

Theft – The reporting party and also the victim stated his daughter had sent a family member over to pick up a vehicle. While at the residence it is believed they may have also taken change which had been sitting in the basket where the keys were located.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft – While at the Wild Horse Pass Casino, the victim had baseball equipment taken from his unlocked vehicle. Upon contact with the victim he stated miscellaneous baseball equipment and a cell phone were taken from his vehicle while he was inside the Casino. Photos were taken and submitted into evidence. Surveillance footage will be reviewed to assist in identifying the suspects.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to Tommy Hilfinger Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in regards to a female suspect taking items from the store. Contact was made with employees who stated the female went into the store and acted as if she was looking at merchandise. The suspect then exited the store causing the security lights to illuminate, indicating she was taking the

items without paying. The female did not stop or slow down and attempts were made to locate the female with negative results. Video surveillance will be reviewed to see if any investigative leads are observed.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Lids Store employee at the Phoenix Premium Outlet called dispatch to report a shoplifting. Upon contact with the employee, she stated that a male subject stole a baseball cap from their store. Attempts were made to locate the male around the surrounding stores with negative results.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting)– Michael Kors store employees stated two male subjects entered their store and committed shoplifting by taking several purses from their display and leaving the store without paying for them. The men left on foot and were not located.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft–The victim reported to dispatch that while at the Lone Butte Casino, his generator was taken from the back of his truck. Two males are observed to drive up to the victim's vehicle and lift the generator into their vehicle and then leave the premises.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

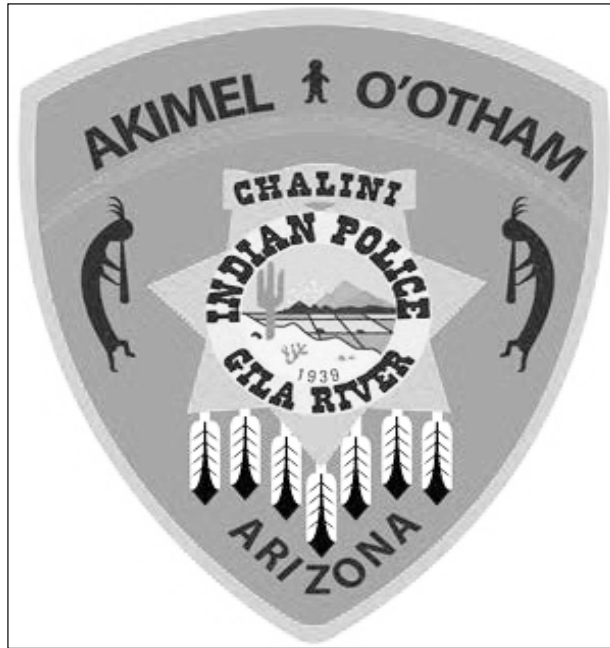
Aggravated Assault – The victim called dispatch to report a verbal altercation between her and the suspect. As she was requesting an officer to their residence the suspect began to assault the victim with a hammer causing the victim to be transported to an area hospital for medical treatment. The suspect was located at the residence where he was detained and taken into custody.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a report of criminal damage. Investigation revealed the victim was assaulted by the suspect when he struck her with the heel of his foot and with the butt of a weapon. The weapon was seized and booked into evidence with the photos that were taken of the scene. The suspect was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail



Burglary– A subject broke into 5 buildings at the Gila Crossing Middle School. Several glass door cabinets were shattered and items were strewn on the floor. There were damaged to the interior of the buildings along with miscellaneous items which were stolen from the premises. Evidence was obtained and placed into evidence.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

## Incident Log October 29 – November 4, 2017

Gila River Police officers responded to 558 calls for service and made 44 arrests.

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – The victim reported a suspect, unknown to the victim, knocked on the door and when the victim opened it the suspect attempted to force entry into the residence. When the victim resisted the suspect stabbed the victim in the leg and then left the property on foot. The victim contacted the Gila River Police Department and reported the incident. The victim was medically treated and transported by Gila River Emergency Medical Services to a local hospital for treatment of her non-life threatening injury.

Status: Under investigation

Weapons – Suspect(s) fired three shots into the air and demanded the victims leave the area. Officers in the vicinity heard the gun shots fired and responded. The victims were not injured and no structures were reported as being struck.

Status: Charges forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

Auto Theft – Sus-

pect(s) unlawfully removed and stole a vehicle from the driveway of a residence. The victim reported having left the vehicle unsecured.

Status: Under Investigation

District Three (Sacaton):

Theft – The suspect took the victim's wallet containing several credit cards and then committed fraud by making several purchases with the stolen cards.

Status: Under investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Weapons – The suspect arrived at the victim's residence armed with a large machete. The victims were not injured and were safely secured inside the residence. Officers were able to deescalate the situation and took the suspect into custody without injury to himself or others.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

District Four (Lone Butte / WHP Area):

Burglary – Suspect(s) entered a storage unit at the Pecos Road U-Haul Storage facility and removed half of the contents within. The victim was in the process of moving and the items had been temporarily placed in the storage unit.

Status: Under investigation

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Lone Butte Trade Center, concealed a 40oz bottle of malt liquor in his shirt and then walked past the point of sale exiting the store without paying for the merchandise. A Gila River Police Officer made contact with the suspect and transported him back to the store to review surveillance footage for confirmation of his involvement.

Status: Suspect was given a criminal citation for shoplifting.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Wild Horse Pass Chevron, picked up a case of beer and then

walked past the point of sale exiting the store without paying for the merchandise. Employee's reported seeing the suspect enter and leave the premises in a yellow SUV.

Status: Under investigation

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the Saks Fifth Ave Off 5th store, located at the Phoenix Premium Outlets, took 4 pairs of pants, an outerwear jacket and left the premises in a gray Cadillac sedan. Two pairs of pants and the jacket were recovered as the suspect dropped the items as they were fleeing.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) took packages from Pacific Scientifics' shipping and receiving rack. Employees were alerted that the packages had not arrived at their destination and immediately notified Gila River Police Department. FedEx interviewed their driver and searched the vehicle with negative results.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) entered the Aldo store, located at Phoenix Premium Outlets, stole three watches and then left the premises. Employees noticed the missing merchandise as they were conducting their end of day inventory count.

Status: Under investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic altercation that escalated and became physical. The suspect placed himself on top of the victim and then placed his hand around the victim's throat and began strangling her until he heard officers arrive. The suspect then fled the residence. The victim was medically evaluated by Gila River Emergency Medical Services and refused medical transportation to a hospital.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) trespassed on Ramona Farms property and stole one bales of hay, and other miscellaneous items.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) removed a hydro pump from the Nelson and Ruins Roads intersection without the permission of the contracting company. Employees immediately reported the missing pump to Gila River Police Department.

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Status: Under investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Weapons – Gila River Indian Community employees reported hearing shots fired in the residential area of Cocatka Street where they were trimming trees. A nearby residence was searched and secured. No persons or structures were struck. Additional shots fired were heard further into the desert area away from the residences. Officers searched the area with negative findings.

Status: Under investigation

Weapons – Suspect(s) fired weapons striking a residence on Maverick road. One bedroom window was shot through and the projectile lodged in the bedroom closet door. No persons were struck or injured.

Status: Under investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) lured the victim through Facebook messenger under the name of a female subject known to the victim with the pretense of a party occurring. Several suspects approached the victim after he arrived at the agreed location and began assaulting him with their hands, feet, bats and pieces of wood. The victim made it back to his vehicle while still being attacked and the suspects began striking the vehicle. The victim was checked out by medical personal for non life threatening injuries.

Status: Under investigation

## Incident Log November 5 to November 11, 2017

Gila River Police officers responded to 616 calls for service and made 39 arrests.

District One (Blackwater):

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The victim reported that her boyfriend of five months put both hands around her neck and she lost consciousness during the struggle. The victim left the residence and arrived at the hospital for medical evaluation. The suspect was gone from the residence prior to officer arrival. Photos were taken and submitted into evidence.

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Attempts will be made to locate the suspect.

Status: Open Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a domestic in progress. Investigation revealed the suspect attempted to stab the victim with a kitchen knife after the suspect became upset when the victim tried to wake him up and lifted him out of bed. The victim sustained a small puncture on his lower abdomen. The suspect admitted to his actions and was booked into JDRS. Photos were taken and submitted into evidence.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into JDRS

Theft - The suspect was observed taking a laptop size object from Sacaton Middle School without permission and then left the classroom. Officers were contacted by District Three Recreation Department stating they had found a laptop at the skate park that had been smashed with a label belonging to Sacaton Middle School. Contact was made with the suspect at school, who admitted to taking the laptop

and smashing it at the skate park. Charges were forwarded to law office.

Status: Charges forwarded against the suspect

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – The victim was shot in the leg with a .40 caliber weapon. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival. The victim was transported to Chandler Regional Medical Center for further medical treatment.

Status: On-going Investigation

Weapons – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to shots fired. The caller advised they were tired of the shots being fired in the area. During the investigation, seventy four rounds were located south of a residence and were placed into evidence for examination.

Status: On-going Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte / WHP Area):

Shoplifting – Officers responded to Saks Fifth Avenue Off Fifth in reference to a shoplifting. The suspect grabbed items and ran out the door. Video surveillance and vehicle information were obtained and will be reviewed.

Status: On-going In-

vestigation

Shoplifting – Two unknown females walked into the Chevron Gas Station and committed shoplifting. Both individuals took a carton of cigarettes and walked out of the store without paying for the merchandise. Video surveillance and vehicle information were obtained and a follow up is being conducted on the information provided.

Status: On-going Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a prior assault. Investigation revealed the victim was allegedly assaulted by two female suspects. The victim sustained a large amount of swelling and a laceration above their right eye. The victim was transported to a local Hospital where the victim received further medical treatment. The case has been forwarded to Criminal Investigation for further investigation.

Status: On-going Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to

a fight in progress between approximately six people. As officers were in route, the caller advised they heard a pop and thinks it was a gun shot. As officers arrived on scene the victim was located with a gunshot wound to their upper arm. The victim was transported to a valley hospital for medical treatment.

Status: On-going Investigation

Burglary – A door to the electrical room in the lagoon area of District 6 was damaged when unknown suspects broke the locking mechanism. The door was also pried open and the suspect(s) paint graffiti upon the walls.

Status: On-going Investigation

Burglary – The victim called dispatch to report an unknown subject broke into his storage unit in the back of his residence. Various items were taken from the storage area.

Status: On-going Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to Vee Quiva in reference to a purse being stolen. Investigation revealed while the victim was playing the slots two suspects removed the purse from a walker. The male and female were then observed leaving in a vehicle.

Video surveillance is being reviewed.

Status: On-going Investigation

Theft – Officers were requested to the residence in reference to two bikes being taken from the residence sometime during the day.

Status: On-going Investigation

Theft – The victim called dispatch to report a theft. Upon officer arrival, the victim stated that the suspect stole her large seed spreader. Officers were able to develop information upon who may have taken the items and where they may now possibly be. Follow up will continue to be conducted on this investigation.

Status: On-going Investigation

Theft – The victim called dispatch to report a theft. Upon officer arrival contact was made with the victim who stated as he was trimming his bushes in his yard he noticed two bikes were missing from his yard. The victim did not know who would take the bicycles.

Status: On-going Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched to a res-

idence in reference to an auto theft. Upon arrival contact was made with a male subject who stated the vehicle that was taken which belonged to his sister. The male subject stated he met his friend in Phoenix and invited him to his home to clean himself up. When he went to sleep his friend left a note stating he was going to the store and would return. The subject failed to return the vehicle.

Status: On-going Investigation

Incident Log

November 12-18, 2017

Calls for services this week: 648, Arrest made: 43

District One (Blackwater):

No incidents involving part I crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part I crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to Sacaton Super Mart where two suspects possibly shoplifted from the store. Reporting party observed a female suspect, on video surveil-

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Well, What Do You Know?	8:00pm	Maina Maina has to follow the trail of her enemies to retrieve Nipki, Matsii's 11-year-old son who has been captured by the Inuit. She is taken captive herself.	Back to Pikangikum Suicide has brought down the communities happiness and cast a grief.	Behind the Blue Veil Intern'l headlines of Sahara crisis and exposes gov't corruption and neglect.	Cree Spoken Here The resurgence of the Cree language in Northern Quebec.	The Process An insightful journey into lives affected by Israeli-Palestinian conflict.	The Hazda: Last of the First One of the world's oldest hunter-gatherer groups.	Deep Time Casts the ongoing boom in the context of paleo-cycles, climate change, and the dark ecology of the future.	8:30pm	Amazonia Eterna A critical analysis of the world's largest tropical rainforest is understood and utilized.	Crying Earth Rise Up Exposes the human cost of uranium mining and its impact on Great Plains drinking water.	Washakie Last Chief of the Eastern Shosone He led the tribe in battle and in peace, dealing with difficult negotiations w/US.	Touching The Past Joe Morris Sr. shares his experience working as a Navajo Code Talker during World War II.	The Human Effect Geronimo takes viewers into depth with Mother Earth's beautiful landscapes and areas.	Peach Blossom Garden	9:00pm								9:30pm								10:00pm								10:30pm								11:00pm								11:30pm							



# Youth council president ready to take AOPPYC to new heights

**Aaron J. Tohtsoni**  
Gila River Indian News

Newly inaugurated Akimel O'odham-Pee Posh Youth Council President Randel Curran is hoping to bring unity and awareness to the Community in the upcoming year as he serves his term while keeping the Community culture alive.

"Without our language we aren't really a tribe," said Curran. "One thing I want to work on is that after every meeting, we try to learn a simple O'otham phrase. I think it's very important to keep the culture and traditions alive."

Curran has been a part of AOPPYC for two years, serving as an at-large member last year before being voted as President this year. His involvement first started while a sophomore at Coolidge High School when he joined the Tribes Club and served as their Vice-President.

Through the Tribes Club, Curran came into contact with AOPPYC coordinator, Michael Preston, to help facilitate at an annu-

al youth event, Close Up. It was at that event Curran got a taste of the organization and structure of the youth conference and youth council. From there, he was a part of the organization despite not holding an official position.

"I jokingly said that I would run for President," stated Curran after turning down positions prior. "Towards the end of my (at-large) term, I thought about it more and asked some friends and they encouraged me to shoot for it, so I did."

And he won the President seat, being sworn in at the end of this past October.

"It felt a little surreal," Curran described of the inauguration. "I would've never thought that I would be the position that I'm in. On the outside, I tried to keep all of my emotions in and keep a cool face but when I gave my speech it all kind of spilled out. I'm truly grateful to be where I'm at."

With the upcoming holidays, Curran is hoping to get a community event

planned and organized to take place in District 3. The event would be a movie night, where a Christmas movie would be shown on a big screen and hot chocolate would be served to those in attendance. He is also interested in starting community clean ups. Such community events, help achieve some of Curran's goals as President.

First, Curran wants to have unity among the Community's youth from various districts, as well as getting the Community more aware of the AOPPYC, so that more members are keen on taking part. The Youth Council also sings traditional O'otham songs and often times teams up with the sister tribes to share the O'otham culture.

Community service and various fundraising were some of the reasons that Curran first became interested in the AOPPYC. The aspect of giving back to the community and serving others was important and something that he wants to continue practicing.

"Once we can achieve



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

**Randel Curran is the new president of the Akimel O'odham-Pee Posh Youth Council.**

unity and togetherness, we will be a full Community and I want to bring the Community together," said Curran.

Currently, Curran is working at the Boys and Girls Club where he is learning skills and gaining experience towards his career aspirations. Curran plans to attend Central Arizona College and pursue

a degree in elementary or secondary education to become a teacher.

Working with the Youth Council has given Curran opportunities to gain experience working with youth and challenging him to work on people skills and give him valuable experience and direction.

Curran is the son of Russell Montt and Kimber-

ly Curran of Casa Grande, Ariz. and is the grandson of the late Blodwin Ruiz, longtime resident of the Blackwater District.

"Unity is important and I believe the Community needs to come together more as people rather than separate so if we have an event, please come out," Curran concluded.

## A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about



By Billy Allen

I enjoyed being a part of two Native celebrations at schools on our reservation; Gila Crossing School in September and Blackwater School, Thanksgiving week. At both events before the noon time meal the Apache Crown Dancers performed. The drumbeats coupled with their native singing echoed through the Gila Crossing gym and at the Blackwater plaza. Two tribes with different origins and views united to help our young school children.

The Akimel O'otham and the Apache or O:b have a long shared history. We had different ancestral lands and ways of "making a living" that led to centuries of warfare. Both cultures, like all of indigenous America, were affected by the arrival of Europeans

and the USA government. In May of 1872, representatives for Piipaash, Tohono O'odham, Akimel O'otham, Arizona state and government leaders met at Camp Grant. An O:b leader placed a stone on the ground and said, "I want to make a peace that will last as long as that stone." All agreed; the Peace Conference of May 1872 ended hostilities.

John C. Cremony was an American soldier who was part of the boundary commission surveying the United States-Mexican border in the early 1850s. In San Diego when the Civil War started, he joined the Californian Volunteers and marched back into Arizona. He remained with the military until 1866 and served as an interpreter and published an Apache glossary for the military. His book, *Life Among the Apaches: The Classic History of Native American Life on the Plains* was published in 1868. It is a good read, but read it with a skeptic eye. Historians agree that some of Cremony's stories are exaggerated. But what he wrote about the Tohono O'otham (Papagoes), the Piipaash (Maricopas) and us (Pimos), is interesting. Mr. Cremony wrote of a First California Cavalry camp near San Xavier

del Bac. He described the 1,500 Tohono O'odham living there as being friendly, and of having a deadly feud with the O:b. The Tohono O'odham had a large herd of horses and usually corralled them at night to keep them from being stolen. But watching the California troops posting guards for their horses, the Tohono O'odham thought the troops were enough to keep the horses safe. The O:b may have seen this as a challenge—they raided and took all the horses.

When Mr. Cremony met two Piipaash elders, Juan Jose and Juan Chivarria, explained how they as Colorado River peoples got to the western edge of the Gila River Indian Community. A band of Cocopah moved up the Gila and soon the Maricopa decided to move upriver also. Their fellow tribesmen on the Colorado kept harassing these "Cocomaricopa". These Cocomaricopa kept moving further up the Gila until they arrived at the bend. Scouts who had been sent eastward came back and told of good land on the eastern side of the Estrella Mountain. Before moving there, a meeting was held with the Akimel O'otham to ask if they could settle there. We agreed and an alliance was formed which is reflected in our official name, Gila River Indian Community.

Mr. Cremony wrote that because Akimel O'otham were tillers of the soil, our villages remained in the same locations for hundreds

of years. Being good farmers our O'otham people always had more than enough which made life good along the river (akimel). We were friendly, so friendly that there had been no incident of our people harming an American (Milga:n) during Mr. Cremony's time. But if an enemy tribe raided, we quickly adopted a war-like mentality to go after

and retaliate against raiders. When Mr. Cremony inquired about our origins, both us and the Maricopa, informed him we had southern origins before our forefathers were driven north. Mr. Cremony may have over stated at times in his book. Our views may have changed but so have tribal communities. Different tribes with different

origins and views united to help young school children. Tomorrow's future looks good.

*Other information was taken from The Apache Wars by Paul Andrew Hutton and websites; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_C.\\_Cremony](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_C._Cremony) and <https://archive.org/details/lifeamongapaches00cremrich>.*

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## Governor Lewis receives certificate of appreciation from U.S. Census Bureau



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis received a certificate of appreciation from Fred Stevens, U.S. Census Bureau Tribal Partnership Specialist. Gov. Lewis was presented the certificate for his continued partnership with the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census. Stevens visited with Gov. Lewis, the Tribal Enrollment Department, Land Use Planning & Zoning, and Office of the General Counsel to start planning for the upcoming census. From left to right, Sheila Riley-White, GRIC Enrollment Director, Fred Stevens, U.S. Census Bureau Tribal Partnership Specialist, Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Kimberly Antone, LUPZ Director, Manuel Johnson, GRIC Intergovernmental Liaison.



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GRIC members (L-R) David Morris, III., Alexis Borboa, Isaias Morendo and Suzette Tsosie are members of the Coolidge High School Marching Band that recently finished second at the Arizona Marching Band Association's state championships. Community members not pictured: Lorenza Aleman and Josh Borboa.

## Community members help Coolidge Marching Band

**Aaron J. Tohtsoni**  
Gila River Indian News

The Coolidge High School marching band recently finished as state runner-up in the Arizona

Marching Band Association, capping off a successful season.

Six community members are a part of the band including Lorenza Aleman, Isaias Morendo, David Morris, III., Suzette Tsosie, Alexis Borboa and Josh Borboa.

The marching band is going through a renaissance, after being successful in the 1990s, they are re-establishing themselves as a consistent marching band. Leading the consistency is band director, Tyler Avnet.

"An important thing for band is consistency because you see the kids for more than one year," said Avnet, who is in his fourth year at CHS. "Coming in second place, you never want to stop going for first place but you take a step back and see that this is a huge accomplishment. The students that we have are very inexperienced compared to our competition. It's tough."

Despite being young and inexperienced, 23 students in their first year of marching band, Coolidge had a successful season. Avnet attributed the success to the students continuing to work hard every time they rehearsed. Also, stating they were well disciplined and stayed focused during the two-hour rehearsal practices.

This year Coolidge finished first place at the Sabino High School, Mesquite High School and Sahuarita High School competitions before finishing second at the state 1A competition. Combs High School edged Coolidge, 76.8 to 74.825. The score was an all-time high according to Avnet.

The marching band season starts in May and runs through the summer before ending in late fall. In May, the behind the scenes

efforts start, picking out a show that is 7-10 minutes long and picking music for the various band sections. Then a visual program for the color guard and drill movements for the field are formulated.

In June, the band attends technique camps and then a band camp just before school starts to practice the full ensemble. They start learning their drill techniques, which this year included 81 different movements, once school starts and use football games as practices, adding on a little more to each game performance.

At the end of September, they start competing the 1A division of the Arizona Marching Band Association. They also attended the Northern Arizona University Band Day, which is not a sanctioned competition.

Avnet said that Aleman was an assistant captain of the color guard and because lack of band staff was instrumental in helping lead the color guard practices.

"In a band our size, every musician matters and everyone has to contribute," said Avnet.

The marching band members enjoyed their time and were happy to try something new.

"It has been really fun," said Tsosie, a senior flute player, of participating in marching band. "There are a lot of great memories like winning first place at our competitions and getting to travel and meet other people."

Morendo echoed Tsosie with his take with the marching band.

"It was a new experience trying color guard," said Morendo. "It was fun going to competitions and singing on the bus and meeting a lot of new people."

Casa Blanca Community School  
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# Winter Wonderland

**DECEMBER 14, 2017**

Thursday, 5:00pm-7:00pm

### Activities:

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| Craft Stations | Games                          | Face Painting |
| Foto-Bot       | Santa                          | Hot Chocolate |
| Book Fair      | Winter Literacy & Math Packets |               |

### Dinner:

5:30pm-6:30pm

### Raffle:

6:30pm-Must be present to win



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# GRPD Officer Ester Poolaw Governor's Employee of the Month for November

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

Every community has its heroes, and those heroes fill many occupations, whether they are first responders treating the injured at the scene of an accident, or a middle school teacher educating a classroom full of students, they are the people who keep our homes and schools safe.

In the Gila River Indian Community, one individual in particular, who possesses the qualities of a first responder and an educator, was recently recognized for her dedication to the Community's youth and good works in local schools.

During an impromptu ceremony, Ester Poolaw, Gila River Police Department School Resource Officer, was recognized for her hard work and presented the Governor's Employee of the Month (GEM) award by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis on Nov. 16.

While handing the award plaque to Poolaw, Gov. Lewis said, "Years from now, what will matter is your influence in our Community and the lives you have touched. I know you do so much for our youth, I have seen it first hand, you are very dedicated," he said.

Poolaw, who has been a GRPD officer for over nine years and an SRO for seven of those years, said she was shocked and humbled to receive the award.

"In March, I will (have worked) ten years here," she said. "I love it. I feel part of the Community and I love what I do, working in the schools, teaching our youth how to avoid getting in gangs, the drug scene, the violence that goes on, and just helping them."

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to teach your children, because I believe they are the future," she said.

According to Gary Anderson, in his letter of support of Poolaw as a candidate for November's GEM award, said as an SRO she serves three schools and around 800 students in the Community, and he could not think of a candidate more deserving of the award.

In Anderson's letter, he wrote, "I first met Officer Poolaw last year while hosting 'Run for the Fallen'...at St. Peter Indian Mission (School). I noticed Officer Poolaw walking a one-mile course for the 'Fallen' with the students from St. Peter's. To see her interact with the children

and more importantly the children interacting with her, was a breath of fresh air. To see her participating and walking on the track in full uniform, protective vest and equipment in the hot sun was truly impressive...It is not often that you see these qualities of compassion, and concern while truly caring for our child(ren)."

His letter continued, "Her ability to listen, communicate, and understand the needs of the children is uncanny. Their trust in her is humbling...I am deeply grateful for her service and commitment to our Community's most natural and important resource, our Children."

One example of Poolaw's commitment to the Community's youth is when she volunteered to chaperone students during their trip to the NASA Robotics and Aviation Camp located in Huntsville, Alabama last July. Just before heading off to camp, while students packed their bags onto the charter bus, Poolaw arrived wearing crutches.

On July 5, while on vacation with her husband in Oklahoma, Poolaw tore her hamstring completely off the bone while jogging. Later that month, Poolaw had surgery, which involved drilling into her pelvis.

Working through the pain of a serious injury, Poolaw chaperoned the Community students for several days, allowing them a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in the prestigious space camp.

When Poolaw is off duty and not volunteering her free time chaperoning students, participating in a variety of afterschool programs, or school sports activities, she can be found reading a book or hiking one of her favorite trails.

So, next time you see Poolaw, ask her how her hamstring injury is healing, and what new book she is reading this week.

The GEM award is given to GRIC employees who go above and beyond the call of duty to improve the GRIC workplace and Community. The Governor's Office GEM Committee reviews nominations and those selected receive a commemorative plaque and "certigift" of \$200.

To nominate a colleague, fill out a nomination form and send it to [employeevelopment@gric.nsn.us](mailto:employeevelopment@gric.nsn.us). Nomination forms are due on the 20th of each month.



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Officer Ester Poolaw is Governor's Employee of the Month for November. From left, GRPD Chief Kathleen Elliot, Poolaw, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

## WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SOCIAL POW WOW

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# Winter Bird Count to be held on Dec. 2, with meeting sites in Districts 5, 6, and 7



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Two youth observe birds during the 2015 Winter Bird Count.

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be hosting its annual Winter Bird Count on the morning of Dec. 2 at various locations throughout the Community, followed by cultural activities held at the Huhugam Heritage Center (HHC).

The Winter Bird Count is an event where Community members travel to different locations within the Community to identify, count, and record different species of birds they see during the activity.

Althea Walker, DEQ Outreach Coordinator, said the event is a way to engage the Community to learn about the local environment, the species that live and visit the community, and to experience Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh cultures.

“Birds are indicators in our environment, but also they are part of our culture and our traditions here in the Community,” said Walker. “(The event is about) engaging the Community environmentally, culturally, and bringing us all together...to see parts of the Community that most of us don’t get to see, and seeing birds and other wildlife in their natural setting,” she said.

“I think it is a great experience for all ages no matter if you are a beginner, never done this at all, (or are an) experienced birder,” she said.

DEQ is asking participants to travel to one of three meeting locations: District 5 at the Casa Blan-

ca Shell Station located at Casa Blanca Road & the I-10, District 6 at the Komatke Chevron Station located at 51st Avenue & Pecos Road, and at District 7’s Service Center located at 83rd Avenue & Baseline Road. Participants are asked to meet at the site closest to them, and arrive by 7 a.m.

Each group will meet at their respective sites, separate into smaller groups, then travel to different areas of the Community where they will start the bird count. All participants will be provided with binoculars, bird books, and expertise to properly spot and record birds.

“We will have staff lead the groups, make sure everyone is comfortable, and make sure everyone has everything they need to observe the birds out in their natural setting,” said Walker.

Additionally, there will be bird counting sites specifically for elders and for those who have mobility issues. These sites are located in District 5 and District 6, and will be easier to access.

Following the bird count, participants will travel to the HHC and take part in cultural activities that range from traditional songs and dances, to a live bird exhibit, and lunch.

“Everybody is welcome and we hope you come out and enjoy this opportunity and engage yourself environmentally, culturally, and get to know more about not only the Winter Bird Count, but the Department of Environmental Quality,” said Walker.

For more information about the Winter Bird Count, contact Althea Walker at (520) 562-2234.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE EAST VALLEY**  
GILA RIVER BRANCH  
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## Light Parade

**Dec. 15th 2017**  
**6:30pm - 8pm**

\*Route begins on SW corner of 51st and Tashquinth

Christmas Dance to follow 8pm-11pm

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Please check all that apply to your float:

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 Walker(s)        Horse/Wagon

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, contact Komatke Boys & Girls Club (520) 550-1113  
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Facebook.com/GilaRiverBranchKomatke



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# District 4 man seeking donation of gifts for O'otham in Mexico



Photo Courtesy of Marshall Sunna

**The International Pima Delegation is seeking donations of new and unwrapped toys for the O'otham of Mexico. The deadline for donations is Dec. 16.**

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

Since 2006 Marshall Sunna of District 4 has been making annual treks to Mexico delivering Christmas presents to Pima children living in the Sierra Madre Mountains in northern Mexico along the boundary between the States of Chihuahua and Sonora, as well as Tohono O'odham living in northern Sonora.

Marshall, who is president of the International Pima Delegation, a small organization created to collect and deliver the presents, is seeking donations of new and unwrapped toys for the O'otham of Mexico.

Sunna said they are seeking gifts for children of all ages, which can include toys or school supplies. The deadline for donations to be

dropped off is Dec. 16.

After Sunna collects all the donations, he will load the toys in his vehicle and make the 1,000-mile week-long journey to several Pima communities in Mexico. He will travel to Hermosillo, then begin gift deliveries to schools in the communities of Yècora, Juan Diago, Kipor, Yepachic, Madera, and Mesa Blanca.

Sunna, who speaks the O'otham language fluently, said he was first introduced to the Pimas in Mexico back in 1989. Since then, he has developed relationships with those O'otham communities, communicating with them in the O'otham language and making trips to the villages four or more times a year. He said he enjoys visiting the Pimas in Mexico because it reminds him of growing up,

living a simpler life closer to the traditional values of O'otham culture.

To this day, there are thousands of O'otham in Mexico who share a language, culture, and way of life with the Tohono O'odham, Akimel O'otham, Ak-Chin, and Salt-River Pima-Maricopa peoples. There are O'otham who live just south of the Tohono O'odham Nation who make frequent treks to their northern relative's lands. The O'otham in Mexico, who are called Pima, just like their Akimel O'otham relatives hundreds of miles up north, speak the same language and share a similar culture.

If you would like to donate toys or school supplies to the Pima and Tohono O'odham of Mexico, contact Marshall Sunna at (520) 424-1561. Donations

can be dropped off at Sunna's residence located at 226 Gila Buttes Circle off of AZ Hwy 587.

**COURT NOTICE**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
NANCY ANTONE ,  
Petitioner/Plaintiff  
vs.  
BRANDON OSIFE,  
Respondent/Defendant  
CASE Number: FM-2017-0104-DV  
CIVIL NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED HEARING  
Please take notice that a(n) Answer/Response Hearing has been rescheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court.  
This matter has been rescheduled at the place and time set forth below:  
Monday, January 8, 2018  
at 3:00 PM in Courtroom I,  
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,  
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.  
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.  
DATED this 28th day of November, 2017

**COURT NOTICE**

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY STATE OF ARIZONA  
Order of Protection  
Case No. CV-2017-0267-OP  
County: PINAL/MARICOPA State: AZ  
PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF  
TAMARA BENITA O'DELL  
Date of Birth: 12/21/1966  
And/or on behalf of minor family member (s): list names and DOB:  
Destiny Ochoa - DOB: 03/06/2004  
Carlos Enrique Ochoa - DOB: 06/01/2002  
vs.  
RESPONDENT  
GINA ANN MARIE O'DELL Relationship to Petitioner:  
DOB: 10/22/1989 SEX: Female  
RACE: Am. Indian/Alaskan Native  
EYES: Brown HAIR: Black HT:5'2 WT: 150  
THE COURT HEREBY FINDS:  
That it has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter. There is reasonable cause to believe that the Respondent may commit an act of domestic violence or has committed an act of domestic violence. ~ Additional findings of this order are as set forth below. THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS:  
That the above named Respondent be restrained from committing further acts of abuse or threats of abuse. That

the above named Respondent be restrained from any contact (in person, by phone, in writing, by electronic mail or social media, fax or through unauthorized third parties) with the Petitioner. Additional terms of this order are as set forth below. The terms of this Order shall be effective until September 24, 2018  
WARNINGS TO RESPONDENT:  
This order shall be enforced, even without registration, by the courts of any state, the District of Columbia, any U.S. Territory, and may be enforced on Tribal Lands (18 U.S.C. Section 2265). Crossing state, territorial, or tribal boundaries to violate this order may result in federal imprisonment (18 U.S.C. Section 2262). Federal law provides penalties for possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving any firearm or ammunition (18 U.S.C. Section 922(g) (8)). Only the Court, in writing, can change this order.  
THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS:  
PROTECTED LOCATIONS: Respondent shall not go to or near the Petitioner's or other Protected Person's: RESIDENCE, SCHOOL/OTHER: Sacaton Middle School, Casa Grande Union High School  
WARNING - See Gila River Indian Community Code Section 5. 711 (F)


(13). This is an official Court order. If you disobey this order, you will be subject to arrest and prosecution for disobeying this order and any other crime you may have committed in disobeying this order. A copy of this order will be registered with the Gila River Police Department. See Gila River Indian Community Code Section 5. 711 (G) (2).  
ADDITIONAL WARNING TO RESPONDENT: Violations of this order should be reported to a law enforcement agency, not the Court. Nothing the Petitioner does can change or undo this order without the Court's written approval. You must appear in Court to ask a judge to modify (change) or quash (dismiss) this order. Even if the Petitioner initiates contact, you could be arrested and prosecuted for violating this order. If you do not want the Petitioner to contact you, you have the right to request a Order of Protection against the Petitioner. However, orders are not automatically granted upon request. Legal requirements must be met.  
September 25, 2017  
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**COURT NOTICE**

Law Office Of  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA  
GEORGE R. RICHARDSON, individually No. CV 2 0 1 7 - 0 5 5 3 6  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
GREGORY F. JAMES and JANE DOE JAMES, husband and wife , PETRA LORETTA MONTALBO (Tort-Motor Vehicle)  
MONTALBO, and JOHN DOE MONTALBO, wife and husband , aka PETRA LORETTA LISBY, and JOHN DOE LISBY; JOHN DOES I-X; JANE DOES I-X; XYZ CORPORATIONS I-X; BLACK AND WHITE PARTNERSHIPS I-X; ABC ORGANIZATIONS I-X,  
Defendants;  
WARNING: This is an official document from the Court that affects your rights. Read this carefully. If you do not understand it, contact a lawyer for help.

FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO: GREGORY F. JAMES and JANE DOE JAMES; husband and wife; PETRA LORETTA MONTALBO and JOHN DOE MONTALBO; wife and husband; John Does 1-X and Jane Does 1-X; XYZ Corporations 1-X; Black & White Partnerships 1-X; ABC Organizations 1-X;  
1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other court papers are served on you with this "SUMMONS".  
2. If you do not want a judgment or order taken against you without your input, you must file an "ANSWER" OR A "RESPONSE" in writing with the Court, and pay the filing fee. If you do not file an "ANSWER" or a "RESPONSE" the other party may be given the relief requested in his/her Petition or Complaint. To file your "ANSWER" or "RESPONSE" take or send, the "ANSWER" or "RESPONSE" to the Office of the Superior Court, 201 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85003-2205 or the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, 18380 North 40th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85032 OR Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 222 East Javelina Drive, Mesa, Arizona 85210-6201 or Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 14264


West Tierra Buena Lane, Surprise, Arizona, 85374. Mail a copy of your "ANSWER" or "RESPONSE" to the other party at the address listed on the top of this Summons.  
3. If this "SUMMONS" and the other court papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff, within the State of Arizona, your "ANSWER" or "RESPONSE" must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. If this "SUMMONS" and the other papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff outside the State of Arizona, your "ANSWER" or "RESPONSE" must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. Service by a registered process server or the Sheriff is complete when made. Service by Publication is complete thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication.  
4. You can get a copy of the Court papers filed in this case from the Plaintiff at the address at the top of this paper, or from the Clerk of the Superior Court's Customer Service Center at 601 West Jackson, Phoenix, Arizona 85003 or at 222 East Javelina Drive, Mesa, Arizona 85210.  
5. Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the office of the Judge or Commissioner assigned to the case, at least five (5) days before your scheduled court date.  
MICHAEL K. JEANES, CLERK  
SIGNED and SEALED this date: SEP 12 2017  
BY  
MICHAEL JEANES, CLERK OF COURT  
DEPUTY CLERK  
C. TROXEL



**FOUR RIVERS INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES**

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

<b>Employer:</b>	Four Rivers Indian Legal Services a division of Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc. (SALA)
<b>Job Title:</b>	Administrative Assistant/Legal Secretary
<b>Description:</b>	This person will be required to perform such duties as greeting clients, handling phone calls, coordinating intake applications, and maintaining case files and office schedules for attorneys and advocates. May assist with gathering of medical reports, scheduling appointments, providing information to callers, composing and typing routine correspondence, reading and routing incoming mail. May also be responsible for ensuring proper placement and filing of original legal documents, correspondence, tabbing exhibits, maintaining court calendars and tickler system. Other clerical duties that may be required include preparing legal documents such as summonses, complaints, motions, and subpoenas from draft or dictated text.
<b>Qualifications:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants must have one year secretarial experience; experience in a legal setting a plus. Attention to detail is essential.</li> <li>Applicants must be able to type at least 60 W.P.M. and have good knowledge of English Grammar, punctuation, vocabulary, and letter writing.</li> <li>Applicants must be able to operate office equipment such as a computer, conferencing equipment, copiers, various software systems, etc.</li> <li>Applicants should be able to provide friendly, helpful client service while exhibiting a high degree of sensitivity to the legal issues of the low-income community. Confidentiality is paramount.</li> <li>Ability to speak O'odham language and familiarity with GRIC culture helpful. Bilingual English/Spanish also helpful.</li> </ol>
<b>Job Location:</b>	Sacaton, Arizona
<b>Job Schedule:</b>	Full-Time
<b>Compensation:</b>	Salary: DOE/Up to 5% additional compensation available to individuals fluent in a language other than English that is used by more than 10% of SALA's eligible client population. SALA has an excellent benefits package including, health insurance, pension plan and generous leave provisions.
<b>EOE:</b>	SALA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry or national origin, gender identity or expression, pregnancy or any other characteristic protected by law in services or employment practices.
<b>Contact:</b>	Hiring Committee Southern Arizona Legal Aid Inc. 2343 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 200 Tucson, Arizona 85719-6007
<b>Email:</b>	Cover letter, resume and three references to <a href="mailto:salahr@sazlegalaid.org">salahr@sazlegalaid.org</a>
<b>Date Expires:</b>	Open Until Filled



**FOUR RIVERS INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES**

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT  
TRIBAL COURT ADVOCATE**

Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc. (SALA) is hiring a Tribal Court Advocate for its Four Rivers Indian Legal Services office, located in Sacaton, Arizona. The person to be hired will undertake legal representation in a variety of civil cases, primarily in the Gila River Community Court. SALA provides services to low-income communities in nine counties in southeastern Arizona. SALA's Native American legal services component serves eleven tribal communities.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

- The candidate should be either admitted to practice before the Gila River Community Court or be willing to apply for and be admitted to practice in the GRIC court system within three months of hire. The preferred candidate should have experience as an advocate in some capacity with administrative tribunals, tribal governments, a court system, a law office or a governmental agency.
- Must exhibit a high degree of sensitivity to legal issues facing tribal communities and should be able to work with low-income and community groups. Should have initiative, good communication skills, and the ability to work well in a multi-cultural setting.
- Should be knowledgeable in the area of general civil practice and specifically general civil practice on behalf of low-income communities.
- Ability to speak the O'odham language and familiarity with the O'odham culture is helpful. Bilingual English/Spanish also helpful.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
The Tribal Court Advocate will work with and under the supervision of the Pinal County Office managing attorney or designee. Duties will include interviewing potential clients, performing case intake and file maintenance, drafting pleadings and other documents, gathering evidence and/or documentation for cases, participating in SALA's community legal education program, doing legal research, representing clients in tribal courts and administrative tribunals, doing outreach presentations at the District level within the Gila River Indian Community and in various locations in Pinal and Maricopa Counties.

**JOB LOCATION:** Sacaton, Arizona  
**JOB SCHEDULE:** Full-time  
**COMPENSATION:** Salary: DOE/Up to 5% additional compensation to individuals fluent in Spanish. SALA has an excellent benefits package including, health insurance, pension plan and generous leave provisions.  
**EOE:** Equal employment opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment regardless of race, color, disability, religion, national origin, sex, age or sexual orientation, gender identity and expression.

**CONTACT:** Hiring Committee  
Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc.  
2343 E Broadway Blvd, Suite 200 - Tucson AZ 85719-6007  
(520) 623-9465 / Fax: (520) 594-6554  
email: [salahr@sazlegalaid.org](mailto:salahr@sazlegalaid.org)

**DEADLINE:** Open Until Filled; Please submit cover letter, resume, and three references.

**COURT NOTICE**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
AUDREY FAILAUGA,  
Petitioner/Plaintiff  
vs.  
MATTHEW FAILAUGA,  
Respondent/Defendant  
CASE Number: FM-2017-0083-DV  
CIVIL NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED HEARING  
Please take notice that a(n) Answer/Response Hearing has been rescheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court.  
This matter has been rescheduled at the place and time set forth below:  
Monday, January 8, 2018 at 2:00 PM  
in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,  
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.





# GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

GRHC.ORG



## GRHC NOTICE



**RECORDING, TAPING, PHOTOGRAPHING STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**  
For patient safety and privacy, patients, visitors, and employees may not photograph or video record at any GRHC facility.

PER GRHC SECURITY POLICY SEC.436.19

## CONGRATULATIONS

Joan Lazore, NP, has been awarded the 2018 American Association of Nurse Practitioner for Excellence. This prestigious award is given annually to a dedicated nurse practitioner who demonstrates excellence in their area of practice in each state. Joan will be recognized for her achievement during the 2018 National Conference in Denver, Colorado, in June 2018.

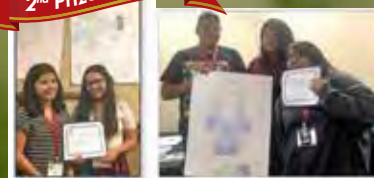
## GRHC'S LIFE CENTER POSTER CONTEST WINNERS!

The Life Center is excited to announce the winners of its youth poster contest! The following youth artistically and creatively represented this year's 29th Annual Gila River Youth Conference theme "How Traditions Can Prevent Diabetes - A Youth Perspective." **Congratulations!**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winners!



2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winners!



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winners!



## DENTAL SERVICES

- 1<sup>st</sup> Appointment: Examine, Evaluate, & Establish Dental Treatment Plan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Appointment: Cleaning, Assessment, & Dental Treatment Begins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Appointment: Treatment Plan Advances to General or Specialty Dentists

- GRHC offers same-day appointments for patients experiencing dental emergencies.
- Every dental patient has a treatment plan that is personalized for his or her preventive and restorative dental treatments.
- Treatment plans typically require patients to commit to two to three or more appointments per year.
- Your dental team can address preventive, restorative, or emergent issues during visits, but for optimal results, patients must follow their treatment plan and practice daily dental hygiene.

### EMERGENCY DENTAL ISSUES:

- Emergent issues (extreme pain and/or broken/cracked teeth) are deemed a priority and will be addressed first. We offer acute care dental clinics daily.
- Additional general and preventive services identified in the patient's treatment will be addressed after emergent issues.

## DID YOU KNOW...

Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers. The brain is the least developed organ at birth. 90% of the brain's growth occurs from zero to five years old. Be baby smart. Visit [AZFTF.gov](http://AZFTF.gov) for much more information on baby development, tips, and much more.

## FAMILY PLANNING MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC

CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES PROVIDED. CALL OR TEXT (520) 371-0132

### 2017 DECEMBER CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
4 D5 (BAPCHULE) MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-3:30PM	5 D1 (BLACKWATER) MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-11:30AM D3 HOSPITAL UNDER AWNING 1:00-4:00PM	6 AK-CHIN BY THE CLINIC 9:00-3:00PM	7 * NO Morning Clinic D3 HOSPITAL UNDER AWNING INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 12:00-4:00PM
11 D6 (LAVEEN) RTC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	12 D5 TEEN CLINIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	13 D3 HOSPITAL UNDER AWNING INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 9:30-4:00PM	14 SACATON DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (DRS)
18 D7 HOUSING 9:00-2:00PM	19 D6 (KOMATKE) BY KOMATKE HEALTH CLINIC 9:00-3:00PM	20 D3 HOSPITAL UNDER AWNING INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 7:30-11:00AM 1:30PM-4:00PM	21 D4 (SAN TAN) SERVICE CENTER 8:30-3:30PM



**COURT NOTICE**

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA COURT DATE NOTICE  
 In Re Case: Betsy Moya vs. Colan Lee Morris  
 Docket Number: CV-2011-0261-ZDM  
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time

and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.  
 Issued by:  
 Motion Hearing  
 AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,

721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147  
 8th day of January, 2018 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Dallas DeLowe  
 Gomez Date: Monday, November 27, 2017  
 Betsy Moya Civil Plaintiff  
 Colan Lee Morris Defendant

**COURT NOTICE**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA  
 Cheryl L. Vaifale Plaintiff(s)  
 Vs  
 Kyle Ammon Paul Defendant(s).  
 Case Number: CV-2017-0338-RO  
 TEMPORARY CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER 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, KYLE AMMON PAUL. THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED CHERYL L. VAIFALE, IN ANY MANNER: UNTIL THE RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING SCHEDULED ON Friday,

January 05, 2018 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ  
 FURTHER, A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.  
 Date: November 22, 2017

**MASIK TAS DANCE & MENUDO CONTEST**  
 Sunday December 10th, 2017  
 Ak-Chin Indian Community  
 Old Vaila site  
 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 Music Provided by: D Faction Nyne  
 Dance Contest Registration: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Dance Contest Starts at: 5:00 p.m.  
**MENUDO CONTEST**  
 Tasting & Voting 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
 People's Choice  
 Prizes for 1st 2nd & 3rd Place (Do not need to be present to win)  
 Please Bring Your Own Chair  
 For More Info Call: (520) 568-1044/1038  
 Email: AllYouthCouncil@ak-chin.nsn.us

**Ak-Chin Indian Community Old Vaila site**  
 47701 W Farrell Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139

Prizes are subject to tax. Everyone Welcome. This is a drug & Alcohol Free Event

**GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
 ★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Interim Owner's Team vacancies:

Board/Committee	Number of Vacancies	Deadline
Memorial Airfield Interim Owner's Team	Two (2) Landowner Representatives (Voluntary)	January 22, 2018 12:00 noon

Memorial Airfield Landowners interested in serving on the Memorial Airfield Interim Owner's Team, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). A copy of the position description outlining the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

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Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.C.4: *All individuals who apply for a vacancy shall submit to the Community Council Secretary a letter of interest, resume, an application and financial disclosure statement in a form as may be prescribed by the Community Council from time to time and an affidavit attesting that he/she has not been or is not: a) convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, as defined in Title 1, chapter 2, Section 1.201.B., in the preceding five years; b) removed from office pursuant to this title in any of the preceding five years; c) currently delinquent with respect to a debt owed to the Community; d) able to meet any other condition imposed by the office in questions.* The GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, application/affidavit and financial disclosure can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

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Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.F. Community Employees: *A Community Employee may sit on a Community enterprise board subject to the Community's Employee Policies and Procedures Reference Guide.* A copy of the specified job description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

**GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
 ★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancies:

Board/Committee	Number of Vacancies	Deadline
Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors	Two (2)	Deadline Extended December 12, 2017 12:00 noon

Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application, the Financial Disclosure and an Affidavit to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). Community Council Secretary's Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

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Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.F. Community Employees: *A Community Employee may sit on a Community enterprise board subject to the Community's Employee Policies and Procedures Reference Guide.* A copy of the specified job description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

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Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.G. Duties of Community Enterprise Boards: *Community enterprise boards and their members shall follow a standard of care requiring that any decision of, or action taken by, the Community enterprise board members shall be one that would be made with the degree of care that would be exercised by a reasonably prudent and competent person seeking a reasonable return on investment and preservation of financial resources.* A copy of the specified board position description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

**GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
 ★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancies:

Board/Committee	Number of Vacancies	Deadline
Gila River Indian Irrigation & Drainage District Board of Directors	Seven (7)	Deadline Extended December 8, 2017 12:00 noon

Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Indian Irrigation and Drainage District Board of Directors, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). Community Council Secretary's Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

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# GRIC Human Resources throws "Shake Your Tail Feathers" event for employees

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

Just hours before many Gila River Indian Community employees shut down their computers and headed home for the Thanksgiving holiday, the Human Resources Department hosted an event called "Shake Your Tail Feathers" filled with games, prizes, and even a turkey costume fashion show inside the Governance Center's lobby on the morning of Nov. 22.

The event consisted of several games in which teams made up from different departments competed against one another to win



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Phillip Morris, right, Human Resources Training Specialist, facilitates the activities on Nov. 22.**

prizes like a turkey basket with all the trimmings, and a free pizza party.

Phillip Morris, HR Training Specialist, said there were four games, one

of which was called, "Shake Your Tail Feathers," where employees attached tissue boxes filled with ping pong balls to their "tail feathers" and bounced around to get



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Games included "Face the Pie" where employees looked for the winning creamed filled pie plate.**

all the balls out as quickly as possible.

Other events included "Feather Float" and "Face the Pie."

In "Feather Float",

"You take two feathers and blow them in the air and whoever keeps the two feathers up the longest wins," said Morris.

For "Face the Pie",

"We filled a pie plate with whip cream, and on one plate (was) written the words 'winner,' and whoever cleaned their plate found it. The words (were) super small so you (didn't) know until you cleaned off your plate," said Morris.

The final and most anticipated game of the event was "Dress the Turkey," a game where teams dressed up one of their own members in the most decorative way possible. The winner of the event, GRIC's Communications and Public Affairs Office, swiftly won the grand prize of the event, which is a free pizza party for all CPAO staff.



**Effective January 02, 2018 to be eligible to obtain a Tribal ID by mail you must have a current photo\* and signature on file at the Enrollment Department.**

*\*photo on file must have the current ID background*

*A Tribal Identification Card Request Form and payment must be submitted with the request.*

*Tribal IDs are available to members 18 years of age and older. The first Tribal ID is provided at no cost, replacement cards are \$8.00.*

*Community members 55+ receive a card at no cost.*

## Attention Community Members

**Please call or visit the Enrollment Department, if there is a change with any of the following**

- Address
- Name
- Marital Status
- Guardianship/Placement
- Power of Attorney

## The Enrollment Department provides the following services:

- Tribal ID Cards
- New Enrollment
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
- Storage of Original Wills
- Enrollment Verification for Per Capita
- Minor Trust Agent Verification

**Gila River Indian Community Enrollment Department**  
525 W. Gu u Ki Rd.  
Sacaton, Arizona 85147  
Phone: (520) 562-9790

## Incident Reports from page 6

lance, stuffing items in her pants. The female suspect then attempted to leave the store without paying for the items.

Status: On-going Investigation

**Theft** – A black and orange mongoose bike was taken from the 76 Store when the victim entered the store. Upon the victim coming out of the store he noticed his bike was missing. Police department is currently following up on leads.

Status: On-going investigation

District Four (Stoton-ic):  
No incidents involving part I crime

District Four (Lone Butte):

**Shoplifting** – Two suspects took alcohol from the Love's Truck Stop without paying. A vehicle description and partial license plate was given to officers for follow up.

Status: On-going investigation

**Theft (Shoplifting)**– Two female suspects removed items from a clothing rack while in the Tommy Hilfiger Store and placed them into their purses. Both suspects walked out of the store without

paying for the items, the suspects were captured on video surveillance as they concealed the items.

Status: On-going investigation

**Theft (Shoplifting)**– Officers were dispatched to the Sunglass Hut located at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to the suspect taking a pair of sunglasses. The suspect was contacted and found to have the sunglasses in his possession, which were returned to the store. Charges were submitted to Maricopa County for shoplifting.

Status: Suspect was charged with the theft

**Theft**– The victim requested officers to report her purse and its contents

as stolen. During the investigation it was discovered there were three suspects with only one still on scene. The third suspect was located in one of the rooms of the hotel and admitted to having the money, which he was willing to return. The suspect returned the money and was given a 24 hour exclusion with no charges being filed against her.

Status: Suspect was located and returned the money to the victim

District Five (Casa Blanca):

**Auto Theft** – A suspect stole a maroon dodge neon from a residence in District Five. The victim stated that

the vehicle was in possession of her granddaughter when the suspect took the car without permission. The vehicle was entered as stolen in NCIC and is still outstanding.

Status: On-going investigation

District Six (Komat-ke):

**Auto Theft**– A burgundy Saturn was stolen while at the Vee Quiva Casino. Upon making contact with the victim we were advised she wished to report the vehicle stolen. The vehicle was entered into the stolen vehicle data base and marked as stolen.

Status: On-going investigation

**Theft**– The victim reported her television missing after she woke up from a nap. The victim stated prior to going to her bedroom for a nap, the alleged suspect was asleep on the couch. When the victim woke from her nap the suspect and the television were both gone. The victim stated the alleged suspect has had a history of stealing.

Status: On-going investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incidents involving part I crime



# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • November 15, 2017

## ACTION SHEET

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

## CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday November 15, 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 9:15 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Monica Antone

## ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Pamela Johnson (9:42); D5-Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans (9:16); D7- Devin Redbird (9:30)  
Council Members Absent:

D4- Barney Enos, Jr.; D5-Janice Stewart

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

## NEW BUSINESS

17. Code of Conduct – Suspension of an Elected Official

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO

SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY OF CHIEF

JUDGE VICTOR ANTONE PENDING

THE OUTCOME OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

INVESTIGATION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND DIRECTING

THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT,

WITH ASSISTANCE OF OUTSIDE LAW FIRM,

TO PREPARE AND SERVE THE NOTICE OF

SUSPENSION BY THE CLOSE OF

BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND PLACING

JUDGE JAY PEDRO AS ACTING CHIEF JUDGE

OVER THE COMMUNITY COURTS AND TO

ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL SUCH

TIME DIRECTED OTHERWISE

## PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. GRHC Introduction of Max Haake, The Caring House Finance Director

Presenter: Judith Roth

MS. JUDITH ROTH INTRODUCED MR. MAX HAAKE.

MR. HAAKE PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS

BACKGROUND. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. GRHC Introduction of Derrick Glum, Chief Operating Officer

Presenter: Scott Gemberling

MR. SCOTT GEMBERLING INTRODUCED MR. DERRICK GLUM. MR. GLUM PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

3. Travel Report, 4th Quarter-Fiscal Year 2017

Presenter: Suzanne Johns

REPORT HEARD

4. GRTI 3Q2017 Report Update

Presenters: Bruce Holdridge, Peter Quam, GRTI Board of Directors

## REPORTS

\*1. Imagine Elementary and Imagine Prep Coolidge Schools

Presenters: Angela West, Clara Thigpen, Freddie Villalon

REPORT HEARD

2. K-12 Student Advisor Report Quarter 1 SY 2017-2018

Presenters: Freddy Poitra, K-12 Student Advisors

REPORT HEARD

3. Travel Report, 4th Quarter-Fiscal Year 2017

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REPORT HEARD

4. GRTI 3Q2017 Report Update

Presenters: Bruce Holdridge, Peter Quam, GRTI Board of Directors

## REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Quarterly Treasurer's Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Suzanne Johns

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

SESSION

6. EBT Council Update (Executive Session)

Presenter: Linda Sauer

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

SESSION

## RESOLUTIONS

\*1. A Resolution Approving The Removal Of Lots 8 And 9

From The Ira Hayes Subdivision And Assigning And Granting

The Area Known As Ira Hayes Parcel To The District Five

Community For The Purposes Of Future Community Development

And Services As Shown In Drawing No. 30516-0818 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

approval)

Presenter: Barney Bigman

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving Tribal Education Allocation Funds

For Schools And School District Located Within The Gila

River Indian Reservation (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, ESC concurs)

approval, ESC concurs)

Presenter: Freddy Poitra

APPROVED

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving A Sublease

Agreement Between Pima Leasing & Financing

Corporation and Revolution Industrial, LLC

Regarding Lease NO. B-GR-130-A (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

approval)

approval)

approval)

Presenter: Gloria Koehne

APPROVED

APPROVED

## ORDINANCES

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. St. Peter Indian Mission School Written Plan SY 2017-2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business)

2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business)

Presenter: Sister Martha

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ITEMS #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, AND #6

2. Maricopa Village Christian School Written Plan SY 2017-2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business)

2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business)

Presenter: Larisa Quijano

APPROVED AT NEW BUSINESS #1

3. Gila Crossing Community School Written Plan SY 2017-2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with changes)

2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with changes)

Presenter: Jim Mosley

APPROVED AT NEW BUSINESS #1

4. Casa Blanca Community School Written Plan SY 2017-2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business)

2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business)

Presenter: Patricia Avalos

APPROVED AT NEW BUSINESS #1

5. Blackwater Community School Written Plan SY 2017-2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business)

2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business)

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

APPROVED AT NEW BUSINESS #1

6. Sacaton Elementary School District Written Plan SY 2017-2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business)

2017-2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business)

Presenters: Cheryl Paul, Paul Christensen, Philip Bonds

APPROVED AT NEW BUSINESS #1

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A

60-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING

RECONVENED AT 2:32 P.M.]

7. Intertribal Agriculture Council 2017 Membership

Meeting Las Vegas, NV, December 11-14, 2017

(G&MSC motioned to forward to Council for interest

in attending and to processes through Dues and Delegations)

in attending and to processes through Dues and Delegations)

Presenters: Gila River Farm Board Of Directors

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ANY

INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO

ATTEND

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Revenue Internal Audit – FY17 4th Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council)

(Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Gaming Internal Audit – FY17 4th Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council)

(Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. WHPDA-Basic Financial Statements And

Independent Auditor's Reports (Executive Session)

(G&MSC motioned to forward to Council)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Corrine Wilson

& WHPDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

AUDIT REPORTS #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15,

AND #16

11. Sheraton-Basic Financial Statements And

Independent Auditor's Reports (Executive Session)

(G&MSC motioned to forward to Council)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Corrine Wilson

& WHPD

ACCEPTED AT ITEM #10

12. Whirlwind-Basic Financial Statements And

Independent Auditor's Reports (Executive Session)

(G&MSC motioned to forward to Council)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Corrine Wilson

& WHPDA

ACCEPTED AT ITEM #10

13. Rawhide-Basic Financial Statements And

Independent Auditor's Reports (Executive Session)

(G&MSC motioned to forward to Council)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Corrine Wilson

& WHPDA

ACCEPTED AT ITEM #10

14. Pima Leasing Financing Corporation-Basic Financial

Statements And Independent Auditor's Reports

(Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Corrine Wilson

ACCEPTED AT ITEM #10

15. Independent Accountant's Report On Applying

Agreed-Upon Procedures Related To Compliance With

The Revenue Allocation Ordinance (Executive Session)

(G&MSC motioned to forward to Council)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Corrine Wilson

ACCEPTED AT ITEM #10

16. Gila River Indian Community-Basic Financial

Statements And Independent Auditor's Reports

(Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Corrine Wilson

ACCEPTED AT ITEM #10

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

17. Code of Conduct – Suspension of an Elected Official

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

ITEM HEARD FIRST ON AGENDA

## MINUTES

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

>LITIGATION TEAM MEETING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER

16, 2017, 1PM

>MEMORIAL AIRFIELD MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER

20, 2017, 9AM

>GRIIDD MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017, 9AM

## ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:18 P.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



# Indigenous Day of Health held at the University of Arizona

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

American Indian students came out to talk about Indigenous health at the public health college in Tucson.

The Indigenous Day of Health event was hosted by the American Indian & Indigenous Health Alliance at the University of Arizona Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health on Nov. 15.

This year's theme, "Achieving cultural empowerment through health and wellness," brought together students, faculty and notable public figures in Indian Country to discuss how Natives can improve their health.

The co-creators of Wellness for Culture, Chelsea Luger and Thosh Collins, talked about how their health initiative focuses on indigenous diets and exercises.

Luger, a member of Standing Rock Sioux tribe in North Dakota shared her knowledge about being what it means to incorporate health concepts based on indigenous practices into her life, which she and Collins have shared with tribal communities nationwide.

According to her biography, Luger is, "interested in proactive approaches to

addressing health concerns amongst the people, frequently highlights positive stories about strength and solidarity through Native country."

She said, "One of the core tenants about our understanding of wellness is it's physical, it's spiritual, it's emotional and it's mental...it's all of those things that are critical elements to our wellness."

Collins, a member of the Salt-River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, had developed a reputation for being a talented photographer, but has also incorporated health and wellness into his trade.

According to his biography, Collins, "Draws strength and motivation from the spiritual cultural practices of our (Akimel O'otham) people, and recognizes the inherent physical durability embodied by them."

During their presentation, Luger and Collins talked about the historical health of Native people, especially of the tribal communities they represent.

Collins said that Native people have always had a natural gift for being athletic through the implementation of cultural activities that took place before European contact.

"To reclaim our health is to reclaim our identity,"

said Collins, when talking about the incorporation of traditional foods in Native people's diets.

He said when tribes think of nation building, it also should include health as part of bringing back the cultural identity of the people.

A large part of Luger and Collins initiative is to promote healthy lifestyles and the incorporation of indigenous foods through several modalities that touch on mental, physical, emotional and spiritual wellness.

The pair, also touched on the active part of their initiative, which covers functional movement training and patterns that increase the mobility of an individual.

They incorporated terms like, "Rez" and "Earth" gyms, which are used to describe a how physical fitness can be perceived as a simple setup, workout stations at home or utilizing nature as place to be active, that even means returning to traditional activities.

Both Luger and Collins agree, that simply turning the light on when it comes to changing behaviors to being healthy and well is not an easy transition.

They said that it can be accomplished by understanding that physical

wellness is a present way of life that does not have to be looked back on as [was], but [is] a part of tribal communities today.

Afterwards there was a panel of Native public health students and a medical student, who are pursuing their master's degree, completing their doctoral program or starting a medical program.

One of the panelists, Aaron Bia, from the Navajo Nation, who is a medical student at U of A, talked about what wellness means to him.

"Health and wellness is such a broad well, where everybody has their own way of dealing with health and wellness," said Bia, "As a future physician, when you go and meet with your patients and advocate for health and wellness, 'like go and be healthy'. What does that mean to your patient, especially if they come from an indigenous culture."

Another panelists and co-founder of AIIHA, Carmella Kahn, Navajo Nation, is a doctoral public health candidate, said wellness is about seeking balance, especially for students, who are far from home.

"For me health and wellness means coming across any adversity and being able to handle it well, by using coping skills,



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**From left, Chelsea Luger and Thosh Collins, speak at the Indigenous Day of Health event at the University of Arizona on Nov. 15.**

whether its digging down into spiritual wellness, but anything that can help you overcome that, because once we build up stress, that's when we come out of balance," said Kahn.

Kahn said balancing her doctoral program with things that go on with family and in her personal life can be difficult, but knowing how to seek that moral support is important and promotes cultural and spiritual resiliency.

"I have tried to balance [that] (stress) and I've been able to do that primarily through social networking where I needed spiritual guidance from the elders in Tucson. That has always

helped me a lot, since I'm away from home. A lot of the tribes here, do ceremonies, so I try to take that time to get to know the culture, but also practice what I know from home and continue to do that," she said.

In thinking about the treating of health disparities Bia said, "You just can't say 'go be healthy,' 'go eat well.' It's very vague, so that's why I try to connect with different people and say why, and I think the most important question is 'why do you want to be healthy?'"

# Gila Crossing Community School

## Holiday Hustle for Books

### Fun Walk/Fun Run

### 5K/10K Race

Fun Walk & Fun Run (1.0 mile) **FREE!**

*Entry Fees*

<b>GRIC Students</b>	5K - \$4.00
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<b>GRIC Members &amp; Employees</b>	5K - \$10.00
	10K - \$15.00
<b>Non-Members/Public</b>	5K - \$15.00
	10K - \$25.00

**Registration will close 30 mins. prior to race!**

All participants will receive a t-shirt & medal

Award for 10K Top Male & Top Female Finisher

This is a fundraising event for our Gila Crossing Community School students.

Please contact Justina Subia for more information, 520-550-4834 ext. 352

# Saturday, December 09, 2017

7:00 a.m.

Gila Crossing Community School  
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**Fire Station 423 - 599 East Seedfarm Rd. Sacaton, AZ 520-796-4580**

**Fire Station 429 - 5002 North Maricopa Rd. Chandler AZ 520-796-5900**

**Fire Station 421 - 829 Blackwater School Rd. Coolidge AZ 520-796-4510**

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**Gila River Police Department - 639 W. Seed Farm Rd. Sacaton, AZ 85147**

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