

Tribes stand together on protecting culturally significant South Mountain

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At the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona building in Phoenix, Ariz., on Feb. 10, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone spoke with members of the Inter-Tribal Association of Arizona (ITAA) about the Community's effort to halt the construction of the Loop 202.

ITAA passed a resolution to support efforts to stop the South Mountain freeway through the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Tohono O'odham Nation, which also has cultural connections to Moadag Doag, has filled an amicus brief, which is a series of documents outlining the issues related to the construction of the South Mountain freeway.

In addition to the amicus brief, an opening brief was submitted by the Community, which they expect to have a date in the court of appeals.

Gov. Lewis said whether it is

from the state or federal governments, there needs to be a fair and respectful consultation process with tribal governments on issues that are important to them.

He said the Arizona Department of Transportation's consultation process is faulty, because they did not take into account the Community's religious freedom and the environmental impact the freeway will have on the area.

Lt. Gov. Antone said the construction of the Loop 202, it is devastating the cultural connections the O'otham have to South Mountain, which is used for traditional prayer runs and many traditional ceremonies.

She said, there were never consultations and in recent meetings the Army Corps of Engineers were notified of concerns of flood drainage on the Community land that will could cause harm the to environment, which is home to a variety of specifics of plants and animals.

Lewis said that the Commu-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis speaks among members of the Inter-Tribal Association of Arizona about ADOT's handling of the South Mountain Loop 202 Environmental Impact Study.

nity is currently consulting with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers regarding the cultural and natural degradation of the area and will continue to seek litigation to prevent the construction of the Loop 202.

What this means across Indian Country?

He said the issue is part of the broader scope of what is happening across Indian Country.

"We are very concerned with

how this new administration will honor the consultation process between the tribal nations and the federal government, which has a trust responsibility to work with tribes in [their] best interests," said Lewis.

Many tribal leaders at the meeting support the Community and passed the resolution to reaffirm that all tribes stand united in protecting culturally significant lands at risk of devastation.

72nd Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising to be held on Feb. 25

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Seventy-two years ago the island of Iwo Jima was the scene of a massive and grueling battle between the United States and the Empire of Japan from Feb. 18 – March 26, 1945. Over 110,000 United State's soldiers, including the U.S. Marine Corps, Navy corpsmen, and the United States Air Force invaded the small rocky island, beginning a five-week battle. When the smoke cleared and the U.S. flag was raised in victory over Mount Suribachi, 6,821 U.S. servicemen and over 18,000 soldiers of Imperial Japanese Army had lost their lives.

In honor of the U.S. servicemen who died during the Battle of Iwo Jima, Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post No. 84 is hosting the 72nd Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag

Raising on Feb. 25 in Sacaton, Ariz.

The event will include a parade, a fly over by a B-17 Flying Fortress and a Boeing Stearman Model 75, special guest speakers, a hot lunch, and powwow.

Post 84 Event Coordinator, Oscar Urrea, said the annual event attracts veterans groups from all around the U.S. with crowds sometimes growing to over 1,500 people.

Urrea added that the parade, which has around 100 entries, will begin around 8:30 a.m. starting at Skill Center Road. The parade will then head east down Casa Blanca Road and end at the Matthew B. Juan - Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park.

"Once at the park we have a massing of colors," said Urrea. "That means all the different veterans groups come in together in



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File photo of the 2016 Iwo Jima Anniversary parade.

front of the memorial, [and] they take group photos."

After the massing of colors, guest speakers will present on stage around 10:30 a.m., shortly followed by a lunch served around noon.

Urrea said that after guests are finished with lunch, they will

be directed toward the Sacaton Fairground where the powwow will be held.

Post 84 Adjutant Tony McDaniel, said that there is a special invitation out to all World War II veterans, and that for more information email ihpost84@gilanet.net or call (520) 562-8484.

Gila River Indian Gaming Enterprises names new CEO



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GRGE CEO Kenneth Manuel
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During the first Community Council meeting of the month, Kenneth Manuel was introduced as the new CEO of Gila River

Gaming Enterprises on Feb. 1.

It is the first time a Community member has been selected to head up the GRGE Enterprises' casino operations, which is a major source of revenue for GRIC.

According to a GRGE press release, "The announcement comes after an intensive search and selection process by Gila River Gaming Enterprises' Interim Oversight and Planning Committee, consisting of five Gila River Indian Community tribal council members."

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone expressed their words of encouragement and admiration for the new CEO, who is from District 4.

Gov. Lewis lauded the Interim Oversight and Planning Com-

mittee for selecting Manuel for the position of CEO.

He said it is a clear demonstration of the Community's ability to cultivate individuals who look to pursue leadership positions.

Antone said that the Community can be assured that Manuel can continue to move the gaming enterprises forward in these critical times.

Manuel said, "There have been many that have contributed to my success, starting with my parents who are [here] today and [this] Community."

The press release said Manuel has spent 22 years working for the enterprise in various leadership positions that began in 1994 working as a slot manager.

He said, "We have so many individuals who have contributed to our success and it is not only a great day for me, but for them as well, because it is from them that I draw my strength and courage to do what I do on a daily basis."

A few of his recent accolades include being part of the ever-growing expansion of GRGE properties and projects like the renovation of the Lone Butte Casino in 2015 and the Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino, which was completed in 2013, said the press release.

"We succeed together, not just the folks in this room, but all of the 2,500 plus team members back at the Enterprise and all of

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Two Community members retire after almost three decades of service



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Tribal leadership stopped by the GRIC Courthouse to congratulate Robert Luna on his retirement. From left, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Robert Luna, and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

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Two Gila River Indian Community members, who spent a combined 52 years serving the Community through their work with the tribal government, said goodbye to their friends and co-workers, Feb. 10, during a retirement celebration held at the GRIC Judicial Center.

Kelvin "Casey" Bilagody, of District 6, and Robert Luna, of District 2, both received gifts from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, who stopped by the Justice Center to congratulate the two retirees.

Casey Bilagody

Bilagody, who most recently served as Chief Probation Officer for the Probation Department, said that he worked for the Community for almost 28 years.

"It's been awesome, it seems like it went so fast," said Bilagody. "I treasure working for the Community and serving my Community members the best way I can."

Now that he will be leaving the workforce and entering retirement he still plans on staying busy with travel, family and his love of silversmithing.

"I plan to do some traveling, spend some time with my grand kids and working on my hobby, silversmithing," he said.

"I always had in the back of my mind that I wanted to spend some time in Albuquerque," he said. "Because I like the area... and [the] climate."

Bilagody added that his hobby of silversmithing began in the mid 1970's during his high school days and that he enjoys creating designs and jewelry that make people happy.

Bilagody's parting words of advice to current GRIC employees are to "enjoy what you do, go to work everyday and enjoy your coworkers and just treat people the way you want to be treated," he said.

Robert Luna

For the past 25 years, Robert Luna, who worked as a Court Clerk for the GRIC Justice Center, said that his time working for Community has been a joy.

"It's been a life experience, a learning experience," said Luna. "It has been a joy to serve my Community members... to be here and assist the customers that come here to the Judicial Center."

He said that his time working with the Community first began in 1991, when he entered a GRIC Employment and Training program, which led him to working for the City of Phoenix, and eventually back to Gila River to work as a file clerk and receptionist.

Luna said that when he first began working for the tribe, he was used to replace a phone-recording machine.

"Back then, during the lunch hour from noon to 1 p.m., there was a recording system that answered the phones when Community members called the Tribal Administration Office. I was hired and replaced the recording machine," he laughed.

Luna's plans for retirement are travel and family. He said that he will be busy taking care of and helping out his family, and when



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Kelvin "Casey" Bilagody holds a retirement gift from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

he has time, he plans to travel to Washington to visit his brother and eventually make the trip to the East Coast for a visit to Niagara Falls.

The two retirees were honored and celebrated in one of the Justice Center's courtrooms where coworkers and friends gave personal anecdotes on how Luna and Bilagody each had an effect on their lives and professional careers.

GRIC Judge Dallas De Lowe, talked about how he knew each of the men had God in their lives and that the Creator would

bless them on their new path. He then sang several O'otham songs to the retirees.

Before parting for a BBQ lunch and refreshments, Luna ended the gathering with a few words of advice for his work colleagues.

"You are an awesome workforce and what you do for the Community is tremendous, always remember the people we serve and smile," he said. "To all of you, thank you for being a part of my second family and God bless you."

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Arizona Tribal Water Sustainability briefing held at Arizona State University



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Urban Water Sustainability panel, which included Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at ASU on Feb. 2.

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Tribal leaders and water law experts met at Arizona State University for a panel discussion on water policy and challenges on Feb. 2. ASU's Decision Center for a Desert City hosted the meeting, called the Arizona Native American Tribal Water Security Briefing.

The panel included Bidtah Becker, executive director for the Division of Natural Resources of the Navajo Nation; Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River

Indian Community; Rebecca Tsosie, Regents Professor at the James E. Rogers College of Law and Special Advisor for the Provost on Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Arizona; and Margaret Vick, Special Counsel for Water Resources for Colorado River Indian Tribes.

Jacob Moore, the Assistant Vice President on Tribal Relations at ASU's Office of University Affairs, moderated the conversation, asking the panelists about the challenges that tribal communities face when talking about

water security.

Water: Not a Zero-Sum Game

Tsosie said it is very important to consider how the conversation around water security is framed. "The work that I do...is to look at the way that the dialogue about rights is put out into the public." Tsosie read an excerpt from an April 19, 2015 op-ed by Earl Zarkin in the Arizona Republic.

The selection reads: "More than 51 percent of Arizona's annual entitlement to 2,800,000 acre-feet from the mainstream of the

Colorado River is reserved for Indian reservations, under present law and court rulings. An acre-foot equals about 326,000 gallons.

"The reservations, with 2.6 percent of Arizona's population (170,237 of the 6,392,017 people in the 2010 census), have a right each year to almost 1,434,000 acre-feet compared to 1,366,000 acre-feet for the non-reservation population. This converts to 38 gallons of water for every reservation resident compared to 1 gallon per person for those living off reservations."

Water is a shared resource and should be treated as such, not divided up with a winners-and-losers mentality, said Tsosie. "If you look at the water, there are no borders. It is that life force that goes through the land and through all of these areas. So I would encourage all of us to adopt that framework of thinking about water policy."

Becker said when it comes to tribal water, "You can easily make this conversation, 'us against them.' But from my perspective, it shouldn't be. It's a shared resource. We all need water. Every human being needs water,

so we need to find a way to make that conversation work. ... That's my hope for the future - that our humanity is what brings us together."

A Seat at the Table

"Tribes have to be at the table," said Becker, who argued that just being heard is an important first step for tribes. When state or federal-level decisions on water policy are made without tribal input, their interests are not being accurately represented.

Not only that, but the tribes must work together when approaching city, state and federal parties, said Lewis. "You know, we as tribes, we have to stand in a unified position where we need to be at the table. We can't have our water taken away from us again."

The debate over how to manage water scarcity continues among scientists, lawmakers and water managers, but often Native American communities are left out of the discussion.

Use Your Network

Tribes are speaking up to make sure their interests are considered, but to be heard, tribes need a seat at the table. How do they accomplish that?

"What I think would

be productive is to have a statewide accord," said Tsosie. "So the state of Arizona, for example, signs an accord with all federally recognized tribes in Arizona around notification of things that would happen. So they should be on notice, and they should have an opportunity to attend if they want to, and that should just be, it should just be a formality that is always recognized."

Until something more formal can be developed, tribes primarily rely on good networking.

"Relationships are critical," said Becker. "Building those relationships, finding solutions...to develop and preserve the world's shared resources is critical. We live in a system called planet earth, and that's a closed system. And water is a shared resource, not just locally, but regionally, nationally, and then even across the world."

Lewis echoed Becker's advice. "You know, partnerships and relationships are so important, relationships with the surrounding communities, surrounding municipalities, relationships with other tribes."

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12:30pm	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Blue Gap Boyz <i>3 brothers combine their talents to form the greatest band Blue Gap has ever known!</i>	
1:00pm	Mohawk Girls <i>A surprising inside look at Native youth culture.</i>	Finding Their Own Dance <i>A mission to rebuild culture.</i>	Journey to Opportunity <i>K'ina Kil: The Slaver's Son</i>	Inukshuk <i>Discover a population in the most unforgiving locations.</i>	2017 WAILA FESTIVAL @ RAWHIDE FRONTIER HALL		Smoke Traders <i>The story of the contraband tobacco trade.</i>	
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2:00pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening <i>Welcome to Vitality</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Planting Our Northern</i>	Landing	
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3:30pm	Dakota 38 <i>Vietnam vet found himself in a dream, just before he awoke, he saw 38 of his Dakota ancestors hanged.</i>	Creative Native <i>Honouring Our Mothers</i>	Creative Native <i>The Silversmiths</i>	Creative Native <i>Cree Eye for the White</i>	Creative Native <i>Collectible Dolls</i>	Creative Native <i>Home Sweet Home</i>	Making Regalia	
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4:30pm	Working It Out Together	Indian Pride <i>Tribal Government</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride <i>Indian Gaming</i>	Storytellers in Motion	The Other Side <i>"Tales from a Black Cat"</i>		
5:00pm	Deep Time <i>Settlers team up with oil corps in ND to produce the most prolific oil boom.</i>	Sivummut	Oskayak Down Under	Common Ground	Down The Mighty River <i>Addicted to Hydro</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indians and Aliens <i>Matthew Mukash</i>	
5:30pm	First Talk	First Talk	2016 WATER RIGHTS EVENT @ HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER <i>Current and past leadership share their stories regarding GRIC water rights.</i>	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Indigenous Focus <i>Gabe's 4th Grade</i>	
6:00pm	Native Report	People of the Pines <i>American California</i>	People of the Pines <i>A journey to discover a millenary population in unforgiving locations.</i>	People of the Pines <i>Native Resistance</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu <i>Sonny's First Goose</i>		
6:30pm	Native Voice TV	Journey to Opportunity	Inukshuk <i>A journey to discover a millenary population in unforgiving locations.</i>	Smoke Traders <i>The story of the contraband tobacco trade from a Native perspective.</i>	Blue Gap Boyz <i>3 brothers combine their talents to form the greatest band Blue Gap has ever known!</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee	Native Report	
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8:30pm	Fish Out of Water <i>Great Lakes Cultural</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Kak Ki Yaw Cultural Camp</i>	Back In The Day <i>The Two Highways</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Gabe's 4th Grade</i>	Rez Rides <i>Nissan Titan Lifts Kits and</i>	Champions of the North <i>I Am Proud, I Am Young</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Charlie Makes A Drum</i>	
9:00pm	Native Shorts	Indians and Aliens <i>Sonny</i>	The Wayana Indians <i>A crew goes to meet and listen to the Wayana of the Litani River.</i>	Pete & Cleo <i>2 bros pester one another about the directions they've each chosen in life.</i>	Why Treaties <i>World views that led tribal leaders and US gov't of the 19th Century.</i>	More Than Frybread <i>22 Native American frybread makers convene in Flagstaff to compete for the first annual state of AZ Frybread Championship!</i>	California Indian: A Tribal Story <i>Pomo Indian is forced back to the rez to help his bro Chi lead the Tule Lake Rancheria out of danger.</i>	
9:30pm	Aztec: Pyramids of War <i>The rise and fall of one of the most remarkable civilizations. Pt.1</i>	Maina <i>In the aftermath of a bloody confrontation between her band, daughter of Grand Chief Mishtenapuu, finds herself on a mission that will change the course of her life.</i>	Back to Pikangikum <i>A community in which Suicide has brought down the happiness and cast a grief.</i>	The Winter Bear Project <i>Native teenager rises above his past traumas to become a leader.</i>	Yellow Fever <i>A young Navajo vet journeys to investigate the history of the Navajo Uranium Boom.</i>	Goshen <i>A tribe striving to maintain their ancient culture against all odds.</i>	Dakota 38 <i>Vet finds himself in a dream and saw ancestors.</i>	
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Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

January 22 – January 28, 2017

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

Community Events –

- Next months' PD Comp Stat community meeting will be held Thursday February 2, 2017 at the Gila River Police Department from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

- We will be hosting our "Coffee with a Cop" scheduled for February 22, 2017 from 08:30 am to 10:00 am at the District 5 Service Center.

Gila River Police officers responded to 586 calls for service and made 44 arrests.

District One:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect assaulted the victim after a domestic dispute. The victim was found to have bite marks on her arms along with bruising and scratches. The victim also claimed to have been strangled by the suspect, including being thrown to the floor.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two:

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Three:

Burglary – A male suspect committed burglary by breaking into and stealing merchandise belonging to the MTO Smoke Shop.

Property of the store was located near the scene and suspects are being investigated.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – There was a delayed theft report from the Huhukam Memorial Hospital. The victim reported an I Pad and I Phone were stolen from their vehicle while parked at the hospital.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – A suspect is believed to have stolen a portable DVD player from the residence of his father while staying at the house.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four: (Stotonic Area)

Aggravated Assault – A suspect threw a rock at the victims' head which resulted in a large laceration that required stitches. The victim was transported to a local hospital to treat their non-life threatening injuries.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Theft – A suspect stole a blue mountain bicycle from a residence in the early morning hours.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Delayed reporting of a domestic violence incident that occurred in 2015. The victim reported being assaulted by her boyfriend who struck her in the face multiple times causing her

jaw to break.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The suspect stole hay and damaged a chain link fence at a local farm. The reporting party informed officers that the fence had been cut and bales of hay had been stolen from the barn.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – The suspect stabbed her ex-boyfriend with a knife during a verbal altercation at the suspects' residence. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

Theft – The suspect entered the Lone Butte Smoke Shop and stole several cartons of cigarettes from the store.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five:

Theft – A teacher at Skyline Middle School reported theft of her I-Phone 6.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – During the course of a verbal altercation the suspect grabbed a steak knife. The suspect proceeded to strike the victim, while holding her child, resulting in minor injuries. Individuals re-

ceived medical attention at a nearby hospital.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Theft – A male suspect entered the Casa Blanca Market, placed items behind his back and walked out of the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect assaulted his brother by striking him in the back of the head with a hammer. The victim received a small laceration on the back of his head and a concussion.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – A Hispanic male suspect removed the victim's purse from her vehicles' trunk while it was parked in the Vee Quiva Casino parking garage. The suspect was identified by casino security.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven:

Aggravated Assault – Police Department was dispatched to a local Hospital regarding a stabbing that occurred in district seven.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The suspect was reported to have stolen money from her father's bank account using PayPal to make multiple transfers a month to her PayPal account during the course of a year.

Status: Under Investigation

January 29 – February 4, 2017

Community Events –

- Next months' PD Comp Stat community meeting will be held Thursday March 2, 2017 at the Gila River Police Department from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Gila River Police officers responded to 659 calls for service and made 62 arrests.

District One:

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Two:

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Three:

Weapons – Report of a suspect threatening his girlfriend with a firearm and would not allow her to leave their residence. The weapon in question was confiscated and booked into the Gila River Police Department Evidence room.

Status: Albert Eugene Jackson was placed under arrest

District Four: (Stotonic Area)

Theft – Suspect(s) entered the yard of a residence and attempted to steal vehicles parked on the property. The steering column of a 1996 GMC Pickup was damaged during the course of the incident. The victim also reported someone tried to take his sons

vehicle as well as a 1999 Mitsubishi SUV. The Mitsubishi's ignition was damaged but neither vehicle was drivable. The owner of the Mitsubishi arrived on scene and advised he was missing a Pioneer Amp and a Kicker CVR speaker out of the back of his vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

Theft – Suspect(s) took approximately 100 feet of copper grounding wires from a Verizon Wireless cell tower.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole two blueray players, a television, and a stereo system out of a motor home that was located on the property.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Report of a stolen wallet from the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Lone Butte Casino Security reported a suspect had stolen a purse, a cell phone and cigarettes the victim had left unattended at a slot machine. The suspect in this case has been identified.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort staff reported a patron left the resort without paying the remainder of her balance.

Status: Charges forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

Theft – Lone Butte Casino Security reported a suspect removed a casino voucher belonging to the victim from a slot machine and then left the premises. The suspect has been identified.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect allegedly struck the victim with a brick. The victim was transported to a nearby trauma hospital for medical evaluation.

Status: Suspect was located and arrested.

Weapons – The suspect was reported to have fired a shot gun in a residential area. Officers located spent shotgun shell casings at the scene, which matched the casings that were located in the suspects' room.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

District Six:

Weapons – While assisting U.S. probation officers conduct a home visit, it was discovered the suspect was a prohibited possessor in possession of multiple shotguns and ammunition in the home. Drugs were also discovered inside of the residence. All firearms were seized by Gila River Police and submitted into evidence along with the recovered shells.

Status: Joe Gonzales was arrested.

District Seven:

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

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Interface flooring company brings volunteers to help around the Community

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Interface is an international flooring and modular commercial tile carpet company that is committed to environmental and social sustainability. Late last month, during a salesperson conference at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass, the company took a day to give back to the Gila River Indian Community.

On January 31, Interface employees spent time volunteering at schools and youth centers throughout the Gila River Indian Community, as well as in a community garden.

“From a sustainability standpoint, we just believe it’s the right thing to do,” said Interface President Matt Miller. “Frankly, the social aspect is a very clear follow-on from the broader definition of sustainability. How do we make areas and communities and the places we touch more sustainable

themselves?”

Approximately 250 Interface salespeople visited two Boys & Girls Clubs, two Head Starts, the Casa Blanca Community School and the community garden at the Wellington Ranch.

The largest group, of about 115 staff, rolled into the Wellington property in two large buses. There, some Interface staff played games with GRIC youth in adoptive and foster care in association with the non-profit Three Precious Miracles (TPM), while others lent a hand to the revitalization of the community garden.

Norman Wellington, owner of the ranch, thanked the guests for taking time away from their conference to contribute to the community.

“This past year I’ve been working with the Community Garden Project under a grant, and the grant kind of went away. So what

I was wanting to do was to still be able to provide a service to the community,” he said. Wellington hopes the garden will continue to provide food for Community members and he intends to put the property to use as a venue for weddings or other celebratory events.

Interface painted a gazebo, built a chicken coop, tilled earth, weeded the garden, planted seeds, and put together wooden tables for displaying and selling garden produce.

On the other side of the property, dozens of families with foster and adoptive children played in a sun-splashed lawn.

Elisia Manuel, founder of TPM, used her network of foster and adoptive families to bring their children out to the Wellington Ranch. Kids made bracelets and other crafts, played games, had their faces painted, and met Gila River Police Department officers.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

At the District 6 Head Start Center volunteers assist the children in making planting pots with decorations.

“A lot of the kids are placed in non-Native homes and they’re off the reservation, so they [rarely] get the opportunity to come back to the reservation,” said Manuel. “We want to be able to provide these type of events to them

to say, ‘Come back to your community. You’re welcome here.’”

They also learned about the history and culture of Gila River and other Native American communities in Arizona. “I think when you have an event for our kids that are in the system, it’s important to keep that cultural connection,” she said.

Interface’s Jane Mahan coordinated the day of volunteerism.

“A big part of our culture is sustainability,” she said. “We really are concerned about what goes into our own products, but also how we affect the entire world.”

Interface holds an annual conference for its salespeople to learn about new products and get up-to-date with company sales goals. About 12 years ago, the company began measuring its impact on the communities they were visiting to host the conferences – how much water they would use, how much waste they would generate – and decided to find ways to give back to every community they visited.

“So instead of one day of recreation where all of us would go to the golf course or the spa, we started breaking into teams and doing projects to help the community,” said Mahan.

At the District 6 Head Start a small army of Interface volunteers placed potting soil into decorated pots they made with the children.

Mentor Teacher Minerva Salcido welcomed the guests. “I am speechless to see a group of caring people. [Our] children were anxious to get started on decorating their pots with [you] all,” she said to the Interface volunteers.

Inside the recreation room the tiny tots soon made friends with the visitors adorning the ceramic pots with color decorations.

Volunteers also put together garden boxes outside that will grow an assortment of flowers. Once the garden boxes were completed the kids joined in by planting the flowers, covering their roots with the layer of soil.

Interface Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Dan Hendrix said the company is all about being sustainable and that the volunteer projects are one extension of that initiative.

“A number of years ago it was decided that [we] wanted to give back to the community where we are having our sales meetings,” said Hendrix.

The practice benefits the communities, but the Interface employees enjoy it as well.

“I think we get more out of it than we give,” said Miller. “This has a huge impact on this organization, but we will all, individually and collectively, walk away from this having received a pretty big benefit from it ourselves.”

Christopher Lomahquahu contributed to this article.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Volunteers work at the Community Garden at the Wellington Ranch in District 4.

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Talking about the weather

These next few months mark the beginning of the transition from the cold months of winter into the approaching heat of summer. It is the time of year when we see the most variation in our weather and where it is not uncommon to go from sunshine and warmth one day to clouds and wet weather the next. Before heading outside, it is useful always to ask someone to check what the weather is like. One way to do this in O'otham is by using the phrase "Sha: 'i chu'ig jek'ked?" which translates into English as "What is it like outside?" Knowing how much the weather changes this time of year, there is a whole list of possible replies including the following:

- *S-he:pith 'o (jek'ked)*. "It's cold (outside)."
- *S-thoñ 'o (jek'ked)*. "It's hot (outside)."
- *Ju:k 'o (jek'ked)*. "It's raining (outside)."

- *Si:bañ 'o (jek'ked)*. "It's sprinkling (outside)."
- *Heved 'o (jek'ked)*. "It's windy (outside)."
- *Chevgig 'o (jek'ked)*. "It's cloudy (outside)."
- *Gev 'o ge:sh (jek'ked)*. "Snow is falling (outside)."
- *Chia 'o ge:sh (jek'ked)*. "Hail is falling (outside)."

But let's say that we wanted to answer the question by saying the weather is really strong in some aspect (really cold, really raining, really warm). We can do this in O'otham by using the word *i:vo* at the beginning of the statement. The word *i:vo* (which is pronounced *hi:vo* by some speakers depending on dialect) works like the words "very" or "really" in English in that it gives emphasis to the action expressed by the verb. Once *i:vo* is placed at the front of the sentence it automatically requires the auxiliary 'o to follow it as the second

word in the phrase. In normal conversation this auxiliary 'o does not get emphasized and is dropped out of the statement by most speakers which results in the following:

- *I:vo ('o) s-he:pith (jek'ked)*. "It's really cold (outside)."
- *I:vo ('o) s-thoñ (jek'ked)*. "It's really hot (outside)."
- *I:vo ('o) ju:k (jek'ked)*. "It's really raining (outside)."
- *I:vo ('o) si:bañ (jek'ked)*. "It's really sprinkling (outside)."
- *I:vo ('o) heved (jek'ked)*. "It's really windy (outside)."
- *I:vo ('o) chevgig (jek'ked)*. "It's really cloudy (outside)."
- *I:vo ('o) ge:s heg gev (jek'ked)*. "Snow is really falling (outside)."
- *I:vo ('o) ge:s heg chia (jek'ked)*. "Hail is really falling (outside)."

Finally, if you wanted to ask a specific question regarding the weather outside, you can ask a simple yes/no question utilizing the original statements from above. This is done by using the yes/no question marker *N-* which attaches itself to the 'o auxiliary and creates the yes/no question "Is it ___?". Doing this creates the following questions based on our first set

of weather statements.

- *No s-he:pith (jek'ked)?* "Is it cold (outside)?"
- *No s-thoñ (jek'ked)?* "Is it hot (outside)?"
- *No ju:k (jek'ked)?* "Is it raining (outside)?"
- *No si:bañ (jek'ked)?* "Is it sprinkling (outside)?"
- *No heved (jek'ked)?* "Is it windy (outside)?"
- *No chevgig (jek'ked)?* "Is it cloudy (outside)?"
- *No ge:sh heg gev (jek'ked)?*

- "Is snow falling (outside)?"
- *No ge:sh heg chia (jek'ked)?*
- "Is hail falling (outside)?"

Now you have a number of different ways to talk about the weather with your friends and family. Try using these statements and questions with one another to ask each other "Sha: 'i chu'ig jek'ked?" You can see how much you know now by completing this month's language puzzle.

Sha: 'i chu'ig jek'ked? Match the weather statement with its weather element!

Si:bañ 'o.

Gev 'o ge:sh.

Ju:k 'o.

Chevgig 'o.

Chia 'o ge:sh.

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Three firefighters graduate from paramedic academy



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From left, Michael Flynn, Jamison Ashton, Gabriel Rubalcaba

Submitted by Morey Morris
Gila River Fire Department

On Jan. 20, 2017, three Gila River Fire Department firefighters graduated from the Phoenix Fire Department Paramedic Academy, 16-1. Jamison Ashton, Michael Flynn and Gabriel Rubalcaba spent well over 1,200 hours in their paramedic academy which included anatomy and physiology, pharmacology, cardiac rhythm recognition and interpretation, medical and trauma scenarios, assessment and treatment, training in phlebotomy, IV starting, fluid maintenance and resuscitation.

These firefighters, once Arizona Department of EMS certified as a paramedic, will be the highest

level EMTs on an emergency scene and will provide advanced life support care to all types of patients—adults, children and infants. These paramedics will also provide crisis intervention and life saving stabilization of both medical and trauma victims.

After the academy completed, these firefighters received over 50 credit hours from Phoenix College, which will allow them to receive an Associate's Degree in Paramedicine.

At the graduation ceremonies, Firefighter Jamison Ashton was recognized as the valedictorian of the 16-1 class. These firefighter paramedics began working on Gila River Fire engines shortly after their graduation.

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GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

Manuel introduced as new GRGE CEO from page 1

the supporting team members that contribute on a day-to-day basis to our success," said Manuel.

According to the press release Manuel participated in the Executive Development Program at the University of Nevada at Reno that includes receiving certification from Cornell University's General Managers Program and a Bachelor's of Science in Management degree from the University of Phoenix.

In show of apprecia-

tion for continued support of tribal leadership, both past and present, Manuel said that there were many mentors that contributed to this professional development.

Many tribal council members welcomed Manuel on board, some of them offering a few words of encouragement.

Afterwards Manuel's father, Kenneth Manuel Sr., spoke on behalf of the family, thanking the Community and GRGE for se-

lecting their son to the distinguished position.

His speech titled "The Beginning of Day One," characterized his son as a motivated individual that committed himself to learning and building his knowledge of the gaming industry through the opportunities that have come to him.

He said the GRGE has come a long way from its humble beginnings to what it has become today and to see their son grow with it is especially gratifying.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

From left, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Kenneth Manuel, and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

GRPD looking for volunteers for Officer Reserve program

GRIN Staff
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Police Department is looking for volunteers to join its Reserve Officer program. The volunteer Reserve Officer program allows Community members, and non-members, the opportunity to take part in the day-to-day duties as a police officer at GRPD and help serve the Gila River Indian Community.

Unlike GRPD's Volunteers In Policing (VIPs) program that allows volunteers to take part in non-confrontational duties like funeral escorts, administrative work, and parking control, the Reserve Officer

program enables volunteers to participate in the same duties as a GRPD officer, like taking calls of service, conducting investigations and making arrests.

GRPD Sgt. Paul Maroney said the role, while non-compensated, is a fully sworn position that is open to Community members and former police officers who have left GRPD or another police department in good standing.

"The reserve officer will do everything a full capacity officer does," said Maroney. "So, when the reserve officer reports for duty and there is a call for service like a domestic disturbance, the reserve officer will respond as a primary officer, or a back-

up officer, and assist. If there is a vehicle collision, a DUI, or shots fired, the reserve officer will respond just like a regular full time police officer."

He added that the position is geared towards individuals who were previously police officers or Rangers. These former officers may currently have other jobs or careers, but still want to serve the Community as a police officer, he said.

Because the level of responsibility for a volunteer reserve officer position is much greater than the VIPs program or Citizen's Police Academy, the requirements are more stringent. In order to be eligible for the Reserve Officer program, vol-

unteer applicants must have or obtain their peace officer certification.

"The program is a component of the [VIPs program], but this is the next step up," said Maroney. "You are actually a certified sworn officer with the ability to arrest, conduct investigations, assist with traffic enforcement, and participate in continuous training," he said.

Am I Qualified To Join The Reserve Officer Program?

If a Community member has met the minimal Arizona Peace Officer Standards and qualifications to join the Reserve Officer program, then the applicant will be eligible for a position at the Reserve

Academy. At the academy, interested participants will be properly trained to be Sworn Peace Officers, and become qualified to join the Reserve Officer program and serve the Community.

"As part of the selection process the applicant will be held to the same standard of background investigation as the rest of the officers of GRPD," said Maroney.

He said the closest location for training is Chandler-Gilbert Community College and involves an 11-month course with classes three times a week, totaling 20 hours a week. After passing the academy, participants will receive the same certification as from any other police academy.

After receiving certification, the trainee will go through a field-training program provided by the GRPD and be trained up to a limited solo status where they can serve the Community.

If you are a Community member, who was previously a police officer or Ranger and are looking to get back on the beat to serve the Community, or if you have no experience and are interested in learning more about how to join GRPD's Reserve Officer program, call Sgt. Paul Maroney at (520) 562-7114 or call GRIC Tribal Employment and Training at (520) 562-3388.

Housing groups meet at Vee Quiva

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Tribal Housing representatives from the Southwest met at the Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino on Feb. 7 for the Southwest Office of Native American Programs Annual Roundtable meeting. The former Southwest Indian Tribal Housing Association, separated into two groups the Southwest Indian Tribal Housing Association, which covers Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, and the Nevada/California Indian Housing Association and for the first

time both organizations met with Housing and Urban Development.

Lt. Governor Monica Antone welcomed SWTHA to the Gila River Indian Community. In her statement, she acknowledged the SWTHA board members for bringing this much needed Housing Conference to help tribes understand HUD regulations when it comes to Indian housing block grants. This is the 1st time Nevada tribes and California came together in Arizona. With things changing at the Federal Government level and

not knowing the future of housing Block grants for Native Communities. Now is the time to stand together, she said. She also gave a special thanks you to Laurie Thomas the current Deputy Director for the Department of Community Housing and all GRIC housing staff for their hard work and dedication.

"We want to develop stronger partnerships, open communication and make the Southwest as outstanding as it could possibly be for Indian Country," said Carolyn O'Neil, Administrator, HUD, Southwest Office of Native American Programs.

The meeting was also a chance for the members of each group to network and collaborate. "These meetings are very informative in identifying best practices in Indian Country with meeting housing needs," said Laurie Thomas.

O'Neil also said they were going to discuss how to operate under the Trump administration. "We need to work together because we just don't know what to expect," said O'Neil.



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Housing groups met with HUD on Feb. 7 at Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino. From left, Jaime Navenma, Chairman Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA), Alexandria Terry, Secretary SWTHA, Carolyn O'Neil, Administrator, HUD, Southwest Office of Native American Programs, Laurie Thomas, Deputy Director, GRIC-Department of Community Housing, Phil Bush, Chairman Nevada/California Indian Housing Association, Jonathan Robertson, Treasurer, SWTHA, Cordelia Guerrero, Board Member SWTHA, Ron Boni, Board Member, SWTHA, Fred Tortalita, Board Member, SWTHA & AMERIND



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Attendees pose in front of a Tempe fire truck at the Keeping Teachers Teaching 2nd Annual Bowling Event on Feb. 12 at Main Event in Tempe.

Gila Crossing and Sacaton teachers attend Keeping Teachers Teaching event in Tempe

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Teaching comes with many responsibilities. Countless hours in the classroom while seeking professional development is a tall task. For those teachers facing hardships, the non-profit foundation Keeping Teachers Teaching (KTT) steps in to ease the burden. Darryl Gooden established the foundation about two years ago to raise awareness about the needs of educators in the state of Arizona. "I'm [the teachers] voice to keep them in the classroom," said Gooden.

As part of KTT's mis-

sion, Gooden organized the Keeping Teachers Teaching 2nd Annual Bowling Tournament on Feb. 12 at Main Event in Tempe. Local schools teamed up to bowl, network and collaborate on their goals in education. Pima Leasing Financial Corp. sponsored teachers from Gila Crossing Community School and Sacaton Middle School to participate in the tournament.

"I would like to thank Gila River for giving me this opportunity... that we can give back to our teachers in Sacaton and Gila Crossing," said Gooden.

Following the tournament the educators and guests listened to Gooden

and guest speakers Rep. Isela Blanc, D-Tempe, and Tempe Police Chief Sylvia Moir discuss the importance of teachers in local communities.

As an added incentive for attending the event KTT raffled many prizes for the teachers including laptop computers, printers and household and outdoor items.

The event also included many first responders like Ryan Rivas, Fire Engineer from the Gila River Fire Department. "We all at public safety appreciate what they do and how they affect the Community as well," said Rivas.

GRIC members selected as Miss Indian Youth of Lawrence and Indian Youth Brave

Native American Student Services of Lawrence Public Schools/USD 497 announces Indian Youth of Lawrence royalty

Submitted by Jennifer Attocknie
Native American Student Services

Lawrence, Kan., January 30, 2017 – Native American Student Services is pleased to announce the winners and runner up for our 2017 Ambassadors.

The Jr. Miss Youth Runner-Up, Alicia Robinson, South Middle School, 8th grade, represents the Omaha Tribe. Jr. Miss is Devon Yellow Bird, South Middle School, 8th grade, is Oglala Lakota and Three Affiliated Tribes/Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikira.

The Indian Youth of

Lawrence Brave is Derek White. He is an LHS, sophomore, is a Gila River Indian Community member, Laguna Pueblo, and Navajo. The Miss Indian Youth of Lawrence is Kaitlen White. She Derek's sister and an LHS senior. She is a Gila River Indian Community member, Laguna Pueblo, and Navajo.

The Indian Youth of Lawrence Pageant was held on Saturday Jan. 28 at South Middle School in Lawrence, Kan.

The youth competed in an essay category, impromptu questions, as well as contemporary and traditional talents. The contestants displayed skills

ranging from reciting poetry in German, and playing orchestral instruments such as flute and violin to presenting traditional tribal dance, artwork and knowledge.

They were supported by their families and friends as well as a few teachers in attendance.

Special thanks to the judges Jancita Warrington, Haskell Cultural Center, Potawatomi/Menominee; Tracey Morris, Head Start Family Engagement Coordinator, Lawrence, North Carolina Cherokee; and Judith Snyder, elder, retiree, Haskell alumnus, Kickapoo/Citizen Band Potawatomi/Assiniboine of

Lawrence.

Native American Student Service of Lawrence Public Schools serves the American Indian/Alaska Native student population, kindergarten through 12th grade.

It is funded by Title VII and Johnson O'Malley federal grants as a partial fulfillment of treaty obligations. USD 497 has about a 5% Native student population, representing almost 100 tribal nations. This wide variety of diversity within this group of about 560 students is due to the proximity to Haskell Indian Nations University, the only inter-tribal university in the U.S.



Photo Courtesy of Kris White

From left, Kaitlen White, Miss Indian Youth of Lawrence, and Derek White Jr., Indian Youth of Lawrence Brave.

3rd Annual E-Commerce Conference held at Wild Horse Pass

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Indian Legal Program hosted the Sovereignty and E-Commerce conference at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino on Feb 2 and 3.

The theme of this year's conference, "Innovating and Reshaping the Borders of Indian Country CLE Conference," is about bringing broadband Internet to rural tribal communities throughout the U.S.

Vice Chairperson and Gila River Indian Utility Authority Chairman John Lewis, moderated a panel discussion called "Broadband and Telecommunication Infrastructure Development in Indian Country."

Lewis used the Community's Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., as an example of how a tribally operated business can bring broadband services to

its member's homes.

He said it took 25 years for GRTI to become an "overnight success," because there were so many steps to go through to get where they are today.

Lewis said establishing partnerships with the federal government is crucial to establishing a telecommunications business and that funding is also a major contributor as well.

He pointed out that having access to reliable broadband is an essential utility that is as important as having water and electricity, because many of the Community's entities and members rely on it for their day-to-day transactions.

One of the panelists, Lael Echo-Hawk, a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and Of Counsel for Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP, was emphatic about the need for broadband across Indian Country.

"It is incumbent upon

tribes and [their] leadership to begin to develop a true foundation of being apart of a global society," said Echo-Hawk.

A global society that she said rests on having a robust telecommunications and broadband network to allow tribes to improve access to education and business commerce.

Across Indian Country there are nine tribally run telecommunications companies, which is an astounding figure, given that many rural tribes rely on it to connect with the outside world.

Echo-Hawk said, the real issues that impact tribes is not having the foundation or building blocks needed to bring broadband into their community.

How can tribes overcome the lack of broadband infrastructure?

Echo-Hawk said that tribes will need to take it upon themselves to partner up with network carriers,



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

John Lewis moderates a panel at the ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Indian Legal Program's Sovereignty and E-Commerce Conference on Feb. 3.

if the infrastructure is not available.

Federal agencies like the Federal Communications Committee's Office of Native American Programs have been instrumental in getting tribal telecommunications businesses off the ground.

Lewis supported the idea of advocating for access to broadband services through the National Tribal Telecom Association, which is an organization meant to help tribes pursue

a telecommunications entity in their community.

Lewis and Echo-Hawk both agreed, that in order to get things in motion, tribes will need to advocate at the federal level with the FCC and possibly other agencies to obtain loans to start their telecommunications business.

He said, "It's a cooperative partnership both internally and externally of tribal governments to gain access to broadband services."

More importantly the telecommunications industry can bring jobs to tribes, which has proven to be the case with GRTI and its subsidiary, Native Technology Solutions.

Lewis said it can be a challenging experience that can be alleviated through networking with tribes that have gone through the process before to gain as much knowledge about the issues related to the lack of a broadband service.

Employee retires after 24 years of hard work



Photo Courtesy of the Enrollment/Census Department

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone congratulate Connie Blackwater-Hogg, Data Research Technician, Enrollment/Census Department, for 24 years of dedication and excellent customer service to the Gila River Indian Community beginning 4/1992 – ending 12/2016.

Pony Express visits for O'odham Tash



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Deb Eve (front, left) presents Gila River Indian Community Land Use Officer Paul Shorthair with a plaque in appreciation for his years of service in working with the Casa Grande O'odham Tash Pony Express Riders. On horseback from left: Charlotte McGrew, Wendy Riley, Lisa Sevilla, and Marcel Mattle.

Inno-Nations program to help Native business community

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

From a scribble of notes on a paper napkin to retail transactions, Arizona State University is looking for Native entrepreneurs, who want to get a head start on their business.

The ASU Office of American Indian Policy Institute is teaming up with the Entrepreneurship + Innovation program within the University to attract Native entrepreneurs, who would like to participate in

the Inno-Nations initiative program.

In an AIPI press release, Director Traci Morris said, the need for programs like Inno-Nations initiative help support the Native business community and contribute to their economies in a sustainable way.

American Indian Initiatives and American Indian Policy Institute Communications Specialist Sharon Tom, "We hope this 'incubator' program can help them get their ideas out and really get a solid idea and

hopefully develop a strong business strategy by attending [this] program." ASU will work in partnership with the Maricopa County Small Business Development Center, the Native American Finance Officers Association and "The Visionary" business magazine, which spotlights local Native entrepreneurs.

The cohort program can expect to accommodate 12-15 individuals, who will go through a three-day program starting in June of this year.

Each day of the program, participants will be introduced into the world of business by industry professionals, who will share

their business strategies and success stories.

Tom said the whole purpose for the program, "It's about taking [their] business idea from conception to something more concrete."

In order to house the cohort program, The Department, an office space that is a hub of start up businesses activity will be rented out in downtown Phoenix.

It was also chosen because of its central location to Natives coming from all parts of the valley and surrounding tribal communities.

Morris said, "We see the need, and the Phoenix Valley has a very large urban Indian population with a strong commitment to tribal business owners and is surrounded by tribes with tribal enterprises."

Tom said that among the Hispanic and African-American communities there is a strong presence of support for businesses in their communities, but within the Native community, ASU would like to help Native entrepreneurs create a similar environment.

In March the Inno-Nations program will kick off events that will include a series of talks given by entrepreneurs, who will share their success stories.

Jessica Metcalfe, who is the owner of the online fashion boutique Beyond Buckskin, will be speaking at The Department on March 1.

As a member of the

Turtle Mountain Chipewa Indians, Metcalf started her own online boutique showcasing contemporary Native artist and designers in fashion.

On her website there are over 40 featured artists that create unique fashion designs and accessories that are inspired by the tribes they represent.

Tom said that her part in the Native fashion movement has been a case example of taking an online blog and expanding it out into the retail industry where business transactions are made.

Whether it is beadwork, a traditional image printed on a T-shirt, or an evening dress, each of the garments represents a statement about Natives having a place in today's fashion design industry.

As a participant in the Inno-Nations program the opportunities are endless for those looking to network and expand their business and are open to any entrepreneur who would like to market their product to a broader audience.

Tom said, "It's really about helping Native entrepreneurs connect with resources that will help [them] develop the best way of starting their business."

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Inno-Nations program can go to Inno-Nations.org, email at Inno-Nations@asu.edu or give them a call at (480) 965-1055.



Photo credit: ASU, American Indian Policy Institute
The ASU Office of American Indian Policy Institute is teaming up with the Entrepreneurship + Innovation Program to attract entrepreneurs to participate in the newly created Inno-Nations initiative.

CSD and Executive Office meet at WHP



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Community Services Department and the Executive Office including Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Community Manager Pamela Thompson held a meeting at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino in Chandler, Ariz., on Feb. 7. The meeting included welcome addresses from Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Antone as well as an introduction from the Community Manager. There was a presentation of CSD programs like WIC, Elderly Nutrition, Recreation & Wellness, among others. The District Service Centers also presented with each Coordinator discussing their districts.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • February 1, 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 February 1, 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 9:03 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

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 (9:06), Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Christopher Mendoza, Jennifer Allison (11:30), Barney Enos, Jr.; D5-Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth (9:20), Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird (9:13)

Council Members Absent: D5- Brian Davis, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. GRHC Introduction of Darlene Barkau, TCH Administrator

Presenter: Ginger Fligger

MS. GINGER FLIGGER INTRODUCED MS. DARLENE BARKAU. MS. BARKAU PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ONGOING CONCERNS OF THE FACILITY.

2. GRHC Introduction of Alvaro Cañez, Life Center Director

Presenter: Dr. Jessica Doney

MS. JESSICA DONEY INTRODUCED MR. ALVARO CAÑEZ. MR. CAÑEZ PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ONGOING CONCERNS.

3. GRGE Chief Executive Officer

Presenter: Barney Enos, Jr.

MR. BARNEY ENOS, JR. RECOGNIZED THE WORK OF THE GRGE EXECUTIVE TEAM AND INTRODUCED MR. KENNETH MANUEL. MR. MANUEL EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE AND INTENTIONS OF HIS NEW POSITION. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:30 A.M.]

MR. KENNETH MANUEL, SR. EXPRESSED WORDS ON BEHALF OF HIS FAMILY.

REPORTS

1. Native Youth Community Project Grant

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

REPORT HEARD

2. Family Advocacy Center

Presenter: Sunshine Whitehair

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Protective Service Office

Presenter: Curtis Slatina, Sunshine Whitehair

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. GRIC-UMA 2016 4Q Report

Presenter: Anthony Newkirk

REPORT HEARD

5. Gila River Indian Irrigation Drainage District (GRID) 2016 Annual Report

Presenter: Ronald Allison

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Head Start December 2016 Monthly Report

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

REPORT HEARD

7. GRIC Toll Fraud Report

Presenter: Jocelyn Young, Pamela Thompson

REPORT HEARD

8. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report FY-16 Qtr 4

Presenter: Michael H. Morago

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Lease Buyback Proposal Update (Executive Session)

Presenter: Michael Carter

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:44 P.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Gila River Gaming Enterprise, Inc. Monthly Report For December 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Carolyn Thompson, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community Council For December 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving Revision To The Gila River Indian Community Water OM&R Trust Fund Tribal Management Plan And Agreement To Provide An Annual Audit And Report On Performance Of Withdrawn Funds To The Tribal Membership (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Akin Gump, Linus Everling

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between The City Of Chandler And The Gila River Indian Community To Extend Utility Services To the Red Tail Hawk Health Center (A.K.A. Southeast Ambulatory Care Center) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with noted corrections; H&SSC concurs with G&MSC w/ additional corrections to resolution and to include a memorandum showing changes to be made to the agreement before it is signed by governor)

Presenter: Rebecca Hall

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The General Location For Gila River Sand & Gravel Corporation To Develop And Operate A New Sand And Gravel Plant In District One (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Michael H. Morago

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Political Activities For FY16 (Executive Ses-

sion) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council under New Business in Executive Session)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Jason Hauter, PPP Representatives (Community Consultants)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

2. Law Seminars International on Tribal Water in Arizona (EDSC motions to forward to Council for consideration)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO ANY COUNCIL MEMBER

3. Tribal-State Confidentiality Agreement

Presenter: Linus Everling

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AND PROCEED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Mission Statement and Ground Rules

Presenter: Linus Everling

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE MINUTES

1. December 21, 2016 (Regular)

APPROVED

2. January 4, 2017 (Regular)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> SPECIAL JOINT MEETING ESC/H&SSC, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017, 9AM

>ESC SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017, 1PM

>US ARMY CORE OF ENGINEERS, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017, WILD HORSE PASS CASINO 1:30-3PM

>E-COMMERCE CONFERENCE ROOM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 & FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017, WILD HORSE PASS CASINO

>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017, 9AM VEE QUIVA CASINO

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:40PM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Sha: 'i chu'ig jek'ked? Match the weather statement with its weather element!

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Gev 'o ge:sh.

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Three DSO attorneys graduate from Gideon's Promise training program

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

"In the criminal justice system, the people are represented by two separate yet equally important groups; the police, who investigate crime; and the district attorneys, who prosecute the offenders. These are their stories."

We've all heard this opening line to one of television's longest running legal series, Law & Order, and while it is partly right, it's missing one key component of the justice system, its public defenders.

It's not just the police and district attorneys who represent the people, it is the public defenders that stand up for and protect the interests of the common man against a criminal justice system that possesses an immense amount of power.

Because the Gila River Indian Community's Defense Services Office (DSO) understands the importance of employing competent public defenders to represent Community members, their attorneys have been attending Gideon's Promise (GP), an education program designed to improve the U.S.'s indigent defense system.

On Jan. 21, three GRIC DSO attorneys, Landon

Antelman, Tonal Carreras, and Tracy Peacock graduated from GP after spending three years attending the intense training program.

Each of the attorneys who participated in the program, lauded the organization for pushing a curriculum that focuses on a client-centered approach, all-the-while humanizing them in a courtroom setting.

"The core of it is teaching you how to be a better public defender and a better advocate on behalf of your client," said Peacock. "What Gideon's does best is they teach humanity and compassion. They teach you how to bring your clients story into the criminal justice system."

Peacock said that many training programs focus on the technicalities of the criminal justice system, like introducing evidence and conducting cross-examinations. However, the GP's training program takes it a step further by training attorneys to create a more client-centered relationship.

"Your client usually has no voice," said Peacock. "[By] not telling their story, the prosecutor, the judge, they are only getting half of it. Gideon's teaches if you can convey your client's story and background, you may end up with a bet-



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN
From left, DSO attorneys Landon Antelman, Tracy Peacock, Tonal Carreras, and Emmanuel Antelo.

ter result in the end."

Humanizing their clients is a way to get better results in the courtroom, and the three recent GP graduates agree, if they perform better for their clients the Community will also benefit.

"It's not just being a better public defender," said Carreras. "It's really being a better attorney for the Community." The DSO has a walk-in policy, said Carreras, where if someone has an issue they can come in and receive the benefits of having an attorney that is not only knowledgeable about the legal system, but also has a client-centered approach.

"One thing that we learned from Gideon's is

that you are never judged on your worst day, no one is ever judged by that" but people taken to court are judged that way, Carreras said. "No matter what situation you are in, no matter what you are accused of, according to [the court case Gideon's vs. Wainwright], according to the [U.S. Constitution], you deserve to have somebody by your side, speaking your voice," he said.

DSO attorney Landon, said that in today's justice system many criminal defendants can be viewed as just another number being processed and that GP teaches them to remind the prosecutors, the judges, the juries, to remember that they are dealing with real

people.

"Most of us are lucky enough that the worst thing we ever did isn't on public display and if we were all judged based on the worst thing we ever did, I think we would all be very frightened," Landon said. "But for our clients that is exactly what happens everyday, they are brought up before the public and [their crime] is read out [loud], probably the worst thing that they have done or been accused of doing," he added.

"It is really easy [to believe someone is guilty] especially when that person is wearing chains and in a line of 20 other people wearing orange. It is easy to fall into the trap of viewing them as a number," Landon said.

"[GP] reminds us that regardless of how over worked you may be, you have to remind the court and everybody else involved that this is a person and they have a mom, a dad, children, [go to] school, work any number of other things other than this horrible thing they are being accused of at [that] moment."

DSO Director Claude Jackson, who attended the attorneys' graduation in Atlanta and took part in the program's leadership summit, said that the whole point of sending GRIC DSO attorneys to GP is to

not just help get Community members better judgments, but to actually help them move forward in their lives.

Jackson said that they could approach the situation by coming to a client with a plea offer, get them a reduced sentence and feel the job has been done well. However, that doesn't fix the initial problem of their client committing the crime, it only punishes them.

"Knowing this person doesn't have any job prospects, has limited education, comes from a family that maybe has been abusive," said Jackson. "Have I done anything to set this person up? Has the Community done anything after their jail sentence? Their probation?"

"If [someone] says they need help, they need help with drugs or mental health, then we can make a phone call," said Jackson. "I can call someone and say 'Hey, can this person get into [a] program, they are 24-years-old, they are lost, they want help, how can we help them.'"

"That is what we do," said Jackson.

For more information about what services GRIC Defense Services provides, call (520) 562-5700.

What's New at GRICUA

GRICUA New Hire – Conrad EagleBull

GRICUA Receives LEED Gold Certification



GRICUA is happy to introduce our new Warehouse Worker – Conrad EagleBull. He currently lives in Coolidge with his wife of 27 years and their son and daughter. Before joining GRICUA, Conrad worked for the Community for 14 years in various departments. He hopes to be employed with GRICUA just as long, if not longer.

GRICUA New Hire – Georjinnie Lewis



GRICUA is happy to introduce our new Temporary Customer Service Representative - Georjinnie Lewis. Georjinnie moved to the Gila River Indian Community about 10 years ago from San Xavier, AZ. She currently resides in Vah Ki. Georjinnie has 4 children and 3 grandchildren. During her spare time she enjoys reading, going to the movies and crafting. Her future endeavors are to graduate from Scottsdale Community College and travel. Georjinnie is excited to work and become a part of the GRICUA family.



L to R: Rob Haggard, Pace Pacific; Board Members – Pamela Thomas, Neil Banketewa, John Lewis and Elizabeth Antone; Gloria Lowrie, Pace Pacific

When GRICUA's new office building opened in 2015, GRICUA applied for the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council with the hopes of earning a Silver or Gold level certification. We are happy to announce that GRICUA was awarded GOLD level certification for implementing practical and measurable strategies and solutions aimed at achieving high performance in: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. GRICUA would like to thank Level 4 Studios and Pace Pacific for all their help and support in achieving this certification.



Kurt Polingyowma Promoted to Drafter/Locator



We'd like to congratulate Kurt Polingyowma, from District 4, on his recent promotion to Drafter/Locator with GRICUA. Kurt was first hired as a temporary worker through GRIC Employment and Training in April 2012 and was offered a full-time position in our Warehouse in October 2012. Kurt stated "I'm happy to be moving on up and am excited in filling my new role". Kurt is replacing Gary Frederick who retired earlier this year. Kurt likes to spend time with his daughter, Ellayna Polingyowma, going to concerts, fishing and just hanging out. Kurt also participates and helps with GRICUA's float entries in the Mul Chu Tha and Light Parades.

Trevor Thompson Promoted to Warehouse/Groundsman



We'd also like to congratulate Trevor Thompson, from District 3, on his recent promotion to Warehouse Worker/

Groundsman with GRICUA. Trevor first came to GRICUA as a high school summer intern in 2014. Later, he was hired as a temporary Warehouse Helper in November 2015. Trevor stated "I'm excited to work with the crew and can't wait to see what the future brings". Trevor also participates and helps with GRICUA's float entries in the Mul Chu Tha and Light Parades. In his spare time, he likes to spend time with his family and watch TV.

Reminders

GRICUA District Days 2017
GRICUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (433 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to 3pm.

- March 9
- April 6
- May 4
- June 8
- July 6
- August 7
- September 7
- October 5
- November 6
- December 7

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CIVIL SUMMONS

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA IN THE MATTER OF: MELVIN SEKAYOUMA TO: CANDACE SEKAYOUMA CASE Number: PB-2016-0008-DE CIVIL SUMMONS YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court. YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on the following date and time at the place set forth below: Sacaton Community Court 721 West Seed Farm Road Sacaton, Arizona 85147 (520)562-9860 DATE: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 Time: 09:30 AM

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

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