

Arizona Water Settlement Act celebrated at Water Rights Day in Sacaton

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The Gila River Indian Community commemorated their historic Water Rights Settlement with a community celebration at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds on Dec. 9, a day before the official holiday.

December 10 has been made an official GRIC holiday to honor the Arizona Water Settlements Act, which was signed by former President George W. Bush in 2004.

“We are all connected to our water, our shu:dag,” Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said during his



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Tribal leaders greet runners who carried a gourd of water collected from the Gila River at the Managed Aquifer Recharge 5 site in honor of the Water Rights Day celebration, held at the Sacaton Fairgrounds in District 3 on Dec. 9.

opening remarks. “I was taught that we stand on the shoulders of

the leaders and elders who have gone before us. It’s been over 13 years since the ratification of the Arizona water settlement. It’s due to the past leaders that we are here celebrating.”

Former leaders, Governor Donald Antone, Sr., Governor Richard Narcia, Lt. Governor Cecil Antone, were among those in attendance who were instrumental in the fight to regain water. Current councilmembers, Joey Whitman (District 1), Carol Schurz (District 2), and Lt. Governor-elect Robert Stone (District 5) were also in attendance.

Also, showing their support with attendance was Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President, Delbert Ray, Sr., Ak-Chin Community Chairman, Robert Miguel and Tohono O’odham Chairman, Edward Manuel.

“All of the O’otham tribes

understand the importance of our shu:dag,” said Gov. Lewis. “Ak-Chin and Salt River were one of the first ones to regain their water rights and set the standard for all water rights since then, so we really thank them for their presence being here and celebrating our annual water rights celebration.”

The day began with the posting of the colors by Haskell Osife-Antone Post #51 followed by the singing of the national anthem in both traditional O’otham, by St. Peter Mission students, and in English by Devin Pablo.

Councilman Stone offered a traditional blessing before the O’otham singers and runners arrived with a gourd filled with water that was collected from the Gila River at the Managed Aquifer Recharge 5 site. After each runner shook hands with Gov. Manuel.

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Christmas cheer arrives at River of Lights parade



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

GRIC departments and programs decorated tribal vehicles with Christmas decorations for the River of Lights parade.

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Santa Claus did not disappoint, as the holiday season was ushered in with the annual River of Lights held on Dec. 1. This year’s theme, “Christmas in the Desert” was a festive evening filled with floats twinkling in the

glow of Christmas lights and carols.

Afterwards, a Huhugam Heritage Center sponsored First Friday event took place at the Ira H. Hayes/Matthew B. Juan park in Sacaton.

There, an artisans market

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Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejects GRIC’s challenge to the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway

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San Francisco, CA – On December 8, 2017, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the District Court’s ruling permitting the South Mountain Freeway to proceed. The appellate panel concluded that the Federal Highway Administration and the Arizona Department of Transportation had not violated federal law in evaluating and planning the Freeway, despite challenges by the Gila River Indian Community and local groups and residents, who argued that the agencies had predetermined their desired outcome, failed to conduct a proper

analysis of the project’s adverse effects, and improperly rejected the no-build option despite the admitted absence of significant benefits from the proposed highway.

The Community had sought a reversal of the District Court’s prior judgment because the South Mountain Freeway would destroy a portion of South Mountain, which is one of the Community’s most cherished and sacred sites, and harm other sites with deep religious and cultural significance to the Community.

The Community is disappointed by the Ninth Circuit’s ruling and is currently considering its options for further court review.

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Community pays respect to flag at Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



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Veterans unfurl the memorial flag from the USS Arizona Memorial for the Flag Breathing Ceremony and military honors at Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on Dec. 6 at the Huhugam Heritage Center.

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

Veterans came out to recognize to the nation's symbol of patriotism and sacrifice at a special ceremony at the Community's cultural center.

On a chilly morning at the Huhugam Heritage Center, veterans mustered in to salute and pay tribute to service men and women, who gave their lives 76 years ago on December 7, 1941 during the attack on Pearl Harbor at a special flag breathing ceremony on Dec. 6.

This was the first time a piece of living history was brought to the Community with the help of many of the Community's veteran groups and associations, who steadfast in bringing the Pearl Harbor memorial flag to the Community.

For the past two weeks the flag has made its way through each of the Community's districts for members and veterans to view before it returned back to the Huhugam Ki museum on the Salt-River Pima Maricopa Indian Community.

Ira H. Hayes Post 84 Commander Chesley Juan Jr., said, "We are here to honor the flag and all of those, who lost their lives on December 7, 1941 aboard the USS Arizona BB-39."

He said there were many to thank for making the ceremony possible to honor the over 1,177 sailors and Marines, who lost their lives and some of those who are entombed in the steel hulk of the submerged USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor on the Island of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said it is a true honor to recognize the many service men and women, who gave the ultimate sacrifice at Pearl Harbor.

"[This] flag is a symbol of freedom and a symbol of all Native Americans, who have served in the highest percentages of any people of the United States. Most of all it is a symbol of the sacrifices and blood that was shed to preserve our freedoms during the attacks on Pearl Harbor," said Lewis.

He said the USS Arizona me-

memorial at Pearl Harbor Hawaii is a sacred place and solemn place that serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made, but of those who went off to war and never returned.

"We all have our family history of sacrifice, of our veterans serving. My family is no different," Lewis said recounting the military service of his great uncle United States Marine Corps Lance Cpl., Richard Lewis, who was killed in action in the Marshall Islands of the Pacific Theater during WWII.

Gov. Lewis said it's about remembering and being proud of the rich military history of families in the Community for seeing their relatives off to war and sharing that story with future generations, so that they may not forget the courageous actions of those individuals.

"It's looking back at all of those men and women veterans who we are standing on the shoulders of, making a better community...making a better country," he said.

American Legion Post 114 "Bushmasters," Commander Dar-

rell Hills, said through a series of requests the post was able to receive the flag in coordination with the National Parks Service at the memorial site in 2007.

"It hits you...there's a feeling there that you know they're there greeting you," said Hill, "We gave a salute to all of the service members that lost their lives on the USS Arizona, those 1,177 that gave their lives."

He said a special tribute was given to those that perished from the attack aboard the USS Arizona and then retrieved the flag from a group of Pearl Harbor survivors, which was taken back to SRPMIC.

After the guest speaker's remarks it was time to unfold the remembrance flag, which was performed by members of the various veterans and public safety color guard members that were on hand to unfold the flag.

The flag would later be pointed in several directions and given a proper salute in a tribute to those that have given their lives to defend the nation and for those that are currently serving in harm's way.

"To have this flag brought to the Gila River Indian Community is a wonderful opportunity for the Community. Thomas Jackson was instrumental in helping bring this flag to the Community and is one of the few members at the Huhugam Ki museum that are responsible for taking care of this flag," said Hill.

HHC Director Shirley Jackson said, "Caring for this flag has been an incredible experience for the staff and I. It has been a pleasure to work with the veteran's groups as they were the ultimate planners and directors of what you see today."

"It was at times a very moving experience. I like to thank all those veteran's groups that took care of the flag and standing watch over it," said Jackson.

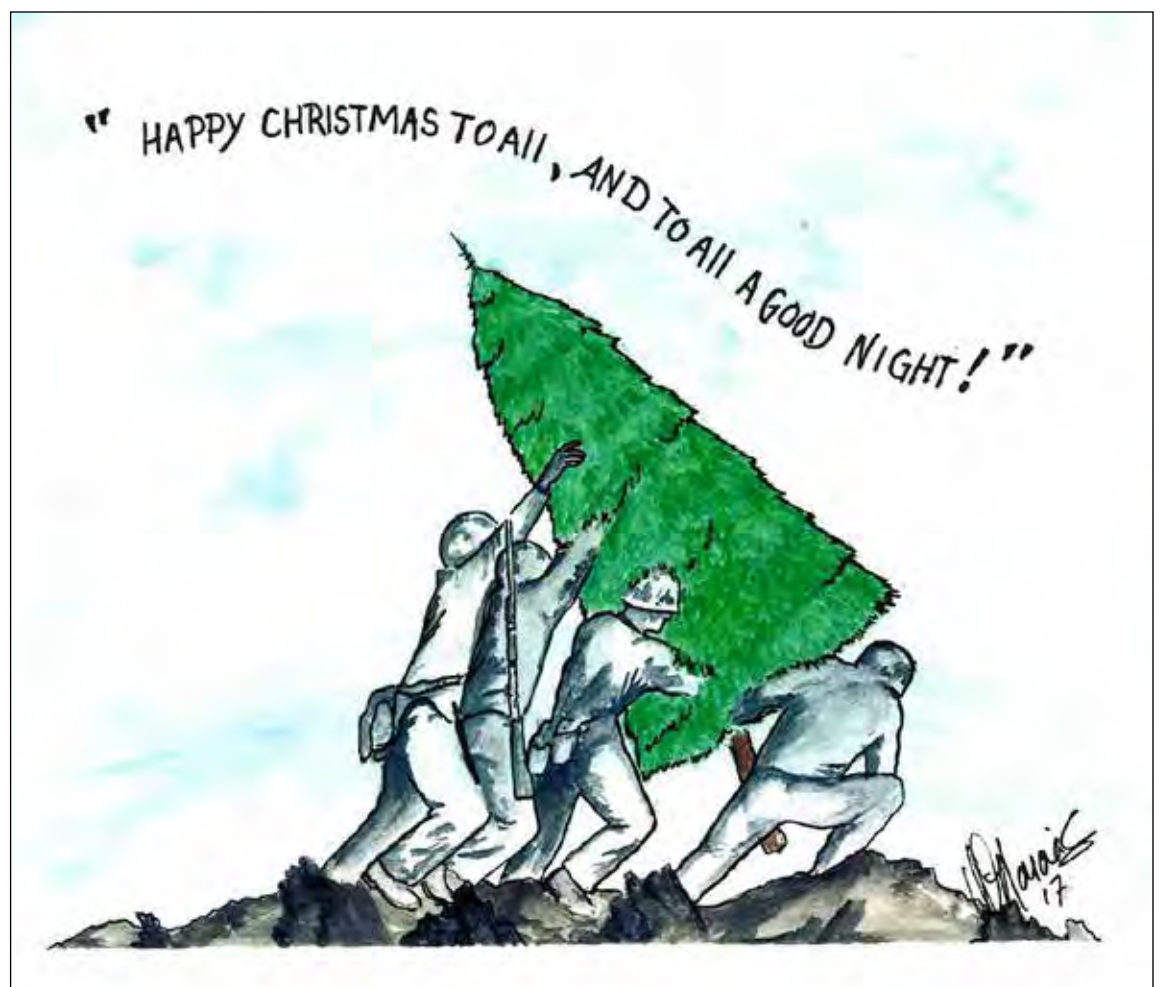
She said at times it was a very solemn occasion as the flag went to each district.

"I would also like to thank the American Legion Post 114 Bushmasters of SRPMIC who are the recipients of this flag and allowing it to have it in Gila River this year," said Jackson.

She said there were many to thank like the Huhugam Ki museum in SRPMIC and Gary Owens and the collections manager Thomas Jackson, who cares for the flag.

She said working with them has definitely solidified the HHC's relationship with Huhugam Ki museum, which has also bolstered relationships with other O'otham museums on the Tohono O'odham Nation and Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Gov. Lewis said the event "Is another example of the heroism of our Community members, so again it's an honor to stand before you to welcome you to begin this solemn, but also very important ceremony that we are marking, moving forward. We are moving forward to a better tomorrow as we never forget the history, the sacrifice of our veterans."



GRIC student athlete plays his way to Coolidge varsity squad



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Freshman Nicholas Harrison, District 3 resident, made the varsity basketball team at Coolidge High School.

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The Coolidge High School Bears boys' basketball team is preparing to make big strides this season in Class 3A. With the

addition of District 3 Community member, Nicholas Harrison, the Bears could be a threat, hoping to continue on the foundation of last year's trip to the playoffs.

Just a freshman, Harri-

son made the varsity team and is the first player off the bench for the Bears but once he's on the court, the sharp-shooter hardly steps off.

"He's the best shooter in the program right now,"



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Nicholas Harrison and his teammates huddle during basketball practice.

said Coolidge High School basketball head coach, Christopher Leman. "We needed that in our offense to really space the floor. He has fit right in. His job has been easy. He's standing out there and shooting when we kick it to him."

Leman had seen Harrison play during middle school and knew that he was getting a great player. Although the team is capitalizing on Harrison's shooting, Leman says that he isn't just a shooter. Leman said that Harrison has a high motor and often times wins team sprints in practice.

"He has a good feel for the game," said Leman. "He rebounds well, his timing is well and he has great hands. I watched him last year at the middle school and he seemed like he had the experience. He hasn't shied away from the competition."

As of press time, the Coolidge Bears are 3-0 early this season. Through the first three games, Harrison has scored in double-digits each game, including a 22-point outing, where he hit six three-pointers.

Although Harrison has been a proven scorer, there is still more development for the young player. Tightening his ball handling, getting his feet set and doing the little things to maintain his consistent shot, limiting turnovers and gelling with his teammates are some things his coach feels he can improve on but most will come naturally as the season progresses.

The goals for the Bears are to win the 3A Central region, host a first-round playoff game and make a run in the playoffs. Standing in the way of the regional crown could be nearby rival, the Florence Gophers, the Globe High

School Tigers, which has one of the state's top scorers and who knocked them out of the playoffs last season, and American Leadership Academy, a team the Bears have yet to defeat.

Coolidge did make the playoffs for the first time in ten years last season. A team with 10 seniors, is hoping to build on last season and advance further this season. Harrison is going to be a big addition to help the Bears' achieve their goals.

Despite having an immediate impact so far, Harrison's role has changed from years past where he had been relied on to score 30 or 40 points a game. Now, Harrison is part of a complete offense with upper class teammates.

"We have started off with a good start and we are getting to know each other as a family," said Harrison about the season. "It's been fun and competitive so far. I want to represent my community and play the game that I love."

Harrison's basketball skills are not the only thing that has impressed his coach so far.

"He's been an outstanding student with excellent grades," said Leman. "He is a very humbled, hard-working kid. Everything is 'yes sir' and 'no sir,' he is a very respectable kid and we are very happy to have him here."

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Gila River Police Department Incident Logs



Incident Log

November 19-25, 2017

Calls for services this week: 652, Arrest made: 62

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were waved down by the victim and reported the suspect attempted to stab her. Officers were directed to a residence where the incident had occurred. The victim sustained a cut to her hand after the suspect pushed her into a barbed wire fence. The victim stated she was not stabbed due to her five year old son stepping in between her and the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody after a short struggle, and then booked into jail.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Weapon – Officers were dispatched to a shots fired call in the neighborhood. Upon arrival officers contacted the suspect who denied shooting a gun. During the course of the investigation, the suspect admitted to shooting a gun (glock 22 .40 caliber) while getting wood behind their residence. The weapon was located unsecured with one bullet in the chamber and four live rounds in the magazine. The suspect was intoxicated during the investigation and the weapon was impounded into evidence for safekeeping. Charges were forwarded to law office for misconduct involving weapons.

Status: Charges Forwarded

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The victim called dispatch requesting officers to their residence in reference to a domestic altercation. The investigation revealed the suspect began to physically assault the victim by punching and choking the victim. The victim was treated for injuries sustained during the altercation. The suspect left the residence prior to officer arrival, but was later located and taken into custody.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to the Sacaton Super Mart in reference to shoplifting. The investigation revealed, a male subject walked into the store and took eight packs of kool aid. The subject then concealed them on his person and walked past the point of sale. A still photo was observed and video surveillance will be impounded into evidence for the identification of the suspect.

Status: Open Investigation

Weapon – Officers were dispatched to the area of Calendar Circle and Sacaton Rd in reference to a male possibly in possession of a weapon. Contact was made the suspect, who admitted that he was intoxicated and did get into an altercation with people while in possession of a weapon. Further into the investigation, the suspect stated that he threw the weapon and that it was “dirty” due to the serial numbers being defaced. The suspect had prior felony convictions and was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Theft – The victim reported items missing from her residence. The victim stated a male, whom she only had a first name for, he may have taken them. After getting serial numbers for the computer the victim called dispatch and requested a report be generated. The computer was entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Shoplifting – A pair of Oakley Sunglasses were taken from the Sunglass Hut Store located at the Phoenix Premium Outlet. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival due to the delay in reporting the incident. The video surveillance was reviewed indicating the suspect was trying on sunglasses and then putting them in his pocket and leaving the store without paying for the items. Attempts were made to locate the suspects, yielding in negative results.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to the Tommy Hilfiger Store in reference to a male taking two pieces of clothing without paying for the items. The investigation revealed that the suspect walked around the store

while making contact with the staff. A short time later the suspect lays the clothes down and walks out of the store. Staff noticed two items were missing from the pile of clothes the suspect had in his hands. Video surveillance was reviewed and the suspect was identified through a staff member that went to school with the suspect.

Status: On-Going Investigation

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to the Sunglass Hut Store located at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to sunglasses being taken. Investigation revealed three Hispanic males entered the store and stayed close together while trying on sunglasses. The three male suspects walked out of the store and one pair of sunglasses fell to the ground which was recovered. The other two pair of glasses taken by the males was not recovered during the investigation. The suspects were observed leaving in a vehicle with a California license plate.

Status: On-Going Investigation

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to Cole Haan Store where two females entered the store and one female took two items from two separate displays. The suspect hid the items in a shopping bag and left the store without paying. As security followed the females they ran towards the Wild Horse Pass Casino and were not contacted.

Status: On-Going Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Eight males entered the Tommy Hilfiger Store and took merchandise without paying. Two of the suspects were detained and questioned, the six other males information was obtained through the investigation. The six males took the items when they left the area. The two detained only had the security devices in their possession.

Status: On-Going Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – The suspect committed the crime of shoplifting by removing a tag from an item and attempted to leave the Tommy Hilfiger Store without paying for the item. The suspect stated she was in the long line when the employee missed an item she had wished to purchase. Frustrated and angry with staff and not wanting to stand in the long line again, the suspect removed the tag and threw it on the floor.

Status: Suspect is charged with theft

Theft – While at an event at Rawhide the victim's son placed his phone

in his backpack and zipped the bag. When he went to retrieve his phone he noticed his backpack was unzipped and the phone had been taken. The phone was purchased two weeks prior and needed a report for insurance purposes. The phone was deactivated.

Status: On-Going Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to Arizona General Hospital in reference to an assault which was reported to have occurred at the Vee Quiva Casino. During the investigation it was discovered the victim's girlfriend's son assaulted the victim. The victim sustained facial fractures with a possibility of needing surgery to correct the position of the victim's eye.

Status: On-going Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to Vee Quiva in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed the suspect was parked by the main entrance to the casino when the suspects removed two large metal cylinder acetylene/oxygen tanks from the bed of the victim's truck. Video surveillance was reviewed to identify suspects and suspect vehicles.

Status: On-going Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Komatke Market in reference to theft. Investigation revealed the suspect filled a cup with soda and consumed it without paying. The suspect left the store after drinking the soda. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival and was not located. Charges are being forwarded to law office for review.

Status: Charges Forwarded

District Seven (Maricopa):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a victim who had been stabbed and has ties to the community. The suspect was located at their residence where the suspect complied with orders and was interviewed. The suspect admitted to a physical altercation with the victim and struck the victim with a large knife causing the serious bodily injury. A follow up will be conducted due to the victim being in emergency surgery.

Status: On-going investigation

Incident Log
November 26-December 2, 2017

Calls for services this week: 602, Arrest made: 36

District One (Blackwater):

Burglary – The victim reported that four 12 volt car batteries and a radiator were taken from the carport of the victim's residence. The victim stated that the parts were there on November 24, 2017 when the vehicles were being worked on. On November 26, 2017 the victim realized the vehicle parts were missing. Photos were taken and submitted into evidence.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Uhs Kehk Store in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed that the suspect was observed placing the two bags of jerky in a purse and leave the store without paying for the items. The suspect was identified and attempts have been made to locate the suspect but had negative results.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Weapon – The suspect committed misconduct involving weapons and negligent use of a deadly weapon by firing a 9mm near a residential neighborhood while being intoxicated. During the investigation seven spent shell gun 9mm casings were located outside a residence. The suspect admitted to being intoxicated and in possession of a firearm while being a prohibited possessor.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Four – (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect committed aggravated assault on the victim by striking the victim on the back with a shower curtain pole at their residence. In addition to hitting the victim with the pole the suspect pushed the victim to the ground causing the victim to twist her wrist which required medical attention. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival but later returning to the residence where officers located and arrested the suspect.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

District Four – (Lone

Butte Area):

Burglary – The suspects committed burglary, theft and criminal damage at a local business by cutting the lock to the fire gate entry. After entering the gated area, subjects used forklifts that were on the property to gain access and to remove various tools and equipment. Noticeable tire and shoe impressions were located and photos were taken.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – The suspect was arrested and later released with a criminal citation for shoplifting from the Phoenix Premium Outlet. After investigation revealed the suspect stole a pair of jeans from the store and took off running through the desert where he was later caught after a foot pursuit. Asset prevention visually identified the suspect when he admitted he stole the pair of pants and apologized.

Status: Suspect was cited and released

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to a theft of a bicycle. Investigation revealed the suspect entered casino property on foot, walked directly to the bike rack, observed one of the bikes not to be secured, got on the bike and left the property. Video surveillance is being reviewed.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five- (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were called to a residence in which the suspect struck the victim several times in the head, causing fractures in her nose and jaw. The suspect also had valid warrants for his arrest and had a baggie of green leafy substance on their person. The victim was transported to an area hospital and treated for injuries to include a broken nose and a fractured jaw.

Status: Valentino Lewis Jr. was booked into jail

District Six – (Komatke):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Seven – (Maricopa):

Theft – The victim reported that his wallet was stolen while he was at the District Seven Service Center and his bank card had been used.

Status: Under Investigation

GRIC 2017 General Election's Official Results: Lewis reelected, Stone is next Lt. Governor

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Over 2,000 Gila River Indian Community members headed to the polls on Nov. 7 to vote for the tribe's highest elected offices, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Judge, and Associate Judges.

According to GRIC Tribal Elections Program's official election results, incumbent Gov. Lewis will retain his seat as the Community's governor after

receiving 1,116 votes, over 55 percent of total ballots cast overall. Running against Gov. Lewis was Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, who received 863 votes, which comes to a little over 43 percent of total ballots cast overall.

District 5 Council Representative Robert Stone won the seat of Lieutenant Governor after receiving 1,223 votes, over 61 percent of total ballots cast overall. Opposing candidate, David A. Anderson received 748 votes, over 37

percent of total ballots cast overall.

Donna Kisto-Jones was elected to the position of GRIC Chief Judge after receiving 1,043 votes, over 52 percent of total ballots cast overall. Opposing candidate Anthony James Hill received 909 votes, over 45 percent of total ballots cast overall.

Former GRIC Chief Judge Victor Antone, who won a large share of votes for the position of Associate Judge during the recent election did not take the

seat, resigning his position. Due to Antone's resignation, a new election for the one vacant Associate Judge position will be held within 60 days of Jan. 1. The following results are for informative purposes only and do not reflect who will be elected as an Associate Judge in the upcoming election.

Winning the most votes overall in the General Election for Associate Judge were Victor Antone, who received 1,143 votes, over 13 percent of total bal-

lots cast overall. Dallas De Lowe received 1,076 votes, over 12 percent of total ballots cast overall. Janice F. Breckenridge received 1,012 votes, 11.63 percent of total ballots cast overall. Sheri L. Casa received 966 votes, 11.10 percent of total ballots cast overall. Lucille Antone-Morago received 920 votes, over 10 percent of total ballots cast overall.

According to the official results, a total of 2017 votes were cast during the election. The following is total ballots cast per dis-

trict. District 1: 220, District 2: 113, District 3: 523, District 4: 357, District 5: 325, District 6: 267, District 7: 81, Absentee Ballots: 131.

The Community Council certified the election results for the GRIC 2017 General Election on Dec. 6.

For more information about the GRIC 2017 General Election, contact the Tribal Elections Program at (520) 562-9735.

Entrance Fee Increase at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

Dave Carney
Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

COOLIDGE, AZ – Casa Grande Ruins National Monument announced that, effective January 1, 2018, the monument's entrance fee will increase. The increase comes after extensive civic engagement from September 21 to October 22, 2017, and support from federal, state and county stakeholders. Outreach included scheduled

questions and answer meetings, three local community events, print media, and social media. Generally, the public was in support of the fee increase.

Under the authority of Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FL-REA), Casa Grande Ruins National Monument retains 100% of the recreation fees collected at the monument. Entrance fee revenues have provided funding for several projects at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument,

all of which have focused on improvements to visitor services, visitor facilities, or visitor safety. Past examples include construction of the new theater at the monument visitor center, repaving the visitor center parking area, producing a new park film, a ruins stabilization and preservation program, and new wayside exhibits, which are used by visitors to the monument every day.

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument cur-

rently charges a per person entrance fee of 5 dollars (\$5.00) for adults, ages 16 and over, for a 7-day pass. The new entrance fee, beginning January 1, 2018, will be 10 dollars (\$10.00) per person, age 16 or older, for a 7-day pass. Prices of interagency passes (<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm>) will not be affected and holders of these passes will still receive free entry into the monument.

Casa Grande Ruins

National Monument protects the multi-story Great House (Casa Grande) and the remnants of other ancient structures built by the Ancestral Sonoran Desert People over 800 years ago. Established as the nation's first federal archeological reserve in 1892, the Ruins sparked the beginning of the archeological preservation movement in America. The monument is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., May through September, and from 9:00

a.m. to 5:00 p.m., October through April, except for the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Independence Day holidays, when the monument is closed. Directions and additional information are available on the monument's website (<http://www.nps.gov/cagr>). You may call (520) 723-3172, or follow us on Facebook by searching for Casa Grande Ruins National Monument.

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Water Rights Day

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Lewis, he proceeded with his opening speech.

“After over 100 years of fighting we have finally got our water rights back,” Gov. Lewis said. “But still in this changing time, we see challenges to our water. It is important that each and everyone one of us start to learn about our water history. We start to teach our children in the schools. This is an ongoing reverence for what we hold as sacred. That is why we are here today. That is why we are here celebrating the return of our water but also we are recommitting ourselves to the struggle.”

Following the Governor, the audience was presented a video that went over the history and struggle of the Gila River Indian Community’s fight to regain their water rights. The video featured speeches from former Governors and Lt. Governors from the inaugural Water Rights celebration. As well as outlining the community’s water plan to maintain and use the water from the Central Arizona Project to farm the land, like the Huhugam ancestors.

Following the video presentation, David DeJong, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project (P-MIP) Director, gave a speech connecting the history of

the water rights struggle to the present and the future. DeJong also went into the history of the P-MIP development after the settlement.

“P-IMP is helping the community put its water, hard-earned water, that Governor mentioned was a fight that took more than 100 years to bring back, to beneficial use,” DeJong said. “The challenge always remained that non-tribal water users continued to use water that rightfully and legally belonged to (the Gila River Indian Community).”

DeJong discussed the Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh history of farming and then diversions that caused the community droughts. He also discussed failed irrigation projects that was supposed to bring water back to the community. At the hearing for the Central Arizona Project, former Governor David Johnson attended to let it be known that the Gila River Indian Community was interested in water from that project. GRIC has always been present in the CAP from the very beginning.

Recently, the Pima canal was completed a few years ago and is a state-of-the-art canal system that brings water to the community. GRIC is the first tribal nation to put a canal

system under tribal control. In 2016, the Casa Blanca canal started construction, which is important because the 16-mile long canal will be the backbone of the community canal system.

DeJong discussed future projects of P-MIP to bring more than just an irrigation system to the community. The goal is more than economic profits for the community, it’s to use water in a way that is culturally meaningful but also to restore the natural agriculture.

Also, giving a youth perspective of the Water Rights Settlement was Miss Gila River, Anissa Garcia, who was accompanied by Jr. Miss Gila River, Hai-li Gonzales. Garcia urged her peers to pursue an education in fields that would benefit the community’s continued protection and beneficial use of the water rights settlement.

Gifts were presented to former Governors and other leadership, who helped with the pursuit of the water rights settlement as well as key dignitaries from the sister O’odham tribes.

A lunch was provided to those in attendance and traditional dancing took place before Gov. Lewis gave the closing remarks to end the day’s celebration.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Tribal leaders converge in Sacaton for the Water Rights Day celebration on Dec.9. From left, Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community chairman, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Delbert Ray Sr., Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community president.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

The A'chim Ali' Basket Dancers perform in honor of GRIC's water rights. The celebration, held Dec. 9, featured speakers, gift presentations and information on the historic water settlement.



S-ko:mag Mashath

S-ko:mag Mashath means the “gray/brown month” in our Akimel O’otham Ñeok, and refers to the desert plants that go dormant during the winter months. This annual occurrence leaves our jeved various shades of s-ko:mag, (gray and brown). When rainy weather approaches this makes for grey cloud covered skies, and with the rise in moisture this makes the Thothoa’ag appear misty and grey. Che:v S-komag (San Tan Mountain) takes its name from the description of being tall and grey. Most of Che:v S-komag is composed of mica-schist which gives the majority of the thoa’ag a grey appearance. As we swing into the thick of the holiday season in the days ahead, we balance work, school, home-life, and especially

decorating our homes for the big days ahead. As we travel through town we see parking lot after parking lot encouraging us to stop and buy a Christmas tree. I remember when O’otham used to think outside the box when it came to decorating for the holidays. One innovative family used a branch of ku:k chehethag (palo verde) tree that was shaped into a Christmas tree as their holiday tree. Another family used a dried hadshadkam (teddy-bear cholla) cactus plant skeleton that was spray painted white and hung with ornaments and beaded garlands. As we travel around the valleys we see how other people have adapted to using desert plants as a base to decorate their yards. A few desert plants used for the holidays include dried

vopotham sha’i (common tumbleweed), ha:shañ (saguaro cactus), melok (ocotillo), and hevhothakud (desert fan-palm). One desert cactus that is associated with the holidays is a’aj nav (Christmas cholla) this due to the fact that it bears fruit during this time of year. This month’s word match will focus on desert plants used as holiday decorations. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives. We also encourage you to think outside the box when it comes to decorating for the holidays. From all of our families here at your Huhugam Heritage Center, we wish all of our nanaipoich and hahajuñ a “S-he:kig Jiosh Alithag Ma:sig Thash ch heg Vechij Aithag!”

S-ko:mag Mashath Match the O’otham desert plant name with its holiday picture!

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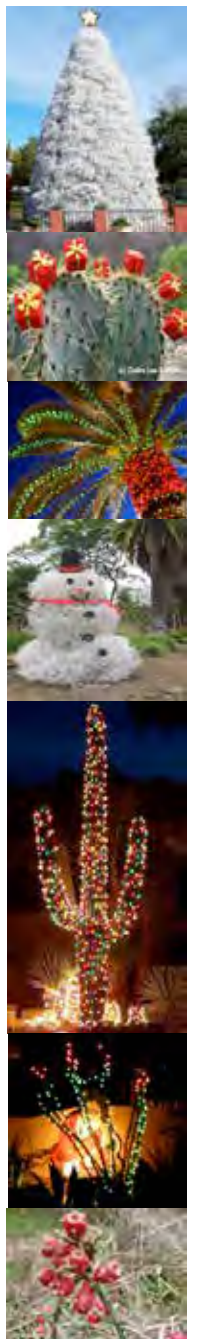
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Diamondbacks MVP Awards show held at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

The red carpet was rolled out at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino on Thursday night, Nov. 30 as the Arizona Diamondbacks recognized their corporate sponsors with the 7th annual D-Backs Most Valuable Partner Awards.

The event was formatted in a late-night talk show style with Arizona Diamondbacks Chief Executive Officer, Derrick Hall, playing host. Diamondback players, past and present, were on hand to present the awards to the partners including: Luis Gonzales, Chris Owings, Daniel Descalso, Braden Shipley, Jimmie Sherfy, Willie Bloomquist and Randy Johnson.

Award categories were Multi-Cultural, Luis Gonzales Community Champion, Brand Integration, D-Backs Ambassador, Marketing Activation, Fans' Choice, Rookie of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, MVP- Silver Slugger and the MVP- Golden Glove.

The Gila River Hotels and Casinos were up for two awards including the Ambassador Award and the MVP- Golden Glove Award. They ended up winning the coveted Golden



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

From L-R: Former World Series Champion and member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame Randy Johnson, Dominic Orozco and Kenneth Manuel, Gila River Gaming Enterprises CEO, pose after the Arizona Diamondbacks MVP banquet.

Glove Award for their work in the community and also within the Diamondbacks organization.

“We are very proud and excited to host this event,” said Gila River Gaming Enterprises CEO, Kenneth Manuel. “This award is fantastic and demonstrates what we do not just for Gila River Gaming Enterprises (GRGE) but also highlights our partnership with the Arizona Diamondbacks. Partner means we work hand-

in-hand in a lot of different endeavors. The advertising is impactful to our business and gets out our brand.”

Gila River Hotels and Casinos sponsored Native American Recognition Day at a Diamondbacks game which included drum groups, hoop dancers, vocalists and tribal royalties. The recognition day, is the only Native American sponsored event in Major League Baseball. GRGE and the Arizona Diamond-

backs also come together to sponsor the Inter-Tribal youth baseball tournament, which brings in Native American teams from all over the country.

They also were presenting partners for the pool towel and Arizona flag hat giveaways. GRGE also continuously sponsors the game night promotion and kiss-cam during baseball games.

“(Gila River Hotel and Casinos) is unbeliev-

able and that is why you won the Golden Glove. You should be proud and we are too,” said Hall. “We are so proud of your history, tradition and heritage. We thank you for letting us host the Native American recognition game and also the inter-tribal tournament, it is the only one of its kind and to have so many kids from many states and tribes to come play here and then we get to share that with our fans.”

Gila River Hotel and Casinos has been a corporate partner of the Arizona Diamondbacks from the beginning of the organization's founding, one of the 12 original partnerships. With the partnership, GRGE is able to maximize its advertising efforts, which this past season focused on the launch of the new rewards card for Gila River Casinos which included, digital signage at Chase Field, the LED rotator, e-blasts to the D-Back's database, D-Back's insider ads and having the D-Backs tagging Gila River Hotels and Casinos on social media.

“What makes it so special is the longevity of the partnership, we've been there since day one,” Manuel said when asked what

makes the partnership special. “They've been a very active partner, not just with Gila River Gaming Enterprises, but with the Gila River Indian Community as well. Our kids from the Gila River Indian Community participate in clinics throughout the year and it's something they are always going to remember and we are proud to be a part of that.”

The GRGE Public Relations Department coordinates three kid's clinics for the Gila River Indian Community. One clinic is held at Chase Field while the other two are held in the community districts. Each clinic helps introduce the 100 participants to the game of baseball and teaches them the fundamentals as well as sportsmanship.

On hand to accept the award for GRGE was Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Corporate Vice-President of GRGE, David Baggerly, Director of Player Development and Cyndee Jorgensen, Corporate Media and Advertising Manager.

In the past, the GRGE has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award (2011) and a previous Golden Glove Award in 2013.

Parade

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filled to the brim with those looking to check off that special someone on their Christmas shopping list, as well as musical entertain-

ment for those looking to dance the night away.

This year, five parade floats were awarded in each of the categories: Governor's Award: Gila River Gaming Enterprise, Community Managers: Gila River Fire Department,

Director's Award: Sacaton Elementary Transportation Department, Kids Choice Award: District 3 Elders, and Judges Award: Shipping & Receiving/Property & Supply.

- Photos by Christopher Lomahquahu



ASU's Indian Legal Program hosts panel on climate impacts on tribal heritage

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Gila River Indian News

On the eve of the community Water Rights Day celebration, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was invited to be on a panel at Arizona State University discussing climate justice as part of a conference sponsored by Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law's Indian Legal Program with the topic "Cultures Under Water: Climate Impacts on Tribal Cultural Heritage."

Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, Faculty Director of the Indian Legal Program, Brenda Ekwurzel, Director of Climate Science, Union of Concerned Scientists, Robert Hershey, Professor Emeritus, Indigenous Law and Policy Program at the University of Arizona and Tom Goldtooth, Executive Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network joined Gov. Lewis on the panel.

The panel focused on the issues of climate justice in Native American communities throughout the United States and Canada. Each panelist brought their area of expertise to show how climate change is having many negative effects on Native American communities.

"It was great to be a part of a panel with the subject matter experts, top activists, scientists and attorneys," said Gov. Lewis of the opportunity to be on the panel. "It was great for Gila River to tell our story on this panel that really en-



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was part of a panel at Arizona State University discussing Climate Justice and how it affects Indian Communities.

Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

forced all of these critical issues addressing climate change and climate adaptation that this whole conference is focusing on."

Climate change has an effect on Native American communities in a variety of ways. In the Gila River Indian Community, the obvious change comes in the lack of water available, something completely different from the days of the GRIC ancestors.

Before the success of

the Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Gov. Lewis pointed out to the audience that GRIC members were humble people earning their living as farmers. Stating that the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh people have always had a connection to the land, not just the modern-day reservation but to the indigenous homeland.

In present day, Gov. Lewis points to the construction of the Loop 202 freeway through South

Mountain as cultural and environmental degradation while saving just a few minutes of daily commutes. The land and ecosystem of animals are going to be altered or destroyed.

"Climate justice is very important," said Gov. Lewis. "It has to do with respecting and recognizing our sovereignty. It goes back to the vigilance and protection of our water settlement, our water rights and protection of our natu-

ral resources."

As a tribal leader, Gov. Lewis reminded those in attendance that each community is not the same and that there are no cookie-cutter issues when it comes to climate issues. Urging that each tribe and communities need to look at their culture and history to see how to address issues. He advised the audience that the ancestral answers lay in the community and that the teachings will help sustain

the issues.

Gov. Lewis also discussed the ways that GRIC is addressing the issues.

"It's an exciting time but also a challenging time," said Gov. Lewis. "It's an exciting time because we are going to be looking at, with our various departments, addressing climate change on a wide scale, across the community. We are going to start engaging our community members, our young people and our elders, to provide an education and outreach to reestablish that as O'otham and Pee Posh people we were always good stewards of the land."

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be playing a big role moving forward as GRIC addresses climate change issues. Air quality is also something that Gov. Lewis said needs to be addressed sooner rather than later.

"We have so many resources across the community," said Gov. Lewis. "We need to bring all of our assets across the community together to address these issues and work collectively together to start to look at solutions and look at a plan for the future."

The panel all believe that the necessary adaptation and changes will start with the community youth. They believe that the youth should continue to attend school and get the proper education needed to come back to their communities and address the many issues facing Indian country.

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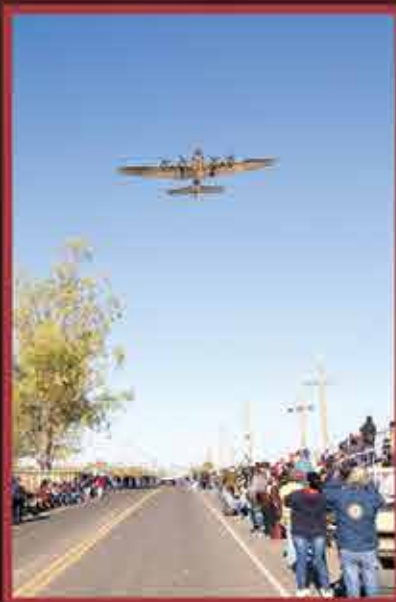
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Record number of volunteers turnout to wrap donated presents for GRIC children



Photo Courtesy of Kathy Garcia

Volunteers wrap presents at the Huhugam Heritage Center for the GRIC Christmas Toy Drive on Dec. 8.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Christmas is all about the spirit of giving and thanks to the altruistic efforts of the Gila River Fire Department, Gila River Police Department, Gila River Gaming Enterprise, and Gila River Indian Community governmental departments including Tribal Social Services, as well as numerous private toy donations, over 500 underprivileged children will be opening presents on Christ-

mas Day.

Every year the GRIC Toy Drive holds a Christmas present wrapping party where volunteers wrap hundreds of presents.

Shannon Redbird, GRIC Communications and Public Affairs Office's Community Relations, said this year they held the wrapping party at the Huhugam Heritage Center on Dec. 8, where they saw a record number of volunteers come out to help wrap presents.

"We had a great turnout from different departments," said Redbird. "Around 70 people volunteered, with big groups coming from the casino and Tribal Gaming Office."

She said the volunteers wrapped over 800 presents and while wrapping usually takes all day, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., this year, due to a good turnout, wrapping wrapped up around 1 p.m.

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kids," Redbird said. "Everyone came together for a good cause."

This year's GRIC Toy Drive collected donated toys from Nov. 1 – Dec. 9. The effort was a joint spon-

sorship between the GRFD and GRPD, and received assistance from many different tribal government departments, local organizations, and enterprises that distributed the work

amongst themselves.

The children, who range in ages from infants to 18-years-old, will receive their presents at a Christmas party later this month.



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Governor's Employee of the Year announced at Mix & Mingle



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, left, stands with Employee of the Year Officer Ester Poolaw at the employee Mix & Mingle event on Dec. 4.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Leading up to the final employee event of the year, the suspense was high, as many Gila River Indian Community employees eagerly awaited the announcement of the 2017 Governor's Employee of the Year.

The annual GRIC employee Mix & Mingle event brought together employ

ees from various departments to revel in the fruits of their labor at the Main Event in Tempe on Dec. 4.

For many GRIC employees, it is a chance to meet one another and share stories and jokes and enjoy a lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers to fuel their excitement, before taking to the bowling lanes and arcade games for a fun-filled afternoon.

Among the employees

who attended, there was a select group of GRIC employees that were awarded throughout the year as the Governor's Employee of the Month.

Each of the GEM's were eligible for the top award and have displayed several qualities that are demonstrated through their tireless work out in the field or in the office.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was present to lift



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

GRIC employees enjoyed video games, billiards, bowling and other activities at the annual employee event held at Main Event in Tempe.

the veil of suspense, but not without praise for each and every employee's dedication to the job and to the Community.

"This is just a little bit of what we do to show our appreciation for each and every one of you," said Gov. Lewis.

He said, "It's good to see all of the different departments come together. It's good to see some of you employees as well who are out in the field. Those who don't have nine to five jobs, but have a duty to be on call and to have you be able to come out here."

Before concluding his remarks, Lewis spoke about the importance of improving employee satisfaction and recognition

and that he and his administration are working to improve the atmosphere for GRIC employees.

In leading into the announcement of the employee of the year, Lewis said the person being nominated was someone that has committed themselves to serving the Community's children and bringing a sense of protection to those that are the future of GRIC.

Without any further words, Gov. Lewis called up Gila River Police Department School Resource Officer Ester Poolaw, who was presented with a commemorative plaque and Pendleton blanket.

Poolaw said, "I just like to thank Chief Elliot for her constant support, it

means a lot as an officer... also from the Community and those who I work with. I hope to continue working with the Community and the children in the schools."

She said that being an SRO is a role that goes beyond being an officer, but a mentor and motivator for the students that she interacts with on a day-to-day basis.

"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."

Some Cases of illness from the Salmonella Newport bacteria have been detected

Gila River Tribal Health Department is monitoring the situation and offers prevention tips

Tribal Health Department
Gila River Indian Community

Four Gila River Indian Community members have tested positive for the Salmonella Newport bacteria. People become ill 12 hours to 6 days after exposure. Most individuals infected with this bacteria exhibit THESE SYMPTOMS:

- Diarrhea
- Fever
- Abdominal Cramps

The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days, and most people recover without going to the hospital. In some instances of Salmonella infection diarrhea may contain blood or be so severe that the patient needs to be hospitalized. In these patients, the Salmonella infection may spread from the intestines through the blood stream to other body sites. In these cases, Salmonella can cause death unless person is treated immediately with antibiotics. Children under the age of 5, the elderly, and those with impaired immune systems are more likely to have a severe illness.

Quick Tips for Pre-

venting Salmonella

*Wash hands, kitchen work surfaces, and utensils with soap and water immediately after they have been in contact with raw meat or poultry.

*Properly prepare meals for infants, the elderly, and the immunocompromised persons by practicing safe food handling.

*Cook poultry, ground beef, and eggs thoroughly. Do not eat or drink foods

containing raw eggs or milk.

*If you are served undercooked meat, poultry, or eggs in a restaurant, don't hesitate to send it back to the kitchen for further cooking.

*Avoid touching reptiles (i.e. turtles, lizards, and snakes), live birds, livestock, or any animal feces barehanded.

If you are currently experiencing these symp-

oms, please go to your nearest health care facility as soon as possible. If you previously experienced the symptoms listed above between the dates of 11/1/2017 and 11/21/2017,

please contact one of the employees listed below at the Tribal Health Department:

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-Jimmy Orozco, Communicable Disease Investigator (520) 562-5100

-Hollie Rieger, Environmental Health Specialist II (520) 562-5186

S-ko:mag Mashath Match the O'otham desert plant name with its holiday picture!
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BIA Pima Agency and GRFD fire crews work together to put out suspicious D1 blaze



BIA Pima Agency

The Quail Fire burns in a field off of Quail Road in District 1 on Dec. 1.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Fire crews from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Pima Agency and the Gila River Fire Department extinguished a suspicious field fire located in District 1 on Dec. 1. The fire, which was named the Quail Fire, burnt 38-acres of a field filled with grass and weeds just off of Quail Road before crews were able to extinguish the blaze. The fire caused no injuries or structural damage and is currently under investigation.

Alan Sinclair Jr., BIA Pima Agency Fire Management Officer, said his crew was already in District 1 assisting a local farmer properly burn his fields when they received a call from GRFD asking if the fire in District 1 was a part of their planned burn.

"We saw the smoke coming up and I thought it was another farmer that had pulled a (burn) permit," said Sinclair. "(GRFD) called me and said they had another field on fire and asked if it was one of ours and it wasn't. (GRFD) showed up, everybody was there. It was just serendipitous that we were in the Community at that time," he said.

Both crews quickly went to work, with GRFD making sure nearby structures were protected and the BIA Pima Agency performed a back burn to keep the fire from advancing.

"(The fire) was moving towards some homes at the northeast corner of the field," said Sinclair. The Pima Agency crew then performed a back burn where they created a second fire between the main fire and a road that separated the field from the homes. The second fire was drawn to the main fire burning all the vegetation in between. When the two fires met, they burnt themselves out.

"You send a wall of flame towards another wall of flame, they collide and go out because there is no more fuel," Sinclair said. "The fuel the fire is feeding off of is burnt, it's gone, there is nothing for the fire to consume anymore and that is what happened."

GRFD Fire Chief Thomas Knapp, said his crews brought out their brush trucks and fire engines and made sure nearby structures were out of harm's way.

"There was obviously concern and the crews handled it very well and kept it from spreading to nearby homes and properties," Knapp said.

With cooling temperatures, dryer climate, and higher winds, fires are more likely to occur, and with a recent GRIC red flag warning issued last weekend, both Knapp and Sinclair are urging Community members to get a burn permit from the Department of Environmental Quality before attempting any type of controlled burn or even lighting ceremonial fires.

"It is just knowing where (fires) are so we don't interrupt the ceremony, but it gives us the opportunity to provide some preventative measures for these controlled burns," he said.

It is important to have the proper tools on hand to control a fire, to have a water source, and pay attention to appropriate burning times and wind speeds, he said.

"A burn permit has all of these things lined out and actually has you (call the non-emergency GRIC Dispatch) the day of the burn to see if it is OK to burn. Our concern is going to be that the fire's embers will get picked up and blown around, starting an additional fire," he said.

According to GRIC

DEQ's Residential & Agricultural Burn Permit Application, applicants must adhere to the following rules when performing a burn: Notify the non-emergency GRIC Dispatch before performing a burn, only burn between the hours of 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. during the months of November through October, burn only during the daytime hours during the months of March through October, notify neighbors within a quarter-mile 24 hours before performing a burn, and to keep a burn permit on hand.

DEQ's website, www.gricdeq.org, has a link to a burn permit application and provides many more rules and guidelines as to what is required to perform a burn, and what materials are forbidden to be burned. The application can be submitted online or filled out at their office. You can find the link to the application at the top of their main page under "Forms."

For more information about acquiring a burn permit contact DEQ at (520) 562-2234



BIA Pima Agency

Above, Alan Sinclair Jr. lights dry brush while he and his crew perform a back burn in District 1, which helped extinguish the fire.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • December 6, 2017

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, December 6, 2017, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Council Secretary Shannon White and informed the Council Governor Lewis and Lt. Governor Antone would not be in attendance and a Chairperson would need to be nominated.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOMINATE ROBERT STONE AS CHAIR

Chairman Robert Stone called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman (12:43), Arzie Hogg (10:59); D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans (9:31); D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4- Barney Enos, Jr.; D5- Marlin Dixon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Introduction of Sienna Whittington, Tribal Education Department K-12 Education Manager

Presenter: Freddy Poitra

MR. FREDDY POITRA INTRODUCED MS. SIENNA WHITTINGTON. MS. WHITTINGTON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND WELCOME.

REPORTS

1. Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 4th Quarter Report
Presenter: Chesley Juan Jr.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

2. Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51 FY17 4th Quarter Financial Report & Summary

Presenter: Alison Anderson

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED INFORMATION

3. Lone Butte Development, LLC Annual Report

Presenter: Esther Manuel

REPORT HEARD

4. 1998-2016 Winter Bird Count Data Analysis

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

REPORT HEARD

5. Vista Ki Housing

Presenter: Priscilla Foote

REPORT HEARD

6. Head Start September Monthly Report 2017

Presenter: Lori Stinson

REPORT HEARD

7. Head Start October Monthly Report 2017

Presenter: Lori Stinson

REPORT HEARD

8. FY2017 Expenditures (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Suzanne Johns

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Gila River Gaming Enterprises Inc. Monthly Report For October 27, 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel & Interim Oversight

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community Council For October 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[CHAIRMAN ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:25 A.M.]

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Authorizing Tribal Officials To Initiate Financial Transactions With The United States Department Of Interior Office Of Special Trustee For American Indians (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sunshine Whitehair

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Of Consent To Grant A Liquor License To The Wild Horse Pass Development Authority For Use At The UHS KEHK Store (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Jason Croxton

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Christian Andrew Lewis Located In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30317-0406 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Amberly Rivers

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving A Temporary Moratorium On Issuing Beehive Permits (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, LSC concurs with corrections)

Presenters: Mandy Cisneros, Daniel Hoyt

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Enrollment Department And The Land Use Planning & Zoning Department To Participate In The United States Census' Local Update Of Census Addresses ("LUCA") Operation (LSC forwards to Council under Resolutions with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Enacts The Following Ordinance As The 2017 Membership Ordinance Of The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forward to Council with a recommendation for approval, striking District 5 in the 6th whereas)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED

2. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code By Rescinding Ordinance GR-02-04 And Resolution GR-10-12 And Enacting The Revised Building Code To Be Codified As Chapter 4 Through Chapter 15 Of Title 19 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forward to Council with a recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

APPROVED

3. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code By Rescinding Ordinance GR-04-05 And Enacting The Revised Fire Code To Be Codified As Title 21 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forward to Council with a recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Director Appointments Two (2) Vacancies

Presenters: Reviewing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY

DONALD ANTONE & ANTHONY NEWKIRK

2. Trust Property Bid Proposal (EDSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business with recommendation to disperse)

Presenter: Ron Rosier

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE, SECOND AND DEFEATED TO DISPENSE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO PROCEED

WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE 50%

INTEREST OF THE TRUST PROPERTY

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND

THE RULES TO ENTERTAIN THE

RESOLUTION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE A

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE

OF CERTAIN ALLOTTED LANDS PURSUANT

TO THE AMERICAN INDIAN PROBATE

REFORM ACT

3. Providence First Trust Company Financial

Literacy Course (ESC forwards to Council under

New Business to implement the courses and

directs OGC and the Office of the Treasurer to

start the process of making the course

mandatory prior to the termination of the trust

with a recommendation for approval; H&SSC and

G&MSC concur)

Presenters: Neomi Martinez, Samuel L. Fuller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO IMPLEMENT

THE COURSES AND START THE PROCESS

OF MAKING THE COURSE MANDATORY

PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION

NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning & Zoning Commission District One Letter Of Appointment (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

VALERIE WILLIAMS

2. FY2017 Lone Butte Development Audit / Audit Wrap Up Report (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Chris Bitakis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

3. Recommendation to Participate in Volkswagen

Settlement Funding (NRSC forwards to Council

with recommendation for approval; and

recommendation to approve Appendix D-3)

Presenter: Naomi Bebo

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. Resignation of Chief Judge Victor Antone

(LSC accepts the resignation of Chief Judge

Victor Antone effective November 16, 2017; and

accepting the resignation as Associate Judge

Elect; forwarding to the Community Council with

a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

THE RESIGNATION OF CHIEF JUDGE VICTOR

ANTONE AND ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION AS

ASSOCIATE JUDGE ELECT

5. Certification of the 2017 General Election

Results (LSC forwards to Community Council to

certify the 2017 General Election results for the

Office of Governor, Lt. Governor, Chief Judge,

Continued on Page 16

THANK YOU

The Family of Mrs. Gladys Laws Young would like to express our deepest thanks to everyone in the community who aided our family when we needed it most at the time of Mrs. Young's passing.

From the construction department (D6) who tended the plot, to the wonderful staff at the Learning Center where the services were held.

We'd like to thank everyone who prayed for us, gave cards and came to the funeral services.

And a big thank you to Governor Roe-Lewis for taking time out of his busy day to attend and say those kind words.

The Family of Mrs. Gladys Laws Young

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Benji Keith Setoyant was born September 22, 1973 and entered into rest on November 21, 2017. He was raised in the Gila River Indian Community with his mother, father and siblings. He loved to spend time with his family, loved to ride his motorcycle and make jokes. He uplifted you when he knew you were down. He loved to spend every second with his children. You will truly be missed and live forever in our hearts!

He is survived by his mother Delvina Setoyant, his children Jerome and Benjilina Setoyant, and Siblings, Cyris, Shannon, Oren, Lyndon, Sharita and Cheryl.

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Thank you so very much,

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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 5 3 6
Plaintiff,
vs.

GREGORY F. JAMES and JANE DOE JAMES, husband and wife , PETRA LORETTA
(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;

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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;

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and Associate Judges (4))

Presenters: Shannon White, Nadine Shelde
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

6. Associate Judge and District 5 Council Representative Vacancy (LSC forwards to Community Council the Declaration of Vacancy for an Associate Judge Position and a District 5 Council Representative recommending to the Community Council a special election be held within 60 days following January 1, 2018)

Presenters: Shannon White, Nadine
MOTION MADE AND SECOND THE DECLARATION OF VACANCY FOR ONE ASSOCIATE JUDGE POSITION AND DISTRICT 5 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDING A SPECIAL ELECTION BE

IN LOVING MEMORY

In Loving Memory
Franklin Justin
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12/8/65 - 9/23/15

It's your birthday and we're thinking of you. The holidays are near and that's what makes the memories so dear. Remembering your smile, your laughter, joking and teasing; pushing buttons and having fun with it..... Summer "your baby girl" is staying strong knowing your good - accomplishing much and making the wishes and dreams you wanted of her become reality. She misses you but knows you are always with her. I'm proud of her and know you would be too. I run into the nieces and nephews, they all seem to be doing well. I know they love & miss you too. We wanted to thank everyone who helped during his services in whatever way you did. You're thoughts, prayers, food, words of comfort, etc., it was all greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Thinking of you Love from your family

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

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)

at 3:00 PM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

COURT NOTICE

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

In Re Case: Lupe Nelson vs. Timothy Coleman Nelson

Docket Number: FM-2017-01 14-DV
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.

Answer/Response Hearing
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ85147

22nd day of January, 2018 at 1:30 PM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Lucille Antone-Morago

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.

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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 m1,,1st be made to the office of the Judge or Commissioner assigned to the case, at least five (5) days before your scheduled court date.

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DEPUTY CLERK
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7. Skyline Gila River School Written Plan SY 2017-2018 (ESC forwards to Council with the addition of the Community funded Physical Education teacher with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE INCLUDING SUBMISSION OF UNAUDITED FINANCIALS

8. Native American Code Writer Program (ESC forwards to Council under New Business; CRSC concurs)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Linda Coyle
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

9. Chemawa Indian School Advisory Board (ESC appoints Pamela Johnson to the Chemawa Indian School Advisory Board and forwards to



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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.

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.

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.

Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT PAMELA JOHNSON MINUTES

1. October 18, 2017 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. November 1, 2017 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

AS SUBMITTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> DECEMBER 7, 2017 LITIGATION TEAM MEETING CANCELLED

>SOCIAL SERVICES SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:40 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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