

GRIC hosts O'otham New Year Celebration

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Over 200 Gila River Indian Community members attended the annual O'otham New Year celebration where participants danced, sang, and played games from sunset to sunrise at the Sacaton Fair Grounds from June 17 - 18.

Barnaby Lewis, Gila River Indian Community Tribal History Preservation Officer and a regular of the event, said while celebrating New Year's holiday on January 1 by counting down the last remaining seconds of the year, is a tradition for many western cultures, for the O'otham, he said, it is a celebration of the natural world and a time to recognize the coming of the monsoon rains and budding cactus fruit.

"(O'otham) would come together and share songs and dances, (which) many view as offering prayers," said Lewis about how the New Year was traditionally celebrated in the past. "(Prayers) not necessarily for individual lives, but for all people, their survival in this harsh environment (and) to thrive and prosper within the forthcoming season," he said.

The celebration kicked off in the late afternoon with a fiercely played toka tournament where fe-

male teams attempted to outscore their opponents. Fans of the game watched from the sidelines and at times had to jump out of the way of a far-flung ola, a game piece made from two pieces of mesquite wood tied together.

As the sun set and shadows

turned to dusk, lights blinked on underneath a large white canopy set up within the fair grounds where dinner was served. Hundreds of guests sat down to a dinner of red chili, beans, potato salad, and chumuth and refreshing iced tea.

With bellies full and thirsts satiated, guests set up chairs, laid down blankets and settled in for an evening of traditional song and dance. A half-dozen singers sat in the center of the Cultural Circle

singing a variety of traditional songs as basket dancers swayed and revolved in a circle around them.

Lewis, who regularly sings at the event, said this year they only had one group of singers who sang throughout the night.

"We sing for a while then we take a break, then come back and sing for a while more," he said. "In the history of social

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This group of men sang traditional O'otham songs inside the Cultural Circle at the Sacaton Fairgrounds from the evening of June 17 until the sun rose on the morning of June 18.

ASU moving forward with GRIC housing study



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

A large audience of interested Community members attended the ASU Sustainable Housing Study community outreach meeting at the Huhugam Heritage Center June 15.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Our ancestors had to be smart to live in this desert, where it's scorching in the summer sun and sub-freezing on a winter's night. The key to their success? Adaptability. They knew how to

overcome by better design.

Now, a team of architects and designers from Arizona State University is endeavoring to combine the old and the new in a project called the Sustainable Housing Study, which aims to create houses that are environmentally conscious and will endure for generations, but also echo the genius of

our ancestors who have lived here for millennia.

Housing on the Whole

It's no secret that the need for quality housing in Gila River is high, but the goal of this project is not expediency. The team's objective is to design a new kind of home for Community residents, one that is sustainable, durable,

affordable, modern, and intelligently designed to meet the needs of desert dwellers. The project also seeks to respect O'otham heritage by seeking the influence of traditional housing structures and promulgating O'otham culture. The team hopes to develop a number of prototypes of houses at the project's conclusion.

In a public meeting on June 15 at the Huhugam Heritage Center, project staff sought input from Community members on design and construction materials. The team asked residents what they would like to see in future Gila River homes.

"You can't have any action on something like this that will affect the Community so much, without the Community's input," said project lead Wanda Dalla Costa. "It would be nice if the Community [was a] co-creator of whatever the final product will be."

Dalla Costa is from the Saddle Lake First Nation in Canada. She said, "I've been living a year and a half here and I've realized the best people to ask are the peo-

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O'OTHAM NEW YEAR

The O'otham New Year has always been a time of thanks and prayer. We welcome the changing of the seasons, the monsoon rain, and the baithaj harvest. These celebrations are significant to our culture, and they help us understand who we are as O'otham.

The O'otham New Year, which is recognized during the summer solstice, is one of our great social gatherings. It's a time for spiritual renewal as we look to the beginning of summer. When we celebrate the O'otham New Year we share our songs, dances and traditional way of life, and we become stronger in our culture. The women play thoka and the men play gins, and we come together as our ancestors did many generations ago when we prayed for rain and a good harvest.

We look forward to a new year with strength from our elders, honor for our veterans and guidance for our youth. Those prayers will help us in the forthcoming season.

I thank those who assisted with this year's gathering, and I urge you to attend next year's O'otham New Year celebration. It was a great sight to see all the families coming together during this special time of the year.

From my family,
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Gaming Commission swears in four members

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The Gila River Gaming Commission swore in one incumbent, one returning, and two newly appointed members during a ceremony held at the Wild Horse Pass Corporate Center on June 26.

Incumbent Serena Joaquin was reappointed to commission, Dale Enos was newly appointed to vice chair, Denise Allison returned to the commission after being appointed to fulfill a former members term for 10-months, and newly appointed Duane Johns will fulfill a former members term for 2 years. Gaming Commissioner Gary Williams is currently in the process of fulfilling his term.

The purpose of the Gila River Gaming Commission, which is made up of five members who serve terms of three years, is to regulate and monitor gaming on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community.

According to Allison, the commission acts as gaming regulator management for the legislative branch, and performs tasks such as licensing of applicants and vendors and to ensure compliance all while abiding by the Indian Gaming Commission and Indian Gaming Regulatory Act's guidelines. In addition to these responsibilities, the commission's job is to protect the integrity and sovereignty of the Community.

Below are short biographies written by each member of the commission, except for Joaquin's entry, which was compiled by GRIN staff.

Serena Joaquin

Joaquin resides in Casa Blanca and Joaquin's parent's are Joseph T. Joaquin, a prominent member of the Tohono O'odham Nation, and Ethelyn L. Joaquin. Her children are Josh and Alyssa.

Joaquin has 15 years of experience working in the Gila River gaming industry. She began her career in the field as a revenue audit clerk, and worked in both the operations sector as well as the regulatory sector.

She has also served as commissioner for the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Dale G. Enos

My name is Dale G. Enos and it is an honor to be appointed to the Gila River Gaming Commission. I currently reside in District 3, Sacaton but my family is from District 4, Stotonic. I am married to Lisa Enos for 43 years and raised four children, with 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

I have serviced the Community in various capacities, most recently with Tribal Social Services as a Case Manager. Previously worked with the Contracts and Grants office under the Community Manager's Office as well as a short time as an Acting Divi-



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Gila River Gaming Commissioners from left to right: Gary Williams, secretary Denise Allison, chairperson Serena Joaquin, Duane Johns, and vice chairperson Dale Enos.

sion Manager.

In 2011-2014, I had the privilege to serve as a Council Representative for the District 3 Community. From 2000-2010, serviced on the Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Board of Directors.

As a newly appointed Gila River Indian Community Gaming Commissioner, I am looking forward to working with the Commission to continue to uphold the integrity of gaming and protect the interest of the Gila River Indian Community.

Denise Allison

My name is Denise Allison and I have been re-appointed as a Gaming Commissioner for the Gila River Gaming Commission. I will be fulfilling a former Commissioner's term for the remainder of that term and also have been reelected the Secretary for the Gaming Commission.

I reside in the District #6 community. My parents are the late Gilbert C. Allison, from District #4, and the late Helen C. Allison from District #6. I have

5 children, Melissa, Jacob, Zachary, Suzannah, and Manuel. I also have six grandchildren. I have worked in the gaming industry for over 15 years as an F & B Purchasing Agent. I began working at the former Wild Horse Pass Casino and then continued at Vee Quiva Casino. I have obtained numerous management skills through my experience in this industry. I have had the privilege of serving a three-year term as a Gaming Commissioner for the Gila River Indian Community and have also obtained comprehensive knowledge in the regulatory aspect of the Gaming industry. This industry is fast paced and is an ongoing learning experience for me.

I appreciate and value the opportunity to serve my Community as a Gaming Commission.

Gary Williams

Originally born in Phoenix attended Buckeye H.S., Phoenix Union H.S. and went on to graduate from Camelback H.S. I am the Grandson of the late Alfred Jackson and son of Julia Etta Jackson of District Three. I received my Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree in Animation and Marketing from California Institute of the Arts.

Currently I have over 16 years working for Gila River Indian Community. Some places of employment in the community would include: GRIN, GRGE, WHPDA, GRIC and currently Tribal Gaming Office. I believe it has been a mutual benefit of contribution so far and I hope it

continues.

As we work to provide and protect upward mobility for our community, I hope to encourage more tribal members to embrace the opportunity in which you have to help us all.

Duane Johns

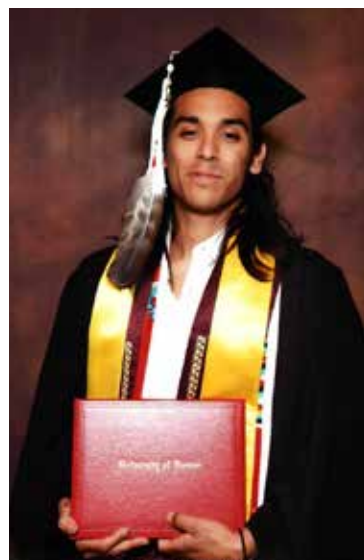
My name is Duane Johns and I am a resident of District 5, a Veteran of the United States Air Force, and a father of four children and grandfather of two grandchildren.

After leaving the Air Force in 1995, my gaming career in Indian Gaming began as a Gaming Inspector and ended as a Gaming Commissioner in 2009. During my 14-year career with Indian Gaming, I was fortunate enough to be part of Gila River Casino's growth either as an employee of the gaming operation or the regulatory body for both Gila River Casinos and the Tribal Gaming Office.

Since my departure from Indian Gaming in 2009, I took my professional work experience and applied it as a Gila River Indian Community employee for Tribal Housing, Tribal Subdivision, and Internal Audit Departments over the past 8 years.

I appreciate the opportunity for this Council Appointment to the Gaming Commission and I look forward to see gaming continue for the Gila River Indian Community.

Congratulations



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Whittaker would like to congratulate their grandson Skyler Hayes Anselmo on his commencement from the University of Denver on June 10, 2017 and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

CORRECTION

Omitted name of high school graduate: Daniel Hernandez-Bostrom High School

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Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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**Incident Log
June 4- 10, 2017**

Calls for services this week: 609, Arrest made: 51

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a residence in reference to an assault. The victim reported the suspect arrived at her residence and assaulted her with brass knuckles. During the altercation the suspect utilized the brass knuckles to strike the victim in the head. The suspect was gone prior to officer's arrival and is still under investigation. The victim was seen by EMS but refused any other medical attention.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part I crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a residence in reference to an unwanted subject. Upon arrival it was discovered the reporting party opened the front door believing it was the officer. As the door was opened the unwanted subject began to attack the victim at the front door. Gila River EMS arrived and transported the victim to Banner Desert due to suffering head trauma. The suspect had left the vicinity prior to Police arrival. This case is still under investigation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – The victim originally called Gila River EMS to have a scrape looked at. While speaking with staff, they were asked how she received the scrape. The victim replied she had been dragged by a vehicle during an altercation. The victim stated she did not recall the entire incident thus she was only requesting EMS. The Police Department was dispatched to the scene and an investigation was completed.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in regards to a fight in progress. Investigation revealed that the victim was attacked with a kitchen knife during a

verbal altercation with the suspect. Gila River EMS arrived on scene and the victim refused any medical attention. The suspect was not contacted during the initial investigation and follow ups are being conducted.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported that \$45.00 was taken from her purse at an unknown time. The victim believed it was taken while she was sleeping, by a family member.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported his black 9mm hand gun as stolen. The victim stated it was locked in case and the case was located with no lock in place. The weapon was entered as stolen into the National Crime Information Center database

Status: Under Investigation

District 4 (Lone Butte Area):

Auto Theft – The victim requested officers to the Wild Horse Pass Casino parking garage due to her vehicle having been stolen. The investigation revealed the victim had parked the vehicle and gone into the casino. Upon returning to the parking garage the vehicle had been stolen. The vehicle was entered into the National Crime Information Center database as stolen. The suspect's identification was positively identified through surveillance footage from the casino and matched in connection with another auto theft.

Status: Suspect was contacted by Phoenix PD and arrested

Shoplifting – Officers responded to the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a shoplifting. Investigation revealed the suspect entered the store carrying a white shopping bag and proceeded to walk over to the wallet stand. The suspect is then observed, through video surveillance, taking seven wallets and exiting the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No incidents involving part I crime

District Six (Komatke):

Auto Theft – Officers responded to Vee Quiva Casino in reference to an auto theft call. Investigation revealed the suspect

arrived at the casino to gamble. Upon returning to the location he had parked his vehicle, he was unable to locate it. The vehicle was later recovered by Phoenix PD where the suspect came into contact with officers due to not having the correct license plate attached to the vehicle. The suspect was taken into custody and information related to another auto theft case was passed on.

Status: Suspect was arrested by Phoenix PD

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Vee Quiva Casino in reference to a theft from a vehicle. Contact was made with the victim who stated she parked in valet upon exiting the casino she observed her belongings to be out of place along with her wallet missing. Upon returning back to the casino she contacted security and reported the theft. Surveillance was reviewed and a male was observed at several other vehicles then going to the victim's vehicle where they entered the vehicle. The suspect then exits the vehicle leaving in a different car.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The suspect called dispatch in reference to theft at the Komatke Chevron. The investigation revealed the victim left her wallet on a copy machine at the store. The victim called the store and spoke to an employee who stated they did have surveillance footage of the suspect who took the wallet.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the front entrance of the Vee Quiva Casino in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed a tailgate was taken off of a white GMC Sierra while the victim was inside the casino.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were called to the residence in reference an assault. Investigation revealed the suspect hit the victim in back of the head with a frying pan as the victim was attempting to leave the residence. Swelling was observed on the victims head just below a previous injury involving the same suspect. Attempts were made to locate the suspect with negative results.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Officers were called to the residence in reference to an assault. Investigation re-

vealed the suspect became angry and jealous. The victim was pushed down and dragged throughout the house. The suspect then hit the victim in the head with a folding chair causing a laceration.

Status: Under Investigation

**Incident Log
June 11- 17, 2017**

Calls for services this week: 594, Arrest made: 65

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – Two juvenile females were involved in a physical altercation while at a community function. The victim sustained a fractured nose as a result of the altercation. The suspect was contacted, interviewed and taken into custody.

Status: Juvenile female suspect was booked into JDRS

Arson – Two brush fires were ignited and restricted to the brush only which was

within close proximity to the starting point.

Status: Under Investigation

Arson – A fire was ignited in the vegetation along with a bag of trash containing miscellaneous items. The fire spread to an electrical pole which also began to burn.

Status: Under Investigation

Arson – A fire was set to a mesquite thicket running along a dry dirt lined canal. There were no structures in the immediate area and the fire was quickly extinguished.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – An iPhone was reported to the Police Department as missing. Numerous people were contacted while attempting to locate the phone. As of this time, the phone has not been recovered and is under investigation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part I crime

District Three (Sacaton):

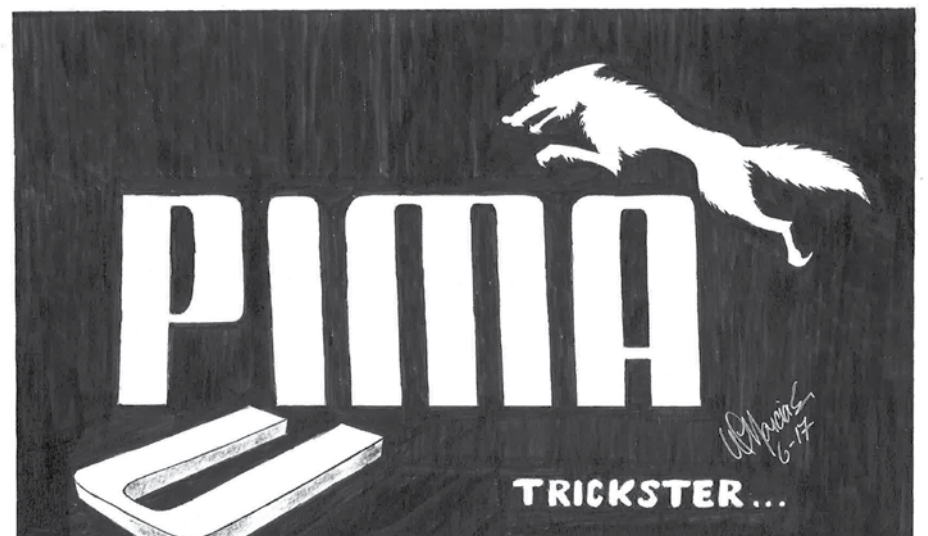
Burglary – Multiple suspects burglarized the MTO Smoke shop causing damage to the door and taking a significant amount of items from the store. Some of the items were recovered along with some physical evidence.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – The suspect(s) entered the River of Life Church taking a keyboard belonging to the church. During the investigation it was learned church members had lost their copy of the keys to the church within the last month. There were no signs of forced entry or damage to the facility.

Status: Under Investigation

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Arson— The suspect was observed lighting flowers and bushes on fire while in the parking lot of the HuHuKam Memorial Hospital. The suspect was located and taken into custody where they admitted to starting the fire
 Status: Suspect was booked into jail

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Burglary – The victim reported that a subject entered the residence belonging to her without permission. Upon returning home the victim discovered her bed room window was ajar and the back door was left unlocked. It appears someone had entered the residence though nothing appeared to be taken.
 Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Auto Theft – The victim reported that his vehicle had been towed to a friend's residence with approval to keep it there. After the vehicle had been at the residence the victim was later informed the vehicle was now missing. The victim contacted police and requested the vehicle be listed as stolen. The vehicle

has been entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as stolen.
 Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – The victim reported his flat bed trailer was taken without permission from the Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park. The trailer will be entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as stolen.
 Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – The suspect was observed entering a yard at a Lone Butte Commercial Lot and taking a refrigerator without permission. The staff member stated several employees witnessed the incident and the description of the suspect was given. Video surveillance was reviewed and the investigation is currently still active.
 Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – Two male suspects were observed walking into the Coach Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet and taking purses from a kiosk and running out of the store. The suspects passed all points of sales without paying for the items and continued to run. Once outside

of the store the suspects were lost in the crowd. Video surveillance was obtained and will be reviewed for possible identification.
 Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – Two male Hispanic suspects entered the Michael Kors Outlet Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet and removed a total of six purses from their display and left the store without paying for the merchandise. Video surveillance was obtained and is being reviewed for possible identification.
 Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Truck Stop in reference to a call of a theft. The investigation revealed the victim secured a black and white 9mm pistol in a leather Harley Davidson saddlebag on his motorcycle. Upon exiting the store the victim observed the saddlebag containing the pistol to be gone. Attempts were made to locate the items with negative results.
 Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported her wallet was taken without knowledge while she was at the Wild Horse Pass Casino. The suspect used several of the victims credit cards at various

stores located in Mesa, Chandler, and Scottsdale the following day. Video surveillance was requested and will be submitted into evidence.
 Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported that his wallet was stolen after following a female subject off the casino premises. The subject states he had passed out for a few hours under a bridge and when he awoke his wallet was gone. Video surveillance was reviewed and is being reviewed for possible identification.
 Status: Under Investigation

Weapon – The suspect, a convicted felon and defendant of an order of protection, was found to be in possession of firearm and two concealed knives. The suspect was booked into 4th Avenue Jail and the vehicle was towed.
 Status: Suspect was arrested

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Theft – Officers responded to a theft call in the district five area. The investigation revealed a male suspect removed an air compressor, along with numerous craftsman hand tools from the premises. The suspect's description

and vehicle descriptions were passed on to other officers for possible identification.
 Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Two batteries were taken from a tractor at a construction site. Shoe impressions were observed as well as tire impressions which were documented for evidence purposes.
 Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers responded to a construction site in reference to two Napa batteries that were stolen from a piece of equipment. A cell phone was located near the site which did not belong to any of the employees. The cell phone and photos were entered into evidence.
 Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Auto Theft – An unknown male subject stole a 2013 Mazda 3 from the driver, as he was aiding her boyfriend on the corner after a domestic altercation. The vehicles owner was notified of the theft and the vehicle was entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as stolen. Officers along with Phoenix Air attempted to

locate the vehicle with negative results.
 Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – The victim reported his vehicle as stolen when he went to check on the vehicle, where he had parked it the night prior and discovered it was missing. The victim stated he did not give anyone permission to take his vehicle and still had possession of the keys. The vehicle was entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as stolen.
 Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim stated an unknown suspect stole two paintings and four sketch drawings from a spare bedroom located in his residence. The victim stated that there have been individuals who have been staying in the room where the items had been removed.
 Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

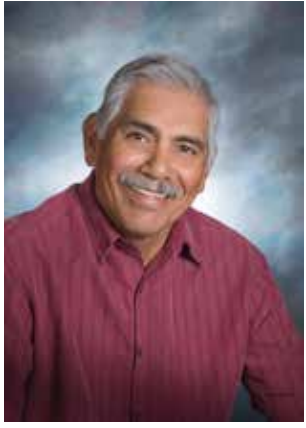
Theft – An unknown suspect committed theft after removing a Trail Camera without permission from its location.
 Status: Under Investigation

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12:30pm	<i>Ku Pojx / lalaxtsopeklik</i>	2017 DEQ EARTH DAY @ IRA HAYES PARK	HOHOKAM AT PEACE WITH THE LAND	Ravens and Eagles <i>On The Trail of Property</i>		Ravens and Eagles <i>In Our Blood</i>	<i>Seasoned with Spirit Food Upon The Water</i>	
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>Stone Carver</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Introduction</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Raised Garden Bed</i>	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Working It Out Together	
1:30pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening <i>Surprise</i>	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Working It Out Together	
2:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Sivummut	
2:30pm	Urban Native Girl <i>Should I Stay or Go?</i>	From The Spirit <i>John Rombough</i>	From The Spirit <i>Aaron Paquette</i>	From The Spirit <i>Abraham Anghik Ruben</i>	From The Spirit <i>Kevin Red Star</i>	From The Spirit <i>Preston Singletary</i>	People of the Pines <i>Legacy of the Casinos</i>	
3:00pm	Goshen <i>Preserving the native seeds and running traditions of the Tarahumara.</i>	Working It Out Together	Indian Pride <i>Myths & Real Truths</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride <i>Economic Development</i>	Storytellers in Motion	Making Regalia	
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4:00pm		First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The Other Side	
4:30pm	Deep Time <i>The context of paleocycles, climate change, and the dark ecology of the future.</i>	Native Report	People of the Pines <i>World of the Serrano</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Invasion and Response</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Indians and Aliens <i>Harry Snowboy</i>	
5:00pm		Smoke Traders <i>The contraband tobacco trade and effect on individual lives and communities.</i>	Cree Spoken Here <i>English and French once dominated, children now taught entirely in Cree.</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>Standing Rock Special</i>	Holders of Wisdom <i>Elder wise women sharing their wisdom about the animals and Earth Mother.</i>	2017 MUL-CHU-THA PARADE, Sacaton, AZ	Indigenous Focus <i>Ollie & Emma 6</i>	
5:30pm							Dabiyiyuu <i>The Creator's Touch</i>	
6:00pm	Native Voice TV	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People <i>Native Report</i>	
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7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures	Wapos Bay <i>A Time for Pride</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Breakin Too</i>	Wapos Bay <i>It Came From Out There</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Time Management</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Ways of the Quiet</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Calm Before The Storm</i>	
7:30pm	Fish Out of Water <i>Kokomville Academy</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Wanuskewin Heritage Park</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Brokenhead Ojibway</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Tseycum Canoe Tours</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Nk'Mip Desert Cultural</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Ojibway Cree Cultural</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Wanuskewin Heritage Park</i>	
8:00pm	Native Shorts <i>The Cave / Choke</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
8:30pm	SHRED IN THE NAME OF LOVE SKATE COMPETITION @ D3, SACATON, AZ	Indians and Aliens <i>Sandy Mast</i>	Hit The Ice <i>The Calm Before The Storm</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Ollie & Emma 6</i>	Native Shorts <i>The Cave/ Choke</i>	STEM PRO - BUTTERFLY WONDER	Moose T.V. <i>Foreign Film</i>	
9:00pm	Stories of the River <i>Stories of the People</i>	Dakota 38 <i>The blizzards, the Native and Non-Native that house and feed them along the way, and the dark history they are beginning to wipe away.</i>	One More River - Part 1 & 2 <i>The decision making process to allow another mega-hydro project to be built. A look at the deal that split the Crees dispels romantic notions of how decisions are made.</i>	Native American Healing in the 21st Century	MISS AND JR MISS GILA RIVER CROWNING CEREMONY 2017	Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand Creek	Medicine Game <i>2 brothers from the Onondaga Nation play the sport of lacrosse.</i>	
9:30pm								
10:00pm	Horse Tribe <i>The connection of human to animal, grief to resolve, and values to action.</i>	Legends from the Sky <i>A Native Vet, burdened by survivor's guilt is forced to search for his missing grandfather after his ancestral land is mysteriously taken over.</i>	The Story of the Forgotten Slaves <i>Why the world finds it so difficult to accept our slave trades, and how slavery is defined today.</i>	2017 IWO JIMA PARADE Sacaton, AZ	Injunuity: Live at the McSwain Theatre <i>Native Flute based music group from Oklahoma.</i>	First People Kumeyaay <i>They share a heritage that goes back, "to the beginning of time."</i>	WAILA FESTIVAL 2017 @ RAWIDE, Chandler, AZ	
10:30pm								
11:00pm	After The Gold Rush <i>what happens when a foreign company bails out of a big project? Who wins? Who loses?</i>				Finding My Talk <i>He discovers the tireless efforts of many who are reviving and preserving Aboriginal languages.</i>	Wisdom of the Grandmothers <i>Love, community, creativity, respect and caring for our Mother Earth.</i>	Smoke Traders <i>The contraband tobacco trade and effect on individual lives and communities.</i>	
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Something to be told or talked about



By Billy Allen

We went out to gather saguaro fruit the weekend before the summer solstice and came home with empty buckets. We had scouted on June 1 and noted the ha:sañ in different stages – some still had blossoms, a lot had formed fruit that was still green, a surprising

amount had ripened fruit that had split open, but a lot of ha:sañ were “bald” – no blossoms, no fruit. We thought we were going to labor for our fruit for our return trip would yield a bounty, but when we went back two weeks later, it was very slim pickings. What happened? Too much or too little heat? Spring rain – too much, too soon? Too windy? I got curious about historical experiences others had noted about the saguaro harvest and did some research.

The Tohono O’odham have noticed some desert plants are altering their traditional cycles. “Climate change is altering the phenology of our plants,” said Selso Villegas, Tohono

O’odham Water Resources Director. “People are going out to gather food and they’re saying, ‘What’s going on? They’ve already bloomed.’”

Data collected over 75 years by researchers in the Saguaro National Park near Tucson suggests prolonged drought and higher summer temperatures are linked to lower regeneration rates of the region’s “signature cactus” over the past two decades.

There are historical observations about ha:sañ to consider. According to Peoples of the Middle Gila, Pa:l or Padre Francisco Garcés of San Xavier once followed the akimel or river upstream from a trip he’d taken to near present-day Gila Bend. After passing the confluence of the Gila and Salt Rivers on June 22, 1774, he met O’otham from Sudacson from Sudacson gathering saguaro fruit. La Encarnación del Sudac-

son was the Spanish name for Sacate. The people ventured about 12 miles from their village to gather fruit. When Pa:l Garcés arrived at Sudacson, he wrote, “this is the best site for a mission and presidio.” He also visited a large village on the north bank of the akimel called Nacub which would have been near Snaketown. Another stop was at a village called Tuburs Cabors or Javed Kawulk or Earth Hill. The Middle Gila book says this was probably Casa Blanca, since it was located on the south side of the akimel. Pa:l Garcés enjoyed the hospitality of our people who fed him fish, sheep and game.

When Frank Russell was doing his research here in 1901-02, he was told about every fifth year the flow of the akimel would go down in the winter. Later this would force the people to search for wild foods such as ha:sañ and

mesquite beans. Less than a century later, Amadeo Rea was gathering material for At the Desert’s Green Edge; one O’otham informant was Sylvester Matthias. Mr. Matthias said spring rains were not good for the Saguaro fruit. The rain would ruin fruit which had opened, lowering the crop. He further added unlike our southern ha:juñ or cousins, we didn’t have reserved areas for gathering the fruit, “Just go anywhere to pick.”

The Saguaro harvest was a rich food source for O’otham and Piipaash. It came after the spring planting and wheat harvest. The fruit could be eaten as is or dried for used throughout the year. One of the popular items made from the fruit is sitol or syrup. Water is added to the fresh and dried fruit mixture, slowly heated, constantly straining the seeds out. It takes an O’otham master chef with a keen eye to know when the

dark reddish brown syrup is ready. When allowed to cool, it is sealed and stored. It is especially tasty during the winter—reminding us of the summer heat behind us, and the summer heat to look forward to.

We will have to wait for next year. For those O’otham who had better luck than us, savor the fruits of your labor.

Information was taken from *At the Desert’s Green Edge* by Amadeo M. Rea and *Peoples of the Middle Gila* by John P. Wilson. In addition these sites were helpful: *Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals; Tribes & Climate Change Program* <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Home> and *Saguaro (Carnegiea gigantea) Mortality and Population Regeneration in the Cactus Forest of Saguaro National Park: Seventy-Five Years and Counting* <http://journals.plos.org>.

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dancing they would have more groups of singers, one group would sing, then they would take a break, then another group would sing and last throughout the night.”

But for the singing group Lewis was a part of that night, there was no backup. Only taking small breaks in between singing a variety of songs about orioles, swallows, black birds, and macaws, the group of men sang on through the night until sunrise.

“The spirit of the song always give us strength, that pride, that thankfulness,” Lewis said. “We are able to share and have the O’otham hear the songs, and become familiar with the songs, and to actually put into practice their himdag in dancing and experiencing the whole event,” he said.

Just outside the Cultural Circle, next to a crackling mesquite fire, men huddled together with eyes focused on the ground below, a tra-

ditional O’otham game of chance called gins at the center of their attention.

The game is played on a board fashioned from holes dug in the ground with players positioned in the four cardinal directions: North, South, East, or West. Players toss sticks into the air, and according to the markings on the sticks when they land, move their game piece around the board.

Players can place money or possessions in the

center of the board with the winner taking all.

The sound of drums, singing, and the movement of dancers continued until the sun rose on the morning of June 18, when the O’otham New Years celebration ended and guests dispersed.

“I am very pleased that we have a great number of people that were interested in experiencing this activity and making themselves stronger in their way of life, our himdag,” said Lewis. “Over time the people that participate are part of cul-

tural events and activities (and) they grow spiritually. That pride just gets stronger and stronger in remembering that we as O’otham are still maintaining our cultural and traditional song culture, dance culture, and our traditional way of life.”



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April Crawford tosses an ola onto the dirt playfield just moments before players battle it out during the O’odham New Year celebration’s toka tournament. The tournament was played before the sun set so players could see the ola.



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Aaron Sabori takes his turn in line to grab a plate of spicy red chili, beans, chumuth, and potato salad. The event’s dinner had plenty of food for all guests, including a plethora of refreshments to beat back the evening’s warm temperature.

Youth find their voice at 2017 Gila River Youth Conference

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The 2017 Gila River Youth Conference was “lit” – not simply because the music was bumping, the atmosphere was upbeat, and the main hall and classrooms were packed with participants ready to learn about their culture, but because the students chose a theme that allowed them to explore the meaning of “Living In Tradition” in the modern era.

“Starting today, you find your voice. Starting today, you find an interest in who you are,” said keynote speaker Mikey Enis of the Tohono O’odham Nation.

He said young people desire to know where they come from and where they belong. The weekend offered a chance for them to explore what their traditions mean to them.

Enis, a culture teacher at Baboquivari Middle and High schools, said it is important for parents and communities to give young people “a sense of understanding and a sense of belonging.” Meanwhile, the youth-organized-and-run conference stirred curiosity in the hearts and minds of its young guests.

“When this conference ends, [that search] doesn’t stop,” said Enis. “You go home and ask these questions: What clan do I come from? Do I have an O’otham name? Or why did you name me this? What happened at my birth?”

More than 350 young people attended the Youth Conference, which was held on June 23 and 24 at the Hilton Phoenix/Mesa, across from the Fiesta Mall.

The Akimel O’odham/Pee Posh Youth Council, which organizes the annual conference, chose the theme “Living In Tradition” in recognition of the friction between being a teen in the digital age and

holding fast to their analog heritage.

Shantell Terrazas, a Youth Council District 3 Representative, served as the conference chair. “Living in tradition means to us as the youth that [our] traditions will only be passed on through us and that they will only live on if we keep them going,” she said.

“We are the next generation and we have to set the example for the next ones to come,” said Terrazas, “to show we are the only ones to keep our traditions going like our games, songs, and ceremonies.”

The conference serves multiple purposes. First, it welcomes GRIC youth once a year for a fun time and chance to meet new or old friends from different parts of the Community. Secondly, the conference offers a number of classes on a wide variety of topics. Finally, it provides a central location for the AOPPYC to hold elections, in which all GRIC youth are welcome to participate.

The Youth Council held nomination sessions and certified candidates on Day 1 of the conference. On Day 2, the young electorate divided into caucuses by district to vote.

Some of the classes offered during the conference allowed students to explore artistic or cultural pursuits such as painting, beading, pottery, the O’otham language, or traditional O’otham stick games. Other classes focused on health and wellness, Zumba, teen dating, CPR, diabetes prevention, and others. Finally, some workshops helped students prepare for the future with information on goal setting, time management, coping skill, and admissions information for the three in-state universities, Northern Arizona University, Arizona State University, and The University of Arizona.

Before lunch on Day 2, the Youth Council announced its annual awards: Female Youth of the Year – Sineca Jackson, Male Youth of the Year – Zachary Lewis, Elder of the Year – Eugenia Apkaw, Citizen of the Year – Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and Leader of the Year – Aaron Lewis.

In a Day 2 general assembly, speaker Tim Terry offered words of wisdom and practical tips for “Living In Tradition.”

“I try living in my traditions by trying to speak [the O’otham language]. I don’t say words right, I don’t pronounce things right, but I try,” he said.

“Some of you only know words like auth.” That drew laughter from the whole room, which clearly understood it means your rear end. “So if you know words, say them, try them, and say them to each other, like, ‘s-hohtam, otham!’ – ‘hurry up, person!’”

Terry closed his time with a song, a gourd, and an eagle feather, which he called his tools for “living in tradition.”

“I use these because this is what my [elders] used when they prayed,” he said. “I live in my tradition by using these. When people ask me to pray for them, I pray for them. When people ask me to sing for them, I sing for them.”

Learn to use the tools around you, those new and old, he told the students. “That’s what makes you living in tradition, because we’re adaptable people. If we didn’t adapt to our environment, we wouldn’t be here.” A smart phone can be a powerful tool for communicating, recording, and organizing, but a shavkud (gourd rattle) is still necessary for singing.

“So in living in tradition, we move forward, ... using our tools of the day, but also remembering our older tools.”



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Facilitators discuss the next event at the 2017 Gila River Youth Conference.



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Guests from the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin were afforded the opportunity to visit the Managed Aquifer Recharge 5 site, to see water flowing in the desert.



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Students at the 2017 Gila River Youth Conference huddle around the registration table as the conference kicks off June 23.

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Despite heat wave, local skaters participate in Go Skateboarding Day 2017



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Jay Reese, District 5, successfully ollies over three skateboards during Go Skateboarding Day at District 3 Skate Park on June 21.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

As broiling 118-degree temperatures blasted the surrounding desert during one of the summer's most intense heat waves, over 30 skaters from all over the Gila River Indian Community made their way to the District 3 Skate Park, on June 21, to participate in a worldwide skateboarding holiday known as Go Skateboarding Day, hosted by Seven Layer Army Skateboards.

The event began at the skate park, where skaters of all ages performed tricks of increasing difficulty. Just outside of the skate park's gates and under the shade of trees, parents watched their sons and daughters participate in a timed race, trick competitions, and

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ple who have been living here for thousand and thousands of years."

Design by the People for the People

In one classroom at the HHC, Dalla Costa asked Community members to design their ideal home layout by arranging paper cutouts to represent various rooms and other housing elements.

Some said they wanted a kitchen with easy access to a garden. Others placed a vatho on the north or west side of the home with a nearby outdoor cooking area. Several people mentioned the importance of landscape architecture because trees and tall plants provide vital shade and wind blocking.

Dalla Costa said it was a simple exercise to study user preferences, but "through that these amaz-

prize giveaways.

Daniel Acuna, of District 1, was one of several parents who came out to support their child's passion. He said skateboarding is a great way to keep his son Jacob busy while doing something he loves.

"Oh, I love it, it keeps him out of trouble," Acuna said. "I take him skating as much as I possibly can, all events everywhere. We come out here every year and he participates every year, so I think it is really good for him."

Jacob, who has been skateboarding for several years, said he has participated in three or four Go Skateboarding Days over the years, and his passion for the sport has become a family affair.

"It's great because my dad and my mom and ev-

ing stories came out [about] the vatho and how they expected social gatherings and how many people gather and what the purposes of the gatherings are."

Methods and Materials

In another classroom, the team was gathering input on preferences of construction materials and techniques.

Architect Joseph Kunkel led the discussion. He said Gila River seems to have a tradition of changing up its building methods and materials of choice, but consistently prefer to build their own and pass on construction knowledge from one generation to the next.

Adobe bricks have been a staple of desert construction for centuries, but by studying traditional methods and materials, designers can extrapolate from the designs of ancient



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis hands out prizes of new skateboards, hats, and stickers to excited Community skaters at the Go Skateboarding Day on June 21.

everybody in my family is just hyped about skateboarding because it is just something that gets everybody outside and there are competitions like this," Jacob said.

When the heat reached record levels, skaters cooled off at a pickle slushy booth set up just outside the park's gates, where they picked their favorite ice-cold treats. But while parents and skate fans watched from under the cool shade of trees in an effort to beat the heat, one skateboarder was unfazed by the summer heat wave.

Jay Reese, of District 5, whose talent is readily apparent to even the most casual skateboarding enthusiast, said skating is not just about doing tricks, it has an artistic side to it, where each skater can express themselves differently.

"I like the artistic side of it," Reese said. "You just see things different from everyone else, every other

skater sees something different. So, let's say you see a ledge, every skate might see [that] ledge and think about grinding it, and I might think about ollieing over it. You get to express yourself by doing tricks and that is what I really like about skateboarding," he said.

The event moved to the Gila River Wellness Center's basketball court where event staff set up wooden ramps and grinding platforms, where local skaters attempted to do their best trick in an effort to win prizes.

The day ended with a large prize giveaway of brand new skateboards, apparel, and other merchandise, all provided by the Gila River Indian Community.

Event organizer, Ruben Ringlero, who hosts numerous skate competitions throughout the Community, said Go Skateboarding Day is a holiday recognized by

skateboarders throughout the world and they were there to represent the tribe and celebrate skaters from their own Community.

Ringlero hosts the skating events to provide motivation for the youth to



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Megan Fahnholz performs an ollie just before the ramps were set up.

the earth.

"So there are all these principles embedded in all of the precedents that we study," she said. "To me, you don't have to recreate the vatho and all these traditional structures, but you can take the principles of them and pull those forward."

Not Done Yet

The project is a long-term, multi-year endeavor. Dalla Costa said the team will return for another round of input as their work progresses. She said the team learned a lot from the initial public input meeting last month, and has to go back and work it all into their study before they can develop some samples.

"It's so much nicer to have something that the Community can review and critique and provide feedback on. So, the aim is to

go skateboarding in a positive and safe environment, something, he said, he and his friends did not have when they were growing up.

"My drive is the kids, the kids that skate out here in the community," he said. "When I was growing up skating out here, we didn't have anything like this, it was just me and my buddies, and we didn't have skate parks," he said.

"I'm older now and I just want to give back to the kids, I'm able to and the Community supports what we do, which I am thankful for. It keeps motivating the kids to keep skating and that is what I like to do, that is the full drive, giving the kids prizes and motivating them," he said.

For more information about upcoming local skating events contact Seven Layer Army Skateboards at sevenlayerarmy@gmail.com or visit www.sevenlayerarmyskateboards.com

come back...before Christmas [with] some concrete drawings and to have the Community to critique the work."

The final product or products of the study will be determined by the desires of the Community members who participate in the public input meetings.

Dalla Costa said, "It could be very contemporary. It could be more traditional. I think there's an endless possibility with how it could be designed, but I think what's most important is the technology within that. Does it save energy? Is it better for this climate? And I think that, as a person coming from ASU, this is really important to me. If I can reduce the energy bills of a house and it is based on an indigenous technology, I think it's a win-win."

DEQ promotes awareness about their Air Monitoring Network



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Members of the Department of Environmental Quality's Air Quality Program perform Community outreach about their Air Monitoring Network on June 21. From left to right: Ryan Eberle, Darius Enos, Justina George, and Leroy Williams

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Gila River Indian News

The Department of Environmental Quality's Air Quality Program (AQP) visited the Governance Center on June 21 in an effort to provide outreach to Community members and educate the public about their Air Monitoring Network.

Leroy Williams, Environmental Engineer for AQP, said the program has gathered air quality data for the year of 2016 and is sharing the information with Community members.

He said the program is using the gathered data for

regulatory purposes to determine the Community's compliance with federal air quality standards.

"We started the program back in 2002, so we have data all the way back from (then)," Williams said. "We do this every year, see if we need to make changes, (like) add another pollutant that we would like to monitor."

He said the two primary pollutants their program monitors in the Community are ozone and particulate matter, which are coarse particles created from crushing and grinding operations, road dust, and agriculture.

According to the 2016 Gila River Indian Community Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Network Review, there are three ambient air monitor stations within the Community. There is a station in District 6 located at St. Johns in a residential area nearby Gila Crossing North Campus School, District 5 in Casa Blanca near Casa Blanca Elementary School, and a station in District 3 near the Ira Hayes Memorial Library. All three stations monitor ozone and particulate.

"They are continuous monitors," said Williams. "We have an instrument

that basically does the calculations of what the concentrations of each pollutant is. For particulate matter, what (the monitor) does is it has a pump that pulls the dust from the ambient air, the ambient air goes through the monitor, it senses it and it gives you what concentration of what the different matter is. (It's) the same for ozone, we have instruments that basically breathe like a human and it will give you (the concentration of ozone) there at that site," he said.

Since 2002, Williams said, their data has shown a drop in ozone concentration levels in the Community. He said levels used to be much higher than they are now, explaining the reason for this may be due to the improvement in vehicle emissions and more stringent emission testing.

When it comes to particulate matter, it is too difficult to determine whether there is a trend of it getting worse or better. However, unlike ozone, which predominately comes from outside sources such as the Phoenix Metropolitan area and Interstate 10, there is one step Community members can take to lessen particulate in the air, especially during the drier months of summer.

"You don't get a lot of

moisture in June, so the soil starts drying out, the dirt roads become really dusty, which impacts our monitors," Williams said. "Make sure that when (you) are driving on dirt roads, (try) to keep that speed limit to maybe 15 or 20 miles an hour. The slower you go,

the less dust you make," he said.

To learn more about the Community's Air Monitoring Network Review and Air Quality Program visit gricdeq.org, email air@gric.nsn.us, or call (520) 796-3781.



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The Air Quality Program's flag program raises a different colored flag everyday in front of the Governance Center to show that day's air quality forecast.

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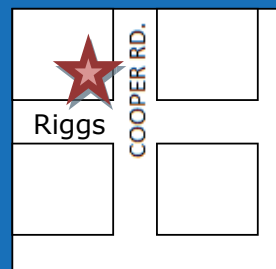
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Student sees bright future in Gila River Indian Community agriculture

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Agriculture has been the livelihood of Akimel O'otham's for decades, with their knowledge of the land and water to grow crops under harsh conditions.

The passing down of knowledge about farming has been a tradition in and of itself, being given from one generation to the next.

For one GRIC member, the passing of knowledge is just one step of her educational journey to maintain the agricultural traditions of the Community.

Yasmine Quiroz is a agriculture business major at Central Arizona College, who will be transferring to Arizona State University this fall.

She said that agriculture has been a part of her families' life and that it has become a tradition passed on from generation to generation.

Quiroz said when it came to going to college the decision to choose what field she wanted to study didn't take too long to figure out.

"And then when I went to CAC it was just in general business and I kind of missed taking all those Ag classes like I did in high school, so then I just switched my major into Ag business," she said.

Her mentor and supervisor Santos "Sonny" Nieto said after 17 years in the agriculture business, a lot of knowledge is required with managing large scale farming operations.

"It takes a lot...You

have to know your staff, you have to build your list of contacts to refer to and give a lot of advice and encourage community gardens," said Nieto.

Quiroz said she is impressed at the amount of knowledge Nieto has about agriculture and that he has provided hands-on training on how to care for plants and how water is brought to the fields for farmer's to use.

"Working with Sonny I do a lot of watering for the green house located nearby and we are going to be transplanting some plants soon...basically I'm working [here] for GRIDD" said Quiroz.

Sonny said part of the responsibilities of his position that he is showing Quiroz is how it helps farmers take up good farming practices and help them select what farmers will plant at a specific time of the year to get the most of their investment.

When it comes to her own interest, Quiroz said that she is interested in the livestock sector of agriculture.

She and her younger sister participated in the Coolidge High School 4H program and Future Farmers of American organization. Raising swine and veal for the Pinal County Fair for six years, has taught her about the commitment it takes to be successful in raising animals.

Quiroz said that mentors at CAC have given her guidance on how to develop the right college program that fits her field of

interest.

She said one such professor and mentor Kristen Benedict advised her on what program would provide her with the most return on knowledge gained.

"Kristen has been a real help ever since I started going to CAC, just helping me and encouraging me and making sure I am on track to pass all my classes," said Quiroz, "Bob, he graduated from ASU with a degree in Ag business, so I go to him to ask if I'm taking the right classes as well and basically asking him on his perspective on the program there."

Nieto said, "I think it is very important there are young students that are interested in getting into the agriculture field and Ag business, but we need somebody, not just one person, but many of them to get into these fields, so they can continue to help manage the Community's agriculture."

He said he would like to have other aspiring Ag business or minded individuals to mentor and teach, so that when the time comes to pass the torch, the Community's future in agriculture is in good hands.

Quiroz said having an open mind and knowledge for the Community's agricultural heritage and how it is a part of the agriculture industry in GRIC, builds a good relationship among farmers, who still practice the "old ways."



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Santos Nieto, Gila River Irrigation Drainage District, is teaching Yasmine Quiroz about agricultural management skills during her summer internship.

Seeking comments on transmission line maintenance agreement

Western Area Power Administration is developing a Programmatic Agreement (PA) for Routine Maintenance and Minor Construction pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for its existing transmission lines and facilities on the Gila River Indian Community, Arizona. The PA outlines processes for identifying historic properties and avoiding or minimizing harm to them. The draft PA is online for review at: www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Environment/Pages/environment.aspx

Comments on the draft PA must be received by August 11, 2017, in writing or email to:

Sean Berry, Regional Preservation Officer
Western Area Power Administration
PO Box 6457
Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457
Email: DSWGRICPA@wapa.gov



Western Area Power Administration

Sacaton Middle & Elementary School



Fall Registration Day

July 18th - 19th - 20th

8am til 3pm in the Middle School Library

(Free child immunizations July 19th, 9am til 1pm)

New applicants will need to bring:

- Birth Certificate
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- Withdrawal Form



- Report Card or Promotion Certificate
- Proof of Residence (no P.O. Boxes)
- Certificate of Indian Blood

Returning Students:

- Proof of Residence (no P.O. Boxes)
- Court Orders of P.O.A. (if any)
- Immunization Records (6th grade only)



Department of Land Use Planning & Zoning

Upcoming Tribal Lot Inspections

Beginning October 2, 2017

The Department of Land Use Planning & Zoning will conduct Tribal Lot Inspections throughout The Gila River Indian Community

Some items that LUPZ will be looking for:

- Yard Debris
- Non Working Vehicles
- Unapproved 2nd Dwellings
- Number of Livestock
- Substandard Structures
- Abandoned Lots

For questions, please call: 520-562-6003
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Men's Health Awareness" campaign provides leadership and training



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Members of the First Nations Warriors Society pose with comedians James Junes and Ernie Tsoisie.

Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

If the health of the men in the Gila River Indian Community is a measure of the health of the Community itself, both are on the path to improved wellness. Last month, the Men's Health Awareness Committee hosted a number of events to bring attention to the edification of its men.

"The Men's Health Awareness campaign [provided] us the opportunity to establish a series of activities for the month of June," said Michael Mercado, the Vice President of the Men's Health Awareness Committee.

Men's Health Aware-

ness Month included a spiritual run from District 7 to District 2, a class to help men make their own shavkud (gourd rattle), two song-instruction classes, and a shongival class. (Shongival is the traditional men's kickball game.)

The men's activities focused on physical wellness as well as cultural teachings and traditional practices. "These particular activities not only promote healthy, active living, but they also promote spiritual and mental wellness as well," said Mercado.

The month wrapped up with a gathering at the Hashan Kehk Multipurpose Building in District 2 on June 29. The afternoon



Photo: Michael Mercado

John Davis, Dist. 5, and his son 'Ino attended the Men's gathering.

gathering featured inspirational speakers, comedians James and Ernie, and a dinner.

The Men's Health campaign is a way for men to provide leadership training and pass on the strength of their ancestors through their traditions and customs.

"So through those particular teachings, we find that it's an investment for our future to be able to pass those particular teachings to the younger generation," said Mercado.

John Davis, a father from District 5, said the Men's Health activities have been invaluable to him and his son, 'Ino.

"It's sad to say, but a

lot of our heritage is starting to kind of disappear," he said. "So for them to put something on like this, I think it's great."

Davis said he particularly enjoyed spending quality time with his son while making their own shavkud in a class led by Aaron Sabori and learning songs in O'otham from Barnaby Lewis.

"One thing is just, for my son. Just bringing him, showing him some of the traditions," he said, was very special. "I appreciate the committee for them to put on something like this."

Part of the motivation behind the campaign is to support men in their fight to resist the social ills that



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

A guest at the Men's Health Gathering June 29 busts a gut while Ernie Tsoisie (off camera) performs.

can bring harm to one's community, challenges like drug abuse, alcoholism, depression, and even simply poor physical health.

Mercado said that because of "a lot of these social challenges and health disparities that we face within our community, we [thought] that it would be [thought] that it would be if we can start proactively looking to revive a lot of the cultural traditions and practices that we once took part in so long ago."

Davis said the Men's Health campaign is a move in the right direction.

"It's making the men stronger, more aware." He said men are supposed to

be the head of a household, but "there's a lot of drugs and stuff that take away from our people."

Davis knows first-hand the impact negative forces like alcoholism can have on a community, a family, and his own son.

"I'm a recovering alcoholic," he said. But, "I've changed myself in order for me to be here longer for my family. I'd rather me be here in good health and be here for my kids and show them the things I've been shown."

Furthermore, he said, "I want my son to get more involved as far as taking care of himself," and his overall well-being.

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SRPMIC traditional Pee Posh potter gives workshop at HHC



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

District 4 Community member Laverda Lewis mixes water with clay that will be shaped into a earthen vessel during the three-day workshop on July 1.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Community members tried their hand at traditional red-on-buff pottery making at a three-part workshop at the Huhugam Heritage Center on July 1.

The workshop was led by Salt River Pima-Maricopa member Ron Carlos, who took the time to share the art of traditional Pee Posh pottery making with members of the Community.

Carlos talked about the history of Maricopa pottery and how those practices to making red-on-buff pottery have continued with today's contemporary practices,

which is a practice shared by Huhugam people.

The red earthy colors that red-on-buff pottery is known for are representative of the rich content of materials found in the clay.

Some potters take it a step further by giving their pot a fine polish with a stone to give it a smooth shine.

He said one of the most important aspects of pottery relies upon the quality of the clay and where it is found that may take some trial and error.

Clay, which is a rich source of soil, is often hard to dig up, but it results in very fine and artistic finished product.

The workshop walks participants through the preparation process that requires the grinding of clay materials that is sifted and re-sifted again to remove particles like rock and plant vegetation.

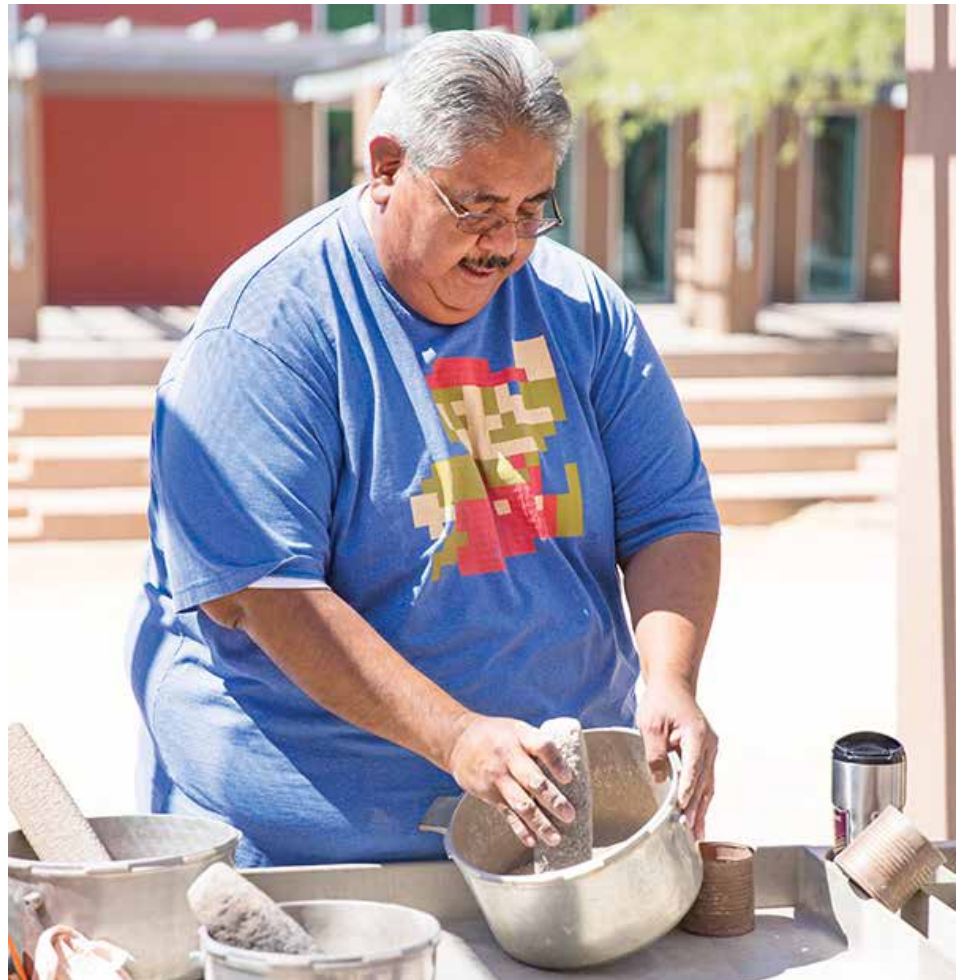
Carlos said for beginners working with clay, it can be a difficult medium to work with, but with time and patience, and some imagination, individuals can make some truly creative pieces of pottery.

Many of the participants that came out to the workshop came for a specific purpose to return to their cultural roots and to learn something they have studied by profession.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Ron Carlos instructs workshop participants on how to knead clay once it has been sifted of excess material.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Ron Carlos demonstrates grinding the caliche into a fine dust before sifting it of imperfections.

Pesticide Control Office Summer Insect Hunt

Summer break from school can be fun, but at times bring on boredom for kids. As a way to give your kids a break from television or video games, why not send them outside exploring for insects! There are many different types of insects to be found in your own backyard or even at the park. Some insects may have even found their way indoors.

Your kids may find ants carrying food off to their colony underground, or a grasshopper hopping on its way to find its next grassy meal. Every insect has its own unique habits, but they all need food, water, and shelter.



Have your kids try to identify the insects they find and determine what type of food they eat, where they are finding water, and where they hide. This will help your kids understand if the insect is a pest. Encourage your kids to complete the following checklist in their search for insects, and to take photos of the insects they find which you can send to the Pesticide Control Office for identification.

Have your kids observe but not touch the insects, because some insects may be harmful.

My Insect Observation Log

Child's Name: _____

What type of insect did you find? _____

How many legs does it have? _____ Does it have wings? _____ If yes, how many? _____

What color(s) is it? _____

Is it big or small? _____ Does it make noise? _____

What does it like to eat? _____

Where does it like to hide? _____ Is it a pest? _____

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Deworming

Horses should be dewormed every 2 to 3 months. Foals should be dewormed every six to eight weeks.

Hoof Care

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**JULY 17, 2017
GRIC GROWERS
MEETING**

Where: District 5 Gymnasium
Time: 6pm-10pm



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Dale Ohnmeiss is the new Director of the Department of Environmental Quality



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Dale Ohnmeiss is the new DEQ Director.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Dale Ohnmeiss introduced himself to the Gila River Indian Community Council as the new Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) during a June 21 Community Council Meeting.

He said it was an honor to work for the Community and with his 28 years of experience, his goal is to protect the local environment.

“Regardless of whether it is air, water, [or] waste issues in the environment, my job is to assist all districts equally and to go wherever is needed to protect the Community,” Ohnmeiss said.

While protecting the Community’s environment is Ohnmeiss’s main goal, he is also interested in creating a process within DEQ where members of the tribe who are interested in environmental protection can find entry-level work within the department.



Gila River Indian Community District Three Recreation



District Three Recreation
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“If you go to different state agencies or other tribal nations, they have departments but there is no real mechanism for anybody to come in [at the] entry level, learn the job, decide whether they like it or not, move up within the department and then all the way up to management, and maybe

even director. That is what I want to create here in Gila River,” he said.

Ohnmeiss received his bachelor’s degree in microbiology from the University of Arizona. He spent the next year-and-a-half working in a medical laboratory then transitioned to an environmental testing labora-

tory where he worked for the next five years.

After graduating from the Arizona Law Enforcement Academy, Ohnmeiss worked for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (AZDEQ) as an environmental crimes investigator for the next 11 years. During his time with

AZDEQ, he also served as manager, overseeing several environmental programs.

He was then offered the position of Executive Director for the Rural Water Association of Arizona.

Ohnmeiss then made his way to the Ak-Chin Indian Community where he worked as a water scientist

for the next five years.

Ohnmeiss said he has a great staff at DEQ and is happy to be working in the Community.

“It is an honor to be here,” Ohnmeiss said. “I am going to serve everybody equally and fairly.”

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • June 21, 2017

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday June 21, 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 9:04 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Janice Stewart

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 (9:37); D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Barney Enos, Jr. (9:14), Pamela Johnson; D5-Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:14), Terrance Evans; D7- Devin Redbird (9:17)

Council Members Absent:

D4- Jennifer Allison; D6- Charles Goldtooth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. Department of Environmental Quality Director, Dale Ohnmeiss

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

MS. PAMELA THOMPSON INTRODUCED MR. DALE OHNMEISS. MR. OHNMEISS PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ENCOURAGEMENT

2. GRHC Introduction of Stephanie Belton, TCH Assistant Administrator

Presenter: Darlene Barkau

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. GRHC Introduction of John Bell, TCH Director of Nursing

Presenter: Darlene Barkau

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. GRHC Introduction of Scott Gemberling, Chief Executive Officer

Presenter: Myron G. Schurz

COUNCILWOMAN CAROL SCHURZ INTRODUCED MR. SCOTT GEMBERLING. MR. GEMBERLING PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ENCOURAGEMENT

REPORTS

*1. Development of Culturally Sensitive Food Safety Grower Trainings

Presenter: Valerisa Joe

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending May 31, 2017 FYMOD 38 Capital Projects Review & Update – 05/31/2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Pamela Thompson, Kelly Gomez

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT BOTH REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving The Amendments Of The Current Gila River Indian Community Voter Registration Board Bylaws (G&MSC motioned to forward

to Council with recommendation for approval with the additional material)

Presenters: Zuzette Kisto, Office Of General Counsel

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*2. A Resolution Amending GRICUA's Plan Of Operation To Allow Board Members With Expired Terms To Continue To Serve On The Board Until The Community Council Appoints Or Reappoints An Individual To Serve A New Term On The GRICUA Board (EDSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, LSC concurs)

Presenters: GRICUA Board

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Memorializing An Amendment To The Current Membership Of The Litigation Team Be Replacing Former Councilman Brian Davis Sr., And Councilman Christopher Mendoza With Councilman Barney Enos Jr., Councilwoman Nada Celaya, And Councilwoman Carol Schurz (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council for discussion and action)

Presenter: Linus Everling

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And Sacaton Elementary School District #18 (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Joanne Nelson

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 9:36 A.M.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Legislative Standing Committee Appointment – (1) Council Seat

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

NADA CELAYA

NEW BUSINESS

1. Declaration of Children's Court Judge Vacancy

(LSC forwards to Council to declare the vacancy for the Children's Court Judge for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct, all interested applications to be submitted through Human Resources)

Presenter: Victor Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY AND ADVERTISE FOR 60-DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

2. Public Broadcast Proposal – Primary Election Candidate Videos (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Revenue Internal Audit-FY2017 2nd Quarter

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

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #3, #4, & #5

4. Gaming Internal Audit-FY2017 2nd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council under New Business in Executive Session)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

ACCEPTED AT ITEM #3

5. Basic Financial Statements Independent Auditors Report, And Single Audit Reporting Package Ending

September 30, 2016 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council under New Business in

Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Corrine Wilson, Chris Bitakis

ACCEPTED AT ITEM #3

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> SAN JUAN FEST SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017, 10AM

>COUNCILMAN FRANKLIN PABLO, SR. ASKED TO BECOME AN NCAI MODERATOR

>ST. PETERS FEST SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017, 10AM-5PM

>YOUTH COUNCIL CONF FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017 AND SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

>4-TRIBES MEETING, SALT RIVER, SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017


>TENTATIVE IHS MEETING, FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017

>ESC WORK SESSION, FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017, 9AM

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:56 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



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PHOENIX – Yesterday, Anthony Erwin Jackson, Sr., 57, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Douglas R. Rayes to 18 years in prison, followed by five years of supervised release. Jackson had previously pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a minor.

The evidence showed that Jackson sexually abused a 9-year-old victim in 1997 and a 6-year-old victim in 1998 while living on the Gila River Indian Community. Jackson and the victims are enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community.

COURT NOTICE

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MESSINA COLT
Petitioner/Plaintiff
CASE Number: CV-2017-0153-RO

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.

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Judge Rayes increased Jackson's sentence to account for allegations that Jackson had sexually abused at least six other minor victims over a period of 30 years and his corresponding danger to the community.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Christine Keller and Dimitra Sampson, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

matter on:

Monday, August 28, 2017 at 1:30 PM in Courtroom VII, Westead Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ. YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. Ha written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

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IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN THE MATTER OF:

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D.O.B.: 08/14/2011
Case No.: JC-2015-0105
NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION HEARING ON PETITION FOR CUSTOMARY ADOPTION
TO: GLENDEN WAHPETA AND JOHN DOE

Notice is hereby given that you are ordered to appear before the Honorable Kami Hart on August 3, 2017 at 9:00

Gila River Casinos

Notice of Distribution of Forfeited Jackpots
Pursuant to state compact regulations and Gila River Casinos internal policies and procedures all forfeited jackpots will be distributed to Arizona based non-profit organizations in accordance with standard operating procedures.

All Arizona based non-profit organizations recognized with 501c3 status by the IRS are eligible to apply to receive these funds. This includes 501c3 non-profit organizations located on the Gila River Indian Community. To receive consideration for reception of forfeited jackpots funds organizations must submit paperwork indicating status as a registered 501c3 non-profit to Gila River Casinos. Submission of paperwork does not guarantee reception of forfeited jackpots, however organizations which have not submitted may

COURT NOTICE

IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN THE MATTER OF:

A.A.M
D.O.B.: 03/23/2007
Case No.: JC-2015-0104
NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION HEARING ON PETITION FOR CUSTOMARY ADOPTION
TO: JOHN DOE

Notice is hereby given that you are ordered to appear before the Honorable Jay Pedro on August 3, 2017 at 1:00

Area):

Aggravated Assault – A male juvenile suspect allegedly pointed a black handgun at his father while at their residence. The father was not injured and the juvenile male suspect left prior to officer arrival.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – A Juvenile male suspect entered his father's residence, by force, and took a 50' flat screen without permission. Upon the officer's arrival the door where the suspect entered was damaged and photos were taken. The suspect was later located and arrested.

Status: Juvenile male suspect was arrested

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Arson – Officers are investigating leads regarding a fire that was set at the base of a tamarack tree. A vehicle was seen in the area of the fire as first responders arrived to the area.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – Officers responded to the Coach Outlet Store in reference to a male suspect taking two handbags and two wallets without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were

a.m. at the Gila River Indian Community Court located at 721 Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 for purposes of an Adjudication Hearing on a Petition for Customary Adoption filed on May 31, 2016 involving the Minor Child, S.O.W., date of birth August 14, 2011.

If you fail to appear at the above noted hearing, the hearing may go forward in your absence 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 imposed.

not be considered.

Distribution of funds occurring as a result of forfeited jackpots will be handled by the corporate finance department of Gila River Casinos in accordance with standard operating procedure. These funds become available on an intermittent basis and amounts and distribution times will vary.

Arizona based 501c3 non-profit organizations interested in applying for consideration of forfeited jackpot funds may submit paperwork to Manuel Hernandez, Community Liaison for Gila River Casinos. Mr. Hernandez can be reached via email at Manuel.hernandez@wingilariver.com or by phone at 1(800)946-4452 ext. 7347.

Deadline for application for consideration is August 18, 2017

For questions regarding this notification please contact Mr. Hernandez.

p.m. at the Gila River Indian Community Court located at 721 Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 for purposes of an Adjudication Hearing on a Petition for Customary Adoption filed on May 31, 2016 involving the Minor Child, A.A.M., date of birth March 23, 2007.

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dispatched to the Tommy Hilfiger Store in reference to a white male suspect taking two shirts and leaving the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Michael Kors Store in reference to two male suspects taking six purses from the display and leaving the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a theft. Upon arrival the investigation revealed that the suspect was told to leave the residence earlier in the day. A witness

COURT NOTICE

ALBERT FRALEY

Initial Termination of Parent-Child Relationship Hearing

Case: J-17-0071/0072/0073

Court Date: August 21, 2017 at 10 a.m., Courtroom #2, 1st floor

FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Location: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court

Address: 10005 East Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

BRITNY JOHNSON

Initial Termination of Parent-Child Re-

lationship Hearing

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IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA

JANELLE ROPE
Petitioner/Plaintiff,

vs.
LAMBERT VICTOR MORRILLO,

Respondent/Defendant.

CASE Number: FM-2017-0028-FJ
CNIL SUMMONS

LET IT BE KNOWN TO: LAMBERT VICTOR MORRILLO

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed and entered against you

@default Judgment re: Child Support) in the Gila River Indian Community Court.

A hearing commenced on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom VII,

West End Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ Telephone (520) 562-9860

YOU may respond in writing, and/or file appropriately to reconsider. Posting for publication shall be for 60 days.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

DATED this 30th day of June, 2017.

of the Court

Gila Crossing Community School

Requesting Proposals for Occupational Therapist

Physical Therapist Psycho-Educational Evaluator

RFP OPENING LOCATION:

Gila Crossing Community School
4665 W. Pecos Road
Laveen, AZ 85339

RFP DUE DATE: July 20, 2017

TIME: 5:00 P.M. MST

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Incident Log

June 18- 24, 2017

Calls for services this week: 618, Arrest made: 54

District One (Blackwater):

Auto Theft – Officers responded to an auto theft of a Department of Public Works Vehicle. The investigation revealed the employee got out of his vehicle to work on a generator leaving his vehicle keys in the ignition and running because the illumination of the head lights so he could see what he was working on. As the employee was returning to his vehicle he observed the door open and close. The suspect then placed the vehicle in reverse and sped off at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was later located and returned back to the employee.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded in reference to a 911 hang up. The

investigation revealed the suspect strangled the victim while the victim held a two and a half week child in her arms. During the altercation the victims other children were present and attempted to pull the suspect off of their mother. The suspect was contacted at the scene arrested, and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Auto Theft – A truck which was having mechanical issues was left at the rest stop along I-10 by the registered owner. The following day the owner arrived and attempted to retrieve his vehicle but it could not be located. The vehicle was reported stolen and entered into NCIC, the national database for stolen vehicles.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary– A juvenile male suspect shattered the front door to the MTO smoke shop taking numerous items. The surveillance camera was reviewed and the suspect was located and taken into custody.

Status: Juvenile male was booked into the Juvenile Detention Center

District Four (Stotonic

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