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# The Gila River Indian News welcomes new Newsperson

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

Dear Reader,  
I am happy to introduce myself as the new Community Newsperson for the *Gila River Indian News*. My name is Aaron Tohtsoni and I am an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. My mother is Cindy Stevens and my grandparents were the late Jess Stevens, Sr. and Evelyn Pike Stevens.

I am extremely excited to be a part of the GRIN staff and learn more about the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh.

A little about myself, I recently graduated from Arizona State University as an individualized major. I studied science, society and mass communications. I've spent the last five years writing for a newspaper in San Carlos called the *Apache Messenger*. I also have written for other Arizona newspapers including the *Eastern Arizona Courier*, the *Sierra Vista Herald* and the *Douglas Dispatch*. My niche has been covering high school sports in all corners of the state of Arizona. Nothing was more thrilling for myself as a sports reporter then covering the high school state playoffs, whether it was football, volleyball, baseball, softball,

track and field or tennis. However, the experience of covering a state basketball championship game featuring a Native American community is nothing short of electrifying.

In my spare time, I enjoy playing tennis and practicing the art of bikram yoga. I also like to get involved with various charity organizations and hope to one day chair an event. My favorite past time is watching college sports and cheering on the goliaths that are the Alabama Crimson Tide football team, the Duke Blue Devils men's basketball team and the University of Connecticut women's basketball team. And if I am ever feeling sad, I will watch any Star Wars episode to cheer myself up. My second home is Las Vegas; quite often throughout the year I make the sojourn and play bingo with my best friend.

I cannot wait to meet Community members and learn more about the traditions and culture this job will allow me to get to know and for that I am extremely grateful and excited to be here. If you ever see me out and about, please say hello.

Sincerely,  
Aaron J. Tohtsoni



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Aaron J. Tohtsoni worked for the *Apache Messenger* and graduated from Arizona State University.



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# Community member receives Spirit of the Heard Award

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Community member Arlene Joyce Hughes received special recognition for her life's work in educating the people of the Gila River Indian Community on Akimel O'otham traditions and language.

Hughes was awarded the "Spirit of the Heard," award at the Phoenix Indian Center's annual American Indian Excellence Award banquet held at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas on Nov. 14.

Hughes's work has spanned several years, which has helped to link the youth of the Community with its elders with the inclusion of traditional Akimel O'otham teachings.

From the village of Santa Cruz in District 6, Hughes said she grew up learning the Akimel O'otham language and traditions from her parents.

She said the knowledge about the language was her family's strength and connection to the land.

"I had a very stable upbringing and it was through culture...when you have both, you become a very strong person," said Hughes.

She attributes many of her successes to her traditional teachings, which she said has steered her away from the negative influenc-

es that are abound in the Community.

About the award, Hughes said it comes as a bit of surprise when she was notified by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who nominated her to be recognized. Gov. Lewis nominated Hughes for the award with the help and support of TED Culture Language Teachers and Diana Antone, Executive Assistant for the Office of the Governor.

According to a Heard Museum press release, "Every year, the Heard Museum's Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of its American Indian Advisory Committee, honors with the 'Spirit of the Heard' award to an individual, who has demonstrated personal excellence either individually or as a community leader."

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "It is an honor to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of Ms. Hughes as she is awarded the 'Spirit of the Heard,' award."

He said Hughes has dedicated her life to preserving the Community's Akimel O'otham heritage, that is intertwined in the lives of its members through language and culture.

While attending University of Arizona, Hughes received language training

from the American Indian Language Development Institute.

Lewis lauded Hughes for helping develop the O'otham Orthography for the Community and for pursuing her education.

Hughes, a Traditional Language Instructor at Gila Crossing Community School said teaching the language and cultural teachings has been her life-long mission and that every position that she had held has involved teaching culture to Community members.

Looking at her take on teaching language and culture, Hughes says the instruction has to go deeper into the spirituality and way of life of Akimel O'otham people.

"Overall I speak about plain basic teaching for the beginners, but I also include the spiritual part about the way of life for Akimel O'otham," said Hughes.

A metaphor Hughes uses is about the amount of cultural teachings Community members receive compared to the mesquite tree.

"At the top of the tree is the leaves and branches. That's the basic knowledge of O'otham traditions that we teach," said Hughes, "Most of us don't go into the in-depth thing like the roots, the roots are what



Rodale Cooley/Phoenix Indian Center

From left, Phoenix Indian Center Board President, Traci Morris, Phoenix Indian Center's CEO Patricia Hibbeler, Arlene Joyce Hughes and the Heard Museum's CEO, David Roche.

we carry with us...all these things that go down to the roots is what people should know."

Throughout her years of experience working in various public service positions, Hughes said those that she has taught traditional Akimel O'otham teachings to have found a sense of identify and have made improvements in their lives.

She said as Akimel O'otham teachings help Community members understand they are part of the preservation of the language and culture and that like a most treasured keep sake, it should not be put on a shelf to collect dust.



GRIC Photo

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis congratulates Ms. Hughes on her special recognition.

## Congratulations Ms. Arlene Joyce Hughes 2017 Spirit of the Heard Recipient



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### ARLENE JOYCE HUGHES

Ms. Hughes is a tireless educator and cultural preservationist. She is committed to the traditional perspective and principles given to her by her family and elders. Ms. Hughes has been a humble leader in the cultural revitalization efforts for her tribe and she has been instrumental in her community's language preservation efforts since 1999. Working as an educator, in 2007, she became the Gila River Indian Community's first culture coordinator. As culture coordinator, and under the direction of then Governor, William Rhodes, Ms. Hughes was an important part of the effort to develop an alphabet system for her tribe's language. In a 2005 interview conducted while she attended Arizona State University, Ms. Hughes comments, "Our language, our Himthag, is the number-one source of our soul, our pride, our being, our strength and our identity." Since earning her Arizona State University Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education- Multicultural/Multilingual Education (2005), and University of Arizona Master's in Linguistics, Native American Language and Linguistic (2016), Ms. Hughes continues to work throughout her community teaching Akimel O'otham Himthag ("way of life") and Akimel O'otham language. She is currently a Traditional Language Instructor, developing curriculum and coach of the culture program classes at Gila River Community Crossing School.

### About the Spirit of the Heard Award

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# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

Certain reports may not be available or are currently under investigation which GRPD holds the right to restrict public release.

## Incident Log

October 8 - 14, 2017

Calls for services this week: 578

Arrest made: 49

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault—Officers were dispatched for a female walking near the road that may need assistance. Officers made contact with the female who stated she was assaulted by four unknown subjects. The Subjects had punched her several times and cut her right hand with a knife. The victims injuries were non-life threatening and was transported to a medical facility for further treatment.

Status: On-going investigation

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched to residence in reference to a stolen vehicle. Contact was made with the victim who stated they were asleep and when they woke, found the key and vehicle missing. The victim stated the suspect would be her juvenile grandson who did not have permission to take the vehicle. The vehicle was entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) as stolen.

Status: On-going investigation

Burglary – The victim called dispatch to report a burglary. Upon the officer arrival contact was made with the victim who stated someone entered his property without permission and stole miscellaneous items. Photos were taken of the damages and impounded into evidence.

Status: On-going investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a domestic disturbance. Upon the officer arrival, the investigation revealed the suspect used hot cooking oil and metal cooking tongs to cause second degree burns on the victim's body. The victim was treated at the hospital for their burn injuries.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault—Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a victim with possible gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment. The suspect discharged a firearm toward a residence striking the victim multiple times, along with the residence. Criminal Investigation responded and assumed the investigation.

Status: On-going investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a local Church in reference to a theft of a purse. The investigation revealed the suspect took the victim's purse during an event being held at the church. The suspect was located and the purse was returned to the victim.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

Theft – The victim reported that the suspect used her electronic benefit transfer card (EBT) exhausting all the funds that were available. The suspect was located and questioned regarding the incident. The suspect admitted to using the card.

Status: On-going investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a call of an assault. The investigation revealed the victim had been assaulted by the suspect with a knife. The victim was transported to a local Medical Center for a non life threatening stab wound. Charges for the suspect will be long formed to the law office for review (Due to medical reasons). Photos taken will be placed into evidence.

Status: On-going investigation

District Four (Lone Butte):

Theft – At Saks Off Fifth Ave at Phoenix Premium Outlet a male walked into the store grabbed some clothing items and ran out of the store. The subject was last seen jumping into a dark SUV. The suspect was not located

Status: On-going investigation

Theft – Officers responded to the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a shoplifting. Investigation revealed a male subject walked out with a wallet from the Coach Retail Store. The male subject left in an unknown location, attempts to locate him yielded in negative results. Video surveillance was retrieved and impounded into evidence.

Status: On-going investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a theft of a cell phone. The victim reported that his daughter was in the Nike Outlet shopping when his daughter put her phone down and forgot to get it as she walked away. A short time later she returned and it was gone. In viewing the video surveillance two females were seen in the video taking the phone. The two juvenile females were located by the victim and police were called. One juvenile denied taking the phone and the other admitted.

Status: Charges forwarded to Maricopa County Attorney's Office

Theft— Three subjects committed shoplifting at The Cosmetic Company located at the Phoenix Premium Outlet, after they took make up and an eye applicator without purchasing the items. Video surveillance footage was copied and impounded into evidence.

Status: On-going investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – A person committed aggravated assault by striking two victims with a blunt object an unknown amount of times. During the investigation it was revealed that both subjects who were assaulted received lacerations and contusions.

Status: On-going investigation

Auto Theft— Officers responded to the victim's residence in reference to a theft of motor vehicle. Investigation revealed two subjects entered the victim's home, obtained their car keys, and stole the vehicle. The victim's daughter witnessed the subjects traveling south on Saint Peters Rd and then east towards the Casa Blanca Market. The vehicle was later located in District Three at a residence whom stated juveniles left the vehicle there. One of the juveniles was located and evidence was collected from the car.

Status: On-going investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a burglary. Two suspects forced entry into a residence and took multiple items. The front door and window screen were damaged in the suspect's attempts to enter the residence. Officers were able to locate both suspects who were driving a vehicle

containing the stolen items. Both suspects were taken into custody and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspects were booked into jail

Theft— The victim reported her black gorilla wagon as being stolen from her yard. Investigation revealed the suspect left her wagon outside of her apartment and it was stolen by an unknown person. The victim stated her dogs were barking at approximately 0300 a.m. and believes that is when the wagon was taken.

Status: On-going investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

## Incident Log October 15 – October 21, 2017

Gila River Police officers responded to 673 calls for service and made 45 arrests.

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) assaulted the victim by striking her with their hands and feet. During the altercation, the victim attempted to runaway and was cut with a knife. After getting away from the suspect(s) the victim was able to flag down a vehicle passing by and then contact the Gila River Police Department. The victim was transported by Gila River Emergency Medical Services to a local hospital for additional treatment of her non-life threatening injuries.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's medication while the victim was away from the residence. The victim advised there were several subjects in the home in the time frame they were gone.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic dispute which escalated into a physical altercation. The suspect picked a crowbar up and hit the victim in the back and on their forearm causing the left forearm to break. The victim was transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment. The suspect was gone prior to police arrival.

Status: Under Investigation.

Aggravated Assault – The suspect became combative and attempted to flee from officers as they were placing him under arrest. During the altercation the Officer sustained several injuries and was transported to a local hospital for treatment. The suspect was apprehended, medically cleared and transported to the Gila River Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Aggravated Assault – The suspect became uncooperative and combative while being escorted to his cell and assaulted a detention officer by head butting the victim in the face.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Theft - Suspect(s) stole a cell phone and laptop from the victims while they were spending the night at the victim's residence. When the suspect was interviewed by officers they admitted to taking the cell phone and laptop but returned only one of the items.

Status: Charges are being forwarded.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole a backpack from Sacaton Super Market that the victim left outside due to the store's no backpack policy. The victim advised there were several personal items in the backpack which had been taken.

Status: Under Investigation.

Weapons – Suspect(s) shot at and struck an occupied residence using a firearm. One round went through a window of a bedroom which is occupied by a juvenile. All occupants of the residence were unharmed.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) assaulted the victim as he was walking from the District Four Service Center towards his residence on Alley Road. The victim suffered a stab wound to his abdomen. He was able to walk home where family called for police and medical services responded. Gila River Emergency Medical Services transported the victim to a local trauma hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Four (Lone Butte / WHP Area):

Shoplifting – Sus-

pect(s) entered the Coach Store, located at Phoenix Premium Outlets, placed and concealed several items in a carry all bag before exiting the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation.

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the Volcom store, located at Phoenix Premium Outlets. The suspect went into a dressing room but then left abruptly taking several items and left the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – The suspect stole the victim's purse while they were at the Lone Butte Casino. Another patron was able to identify the suspect who was seen leaving the area with the victim's purse. The suspect left on foot prior to police arrival.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect pointed a rifle at the victim and then struck her several time with the weapon. The suspect left the residence and was later located by officers. The victim was treated by Gila River Emergency Medical Services and transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) assaulted the victim with a knife and left him in a ditch. An individual arrived at the residence and advised others the victim was bleeding in a ditch off of a back road. The victim was located with a stab wound to his abdomen and transported by Gila River Emergency Medical Services to a local trauma facility for further medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation.

Burglary – Suspect(s) forcefully entered the shed of a private residence by tearing through a screen window and stole several tools. The chain link fence around the residence was found to have been cut as well.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

# GRIC Toy Drive is collecting Christmas gifts for underprivileged youth



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gila River Fire Department, Gila River Police Department and tribal departments, programs and entities are collecting toys for Christmas until Dec. 9.

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

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, which means the Christmas season will soon be upon us with its festive decorations, scrumptious food, homes full of family and friends, and most importantly, presents.

While many Gila

River Indian Community children will be opening presents on Christmas day, there are youngsters in the Community who wouldn't have a Christmas if it weren't for the annual GRIC Toy Drive.

The toy drive, which will be collecting donated toys from Nov. 1 through Dec. 9, is a joint sponsorship between the Gila Riv-

er Fire Department and the Gila River Police Department, and is receiving assistance from numerous tribal government departments, local organizations, and enterprises.

Kathy Garcia, GRFD Deputy Fire Marshall said, "The purpose of the toy drive is to get toys for Community kids that are under the umbrella of our

Tribal Social Services."

She said there are two ways for people to donate gifts to the toy drive. People can either sponsor an individual child or family, or drop off unwrapped toys at one of the six collection locations. Garcia added there is a three-gift minimum requirement when sponsoring a child and all toys must be new, not used.

Garcia said the donated toys will be for children of all ages, from infants to 18 years-old. She recommends books, board games, soccer balls, footballs, and dolls, and suggests against gifting toy guns, darts, and other violent themed toys. She added they have the most difficulty receiving gifts for children between the ages of 8 and 14, urges donators to look for presents in this age range.

After all the donated toys are collected, a wrapping party will be held at the Huhugam Heritage Center on Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Alie Walking Badger, GRIC Communications and Public Affairs Office Special Events Coordinator, said the GRFD and GRPD play a huge role in the toy drive, collecting the toys, logging each

gift, keeping inventory, and distributing presents to children that eventually culminates in a Christmas party, which will be held on Dec. 20 at the Main Event in Tempe, Ariz.

"We have had (the Christmas party) at various places throughout the years, (but) this year we wanted to give the kids an experience they might not usually get, so we are doing it at the Main Event in Tempe."

She said this year, the kids can look forward to a highly entertaining Christmas extravaganza while receiving their presents.

Garcia said the toy drive serves over 500 children and typically gives out around 1,500 presents, and this year they are expecting a similar amount. Luckily, she said, there are many departments, organizations, and enterprises distributing the work amongst themselves.

No matter how much work it takes to collect presents, make sure every child receives gifts, keep inventory, wrap gifts, and throw a Christmas party, Garcia says it is all worth it, and for a great cause.

"Once we have the ability, we should always

be helping those in need," said Garcia. "We really take pride in making sure (the children) are all taken care of."

If you are interested in sponsoring a child or family, contact Tribal Social Service's at (520) 562-3396 and ask for Darylene Blaine. If you would like to participate in the gift-wrapping party, call Shannon Redbird at (520) 562-9859.

The following are locations where toy donations can be dropped off.

Fire Station 426 at 4793 W. Pecos Rd., Laveen Village – (520) 796-4515

Fire Station 423 at 599 East Seed Farm Rd., Sacaton, AZ – (520) 796-4580

Fire Station 429 at 5002 North Maricopa Rd., Chandler, AZ – (520) 796-5900

Fire Station 421 at 829 Blackwater School Rd., Coolidge, AZ – (520) 796-4510

GRICUA at 6640 W. Sundust Rd. Ste. 5091, Chandler, AZ – (520) 796-0600

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

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12:30pm	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Native Shorts <i>Still Life</i>	First Talk	First Talk	
1:00pm	Mirando Desde Nuestras Raices - Looking from Our Roots Inkarrí <i>Traditional storytelling and culture views from an Indigenous perspective.</i>	Alaska Tribes <i>The Story of Federal Indian Law In Alaska</i>	First People of Kumeyaay <i>They share a heritage that goes back, in their words, "to the beginning of time."</i>	Impact of the Frolic <i>Main Street Wyoming Mystery of Horse Girl Creek</i>	Native Shorts <i>Shimasani</i>	The Beginning of the End	The Ball <i>Each culture celebrates the beauty and history of traditional games.</i>	
1:30pm		Ravens and Eagles <i>From Hand to Hand Pt 1</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>From Hand to Hand Pt 2</i>	Native Shorts <i>Green Bush</i>	Traditional Ecological Knowledge	Seasoned With Spirit <i>Bounty of the River's Edge</i>	
2:00pm					Native Shorts <i>Sikumi</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>The New Collectors Pt 1</i>	Working It Out Together	
2:30pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening <i>The Northern Harvest</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>The Harvest Feast</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>The End of the Season</i>	Native Shorts <i>Goodnight Irene</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>The Spring Fest</i>		
3:00pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Vitality Health <i>Fitness Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Diabetes Management Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Spirituality/Creativity</i>	Native Shorts <i>Tenacity / Tupilaq</i>	Vitality Health <i>Stress Management</i>	Sivummut	
3:30pm	Urban Native Girl <i>Is Blood Thicker Than Love</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	
4:00pm	Goshen: Places of Refuge for Running People <i>The Tarahumara running tribe, striving to maintain their ancient culture against all odds.</i>	Working It Out Together	Indian Pride <i>Health and Healing</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Native Shorts <i>Nikamowin / Chrysalis</i>	X Storytellers in Motion	Making Regalia	
4:30pm		Sivummut	Aboriginal Adventures	Common Ground	Native Shorts <i>Stones</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>Billy Mills</i>	Common Ground	
5:00pm		First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Native Shorts <i>Rangimarie</i>	X First Talk	The New Zealanders <i>Out The Back</i>	
5:30pm	Pete & Cleo <i>Cleo on spring break from college, Pete at home to care for their mother. Not one afternoon passes before the two are at odds.</i>	Native Report	People of the Pines <i>Invasion and Response</i>	Making Regalia	Native Shorts <i>Wakening</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Heartwrenching encounter with nurse Marg.	
6:00pm		First People of Kumeyaay <i>They share a heritage that goes back, in their words, "to the beginning of time."</i>	Impact of the Frolic	The Beginning of the End	Native Shorts <i>Red Buffalo Skydive</i>	The Ball <i>Each culture celebrates the beauty and history of traditional games.</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Russel Bates</i>	
6:30pm			Main Street Wyoming <i>Mystery of Horse Girl Creek</i>	Traditional Ecological Knowledge	Native Shorts <i>Indian 49 / The Hill</i>		Dabiyiyuu <i>The Last Sturgeon</i>	
7:00pm	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>	Native Shorts <i>Plains Empty -Sundance Institute's Native American and Indigenous Program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	
7:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report						Native Report	
8:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures	Wapos Bay <i>Raiders of the Lost Art</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Hardest Lesson</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Dance, Monkey, Dance</i>	Native Shorts <i>Memory</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Making It Right</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Cut Down Day</i>	
8:30pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Fish Out of Water <i>Oujebougomou</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Fish Out of Water <i>Batoche Nat'l Historic Site</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	
9:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Sailing the Master Home</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Urban Native Girl <i>Lisa vs. Lisa</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Birth of a Station</i>	Native Shorts <i>A Thousand Roads-Sundance Institute's Native and Indigenous Program.</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Mixed Blessings <i>Choices</i>	
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10:00pm		Irezumi, The Japanese Art of Tattooing <i>Exclusivity of few masters who continue a tradition.</i>	Native Planet: New Zealand <i>Trying to breathe life back into a sacred lake decimated by pollution.</i>	Kanie'Keha:Ka: Living The Language Pt 1 <i>Personal stories of the Mohawk language.</i>	Native Shorts <i>The Cave / Choke</i>	Maina <i>Maina has to follow the trail of her enemies to retrieve Nipki, Matsii's 11-year-old son who has been captured by the Inuit. She is taken captive herself.</i>	More Than Frybread <i>22 tribes from Arizona convene to compete in the first ever Frybread competition.</i>	
10:30pm	Johnny Be Good				Native Shorts <i>Seal Hunting with Dad</i>			
11:00pm	Holdings of Wisdom <i>Elder wise women; the animals and Earth Mother, sharing their wisdom with the world.</i>	Inukshuk <i>Combining traditions and modern approaches, the Inuits face new challenges every day to survive.</i>	Native Planet: Ecuador <i>An aboriginal tribe waging an international fight to keep oil companies and their government off their land.</i>	Kanie'Keha:Ka: Living The Language Pt 2 <i>Personal stories of the Mohawk language.</i>	Native Shorts <i>Gesture Down</i>			
11:30pm					Native Shorts <i>X Great Northern Mtn</i>		Legends from the Sky <i>A Vet must search for his missing grandfather.</i>	

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# St. Peter students sing and dance for National Native American Heritage Month

**Roberto A. Jackson**  
Gila River Indian News

National Native American Heritage Month took on a special meaning on Nov. 14 when about 60 students visited the Governance Center in Sacaton to share traditional songs and dances. St. Peter Indi-

an Mission School was the center of attention during a distinctive presentation in the Governance Center lobby as the students sang and danced in honor of the month long observance of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The Gila River Indian Community's Human Re-

sources Department hosted the school and invited GRIC staff to attend the 10 a.m. presentation, which featured first and fourth grade students and the middle school boys and girls.

"It's what we do as O'otham, we come together," said Bryson Hall, Culture Teacher at St. Pe-

ter, prior to the dances. According to Hall this was the fourth time the students have danced in honor of National Native American Heritage Month, which highlights tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

The songs and dances lasted about 45 minutes with staff observing the

students and listening as the students described the cultural significance of each song.

Jr. Miss St. Peters Angel Pasqual introduced herself and thanked the staff members for attending the presentation.

Corina Harrison, Culture Teacher at St. Peter,

said that the participation of the students was determined by their grades and attendance. The students who maintained their academic responsibilities were among the 60 or so who danced for GRIC staff, which included Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

First and sixth grade students joined the middle school boys and girls during a presentation for National Native American Heritage Month.



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Dena Blaine, eighth grade, heads a line of basket dancers from St. Peter Indian Mission School at the Governance Center on Nov. 14.



What do you like?

When thinking about buying gifts for the Holidays and what to get your loved ones you can always ask someone in O'otham Sha:chu ap s-ho:hith? This question literally asks someone what is it that they enjoy (as an activity) or what sort of thing do they like. It is a useful question to use when you want to indirectly ask someone what they like without giving away that you're thinking of buying them a gift. This question makes use of the word s-ho:hith, which is an action word that is used when describing something that is liked or enjoyed by a person. For example if you want to say you like dogs you can say Mañ s-ho:hith heg gogoks, or if you want to say that you enjoy the rain you could say Mañ s-ho:hith heg ju:k. Both of these sentences consist of a sentence introducing prefix m-, a first person auxiliary word 'añ, the action word s-ho:hith, an article heg, and the object that is being liked (gogoks, ju:k). The auxiliary word 'añ in these sentences corresponds to the English word "I" and specifies who is doing the liking in the sentence. If you wanted to change the statement to say that the person being addressed

likes dogs you would change the auxiliary from 'añ "I" to 'ap "you" and say Map s-ho:hith heg gogoks meaning "you like dogs." Normally auxiliary words like 'añ and 'ap can't appear by themselves at the beginning of a sentence and need a "helper" prefix that comes before them. In this case the helper prefix is the m- prefix which is used when someone is providing a general statement. Another way to say the first sentence is S-ho:hith 'añ heg gogoks. This sentence, which is equivalent in meaning to the first statement, starts with the action word S-ho:hith which is then followed by the auxiliary 'añ. This example shows that the auxiliary 'añ, that corresponds to the English word "I", can be said by itself when it is not at the start of the sentence.

The word s-ho:hith is one of the initial "s" words in O'otham that loses its "s" sound when you negate the sentence (say that something isn't liked or enjoyed). This mirrors some of the other "s" type words (s-io'ov "sweet", s-he'ek "sour", s-onk "salty", s-ko'ok "chile hot") that we described a few months ago. For example if you wanted to say that you didn't like cats you could

say Bi añ shai ho:hith heg mimithol. This sentence uses the negation word bi which is followed by the auxiliary 'añ. In this example we can see that the action word s-ho:hith "to like" drops its initial "s" sound and is pronounced only as ho:hith. Another example that shows this same pattern is Bi 'añ shai ho:hith heg vaila "I don't really like to dance."

When you want to talk about an action that you enjoy doing, you use a slightly longer sentence that is made up of two parts. The first part consists of the two words Mañ s-ho:hith that we saw in our first two examples and basically states that "I like (something)." The second part consists of a phrase that starts off with the word mantho which means something like "when I" followed by another action word and then an object. For example if you want to say that you enjoy playing guitar you would say Mañ s-ho:hith mantho hukshañ heg githal. This example literally says something like "I like/enjoy when I am strumming the guitar." It starts with the phrase Mañ s-ho:hith followed by the word mantho and then followed by the word hukshañ "to play guitar" and finally ends

Sha:chu 'ap s-ho:hith? "What do you like?" Match the O'otham "like" phrase with its picture!

Mañ s-ho:hith mantho ñeokchul heg o'ohana.

Mañ s-ho:hith mantho kaihamath heg kuikuḍ.

Mañ s-ho:hith mantho melchthath heg keishpanakuḍ.

Mañ s-ho:hith mantho eñ pasimath.

Mañ s-ho:hith mantho chichvith heg e bo:l.

Mañ s-ho:hith mantho ñeithath heg u'uvig



with the word githal "guitar." Incidentally, the word hukshañ that in this example means to strum or play guitar also means to scratch using ones fingernails. Another example of this type of sentence is Mañ s-ho:hith mantho ñeithath heg vep'gi or "I like to watch movies." This example makes use of the words ñeithath "to watch something" and the word vep'gi which in this example means movies (but can also mean lightning or electricity depending on the context in which you use it). And if you wanted to be more specific in your original reply about

liking dogs and say you like playing with your pet dogs you can change the original sentence to say Mañ s-ho:hith mantho chichvith heg eñ gogoks shoshiga. This sentence makes use of the word chichvith "to play with" as well as the word eñ "my" and shoshiga "pets." Learning to speak O'otham can be intimidating at first, but once you start learning small phrases and get the idea of how sentences are put together you can make use of the regular patterns in O'otham grammar to create new sentences. Sometimes it is just a matter of thinking

about different ways you can answer a question like Sha:chud ap s-ho:hith? This is something that you can practice to yourself and be ready when someone asks you what you like. Hopefully someday one of the phrases that you'll respond with is something along the lines of Mañ s-ho:hith mantho ve:m-ñeñeok O'othamach! This month's word match will challenge you to think about different activities that you may like to do. We encourage you to keep speaking with each other in O'otham and to have a S-he:kig Thova Thash!

# Tribal Education wants to change the culture of reading in Gila River

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

The strength of a community is its children, and the direction those children lead their community in the future is rooted in their education.

The future of the Gila River Indian Community is already being sown in the tribe's youngest generation and the Tribal Education Department (TED) believes literacy is key to future success and has begun implementing an ambitious plan to put 100 books inside 80 percent of homes in the Community with young children.

The plan is called Growing Readers and Developing Leaders (GRDL), and is an effort to jumpstart children's interest in reading, which has been found to have a profound impact on a child's academic and future success regardless of nationality, education level, or parents' economic status.

According to the 20-year international study "Family Scholarly Culture and Educational Success: Books and Schooling in 27 Nations," children growing up in homes with 100 books or more have three times the chance of completing the ninth grade as those from bookless homes.

The plan, which began on Oct. 1, 2016 and is funded by the Native Youth Community Projects (NYCP) grant, is a community-wide initiative aimed at changing the culture of literacy and communication within GRIC.

John Molina, TED Project Manager, said the Community has been identified as a book desert, meaning people do not have access to literature like they would in other communities. He said the four year NYCP grant will allow TED to implement their plan, which is made up of four goals, and will distribute tens of thousands of books into Community homes.

The first goal is to change habits of reading in the Community and give families tools to further their own education with literacy.

"Currently we have book distributions going on in every district," Molina said. "We are aiming to put 100 books in 80 percent of the homes with young children under six."

He said during their first book distribution this past March, they gave out 1,300 packets containing 10 books each, which comes to a whopping 13,000 books. The 9-page books are illustrated and written with simple phrases that are either descriptive or tell a short story. More

distributions are currently underway and planned for the future.

Unite for Literacy, the organization contracted to print and assist in the development of books, also helps Community members create their own short stories using local landmarks, traditional culture, and slice-of-life tales from tribal members.

DeAnna Ringlero, TED Literacy Coordinator, who works with families at the literacy sessions, was also one of several Community members to create their own book. Her book, "Let's Skateboard" tells a short story about skateboarding and her own family.

"It's something relevant in the Community right now," she said. "My kids skateboard and my husband skateboards. The book is about helping, trying again, promoting our community, and healthy things that you can do outside with your family," she said.

So far nine books have been created by Community members, with more on the way.

The second half of the first goal is hosting family literacy sessions to teach parents how to engage and support their child's development. These sessions are being taught by Southwest Human Development, which specializes in the development of young children.

We want them "to be self-directed reading, to further their own education with literacy," said Molina. "The family literacy gatherings and the book



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

The Tribal Education Department is promoting literacy with the Growing Readers and Developing Leaders program.

distribution are both aimed at putting books in their homes and giving the people in those homes all the tools they would need to interact with their children."

The second goal of the GRDL plan was to establish a demonstration preschool classroom at Blackwater Community School, that utilizes a literacy focused curriculum and print rich environment to demonstrate how well the new system performs when compared to traditional academic formats.

"Really what we want to do is (to see) how great these families are doing, look how much these kids have grown by having exposure to books, and lit-

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Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Deanna Ringlero, TED Literacy Coordinator, works with families at a literacy session.

## Gila Crossing Community School

### *Holiday Hustle for Books*

**Fun Walk/Fun Run**

**5K/10K Race**

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

*Entry Fees*

<b>GRIC Students</b>	5K - \$4.00
	10K - \$8.00
<b>GRIC Members &amp; Employees</b>	5K - \$10.00
	10K - \$15.00
<b>Non-Members/Public</b>	5K - \$15.00
	10K - \$25.00

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

All participants will receive a t-shirt & medal

Award for 10K Top Male & Top Female Finisher

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

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

# Saturday, December 09, 2017

**07:00 a.m.**

Gila Crossing Community School  
5031 W. Gila Crossing Rd. Laveen, AZ 85339






# Christmas

*in the desert*

This year's River of Lights Parade theme will celebrate  
 "Christmas in the Desert "

**Friday, December 1, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Sacaton, AZ**

For more information or to obtain an application please contact  
 Alie Walking Badger at (520) 562-9713 or Shannon Redbird at (520) 562-9859.



# Veterans Day

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ments, with proclamations, with parades, but we must always honor them with our hearts and our deepest feelings of gratitude.”

During the video tribute to veterans that have passed away, Gov. Lewis, read the names of each veteran and later said that it is because of the sacrifices of our people to serve in the armed forces that the Community will show its continued thanks for their service given years ago.

Post 51 member Gary Anderson Sr., gave a video presentation that was put together by his son Gary Anderson Jr., who could not be present at the event.

Anderson’s son is a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne, spent nine years in the U.S. Army, talked about his deployments overseas in Afghanistan and Iraq.

He said his time deployed was one of the most challenging, but also made him think about the sacrifices at home that are made by serviceman and woman

in defense of the nation and their tribal communities.

Before closing the event, Gov. Lewis said, “In times of conflict and battle, the soldier fights for our freedom and defends our independence so that we may continue to live in a country founded on the rights endowed to us by our Creator.”

The morning was capped off by a traditional meal, along with music and entertainment for the families with jumping castles, arts & crafts and games.

- Photos by Christopher Lomahquahu



# At-risk youth come together for 2017 GRIC Juvenile Drug Court Conference



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Michael Preston, Youth Coordinator, speaks at the Juvenile Drug Court Conference.

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

At-risk youth in the Gila River Indian Community, who are working to get back on the right path participated in the 2017 GRIC Juvenile Drug Court Conference held at the District 3 Head Start on Oct. 28.

The conference is held for youth who are in the Community's Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) program, which is an intensive program requiring weekly counseling, community service, activities that contribute to healthy living, and mandatory school participation.

Youth in the program are typically facing charges

from GRIC's Prosecutor's Office, and by participating in the JDC program their charges are put on hold, and once they finish the program their charges are dropped, which leaves them without a record, allowing youth another chance at leading a normal life.

Norma Nahsonhoya, GRIC Juvenile Drug Court Coordinator, said the conference began five years ago, after they found kids in the program had trouble integrating with other youth at the annual Youth Council Conference.

"A lot of them come from disadvantage households, they are struggling, they are not in school, social issues, some are wards

of the court, no fault of their own," said Nahsonhoya. "They didn't feel comfortable with the big tribal youth conference so we decided to work on something and in 2013 we held our first conference and ever since then we have been having one every year."

This year's conference was emceed by 2017-2018 Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia, with an introduction by GRIC Children's Court Judge Jay Pedro, opening blessing performed by Anthony Gray, and keynote speaker Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. The event was filled with activities from door prize drawings, ice breakers, a BBQ lunch, a performance by the Gila River Basket Dancers, speeches on recovery and empowerment, as well as a motivational presentation by Michael Preston, and cultural presentation by Jii-vik Siik.

Judge Pedro, who has been involved with the conference since its inception five years ago, said the event is for Community youth who may not have control over their lives, and the program is helping them get through some of their own serious issues.

"They aren't really serious offenders, but they are at risk," Pedro said. "They are at the stage where if somebody does not intervene, they probably are going to get more into the court system by committing more serious crimes, and we are trying to head that off now."

He added that the Community court system, from the GRIC Prosecutor's Office to the Defense Services Office, is fully in support of turning the youth's lives around, so they have an opportunity to lead a healthy and positive life.

"We are a team, we have representatives from the probation department, behavioral health services, tribal social services, tribal education, our law enforcement, our prosecutor's office, and our defense attorneys, they come together and collaborate," Pedro said.

Nahsonhoya said the conference is there to support the youth, and show them that they are supported outside of the court system as well.

"I think all the children in the Community are of value and they all need some encouragement and support in their lives, and in these types of programs, we offer that for them, and we do our best and try to help them as much as we can," she said.



## GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

**WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 29, 2017 &  
DECEMBER 13, 2017  
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

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Large Conference Room  
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**BLACK FRIDAY SKATE COMP!**

**Fri, Nov. 24th**  
**D3 Sacaton Skatepark**

**FREE EVENT!**

**Registration Starts: 10am**

**Contest Starts: 11am**

**Age Divisions:**  
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**Obituary**



Terri Lynn Allen  
 DOB 1/17/1968  
 DOD 10/30/2017  
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**Obituary**



Casimiro Garza, Jr.  
 Born in Phoenix, AZ  
 December 3, 1963 - October 21, 2017  
 Survived by:  
 Daughter Shawnelle Martinez  
 Son Mikeal Martinez  
 Granddaughter Elena Hernandez  
 Father Casimiro Garza Sr.  
 And Brother Arturo Garza  
 Cass was a loving, wise, caring, hilarious individual who will be missed deeply but never forgotten. We love you always Dad, Bro, Lil Grandpa & Son. Services entrusted to Legacy Funeral Home Chandler.

**COURT NOTICE**

IN THE COURT OF THE  
 GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY  
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 COURT DATE NOTICE  
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 Docket Number: FM-2017-0083-DV  
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.  
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 Matthew Failauga  
 Answer/Response Hearing  
 AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,  
 721 West Seed Farm Road,  
 Sacaton, AZ 85147  
 18th day of December, 2017 at 3:00 PM in Courtroom 1 before the Honorable Dallas DeLowe  
 Garcia Date: Monday, November 13, 2017

**4th Memorial For Shaylon Paul Sunna**

Shaylon left us beautiful memories and his love is still our guide  
 Although we cannot see him, His is always by our side  
 We Miss You Shaylon!

**Saturday, November 25, 2017**  
**District 5 Multi-Purpose Bldg.**  
**Rosary at 11am by St. Anthony's Group**  
**Lunch & Choirs immediately following**

**As Shaylon would want family & friends to celebrate with him, there will be a Game Truck & Bouncers on site**

**Walk & Run** *4th Memorial* **Walk & Run**

*"Tadai"*  
 Shaylon B. Sunna  
 2003-2018

**Saturday, November 25, 2017**  
**District 5 Multi-Purpose Bldg.**  
**Registration @ 8AM**  
**Walk & Run Starts @ 9AM**

More Information Contact:  
 Alie Walking Badger : 480 - 521- 4378

**All For Fun Together, To Celebrate Shaylon's Life**

# Pony Express visits Sacaton to Promote Gilbert Days Rodeo



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Sacaton Middle School students, Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia and members of the Gilbert Promotional Corporation pose in Sacaton on Nov. 3 for the arrival of the Pony Express to promote the Gilbert Days Rodeo.

**Roberto A. Jackson**  
Gila River Indian News

The 2,000-mile long route of the celebrated Pony Express has receded to history, fading with the brush and the Western twilight. The daring riders are frozen in the amber of time and the horses only trot in the silence of the past where the dreams of a young nation moved toward the setting sun.

With no more letters to send or lives to risk, the

Pony Express of today carries on the traditions of the Old West for educational purposes and preserves the exploits of those riders for students who were not alive during the mail service's 18-month ride to glory.

Every year the riders visit Sacaton as a harbinger for the Gilbert Days Rodeo, which is presented by the Gilbert Promotional Corporation (GPC). This year, the splendor of the Pony Express leaped from

history and into Sacaton for a special western ceremony to once again promote the Gilbert Days Rodeo.

On Nov. 3, the Pony Express along with Gilbert Days Rodeo royalty, and the GPC stopped in District 3 to deliver a formal invitation to the festivities on behalf of the City of Gilbert. Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia, and about 30 students from Sacaton Middle School spent time with the Pony Express for the cer-

emony, which included a brief lesson on the famous old west delivery service.

James Tree, President of the GPC, welcomed the students and the GRIC representatives by acknowledging the value of the history of the riders and festivities in Gilbert. "It's a part of history, it's also a part of our Gilbert Days celebration," said Tree.

The 2017 Gilbert Days Rodeo Queen Taryn Cantrell sang the national



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

From left, Kendra Diegan, Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia, Gilbert Days Rodeo Queen Taryn Cantrell, and James Tree, president of the Gilbert Promotional Corporation.

anthem and Julee Brady, GPC, gave a brief lesson on the riders and importance of honoring America's past. "We think the past is a present to the future," she said.

The middle school students brought some letters with them, and even though they were right

across the street from the United States Postal Service branch in Sacaton, they gave their letters to the trusty riders of the Pony Express in a gesture of friendship and respect for Cowboy traditions.

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GEORGE R. RICHARDSON, individually No. CV 2 0 1 7 - 0 5 5 3 6 Plaintiff,

vs. GREGORY F. JAMES and JANE DOE JAMES, husband and wife , PETRA LORETTA (Tort-Motor Vehicle) MONTALBO, and JOHN DOE MONTALBO, wife and husband , aka PETRA LORETTA LISBY, and JOHN DOE LISBY; JOHN DOES I-X; JANE DOES I-X; XYZ CORPORATIONS I-X; BLACK AND WHITE PARTNER-

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

\*photo on file must have the current ID background

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

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

Community members 55+ receive a card at no cost.

## Attention Community Members

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

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

## The Enrollment Department provides the following services:

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

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

## D4 Elderly Complex Community Yard/Food Sale Open to Everyone!!!

**Saturday, Nov 18, 2017**  
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## Gila River Indian Community Property & Supply Surplus Giveaway

**\*\*\*Community Members Only\*\*\***

**Date:** Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup> 2017

**Time:** 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Location:** Property & Supply.

Shipping & Receiving Warehouse  
1576-C South Nelson Drive  
Chandler, AZ 85226

**Items: \*\*\* Desks, File Cabinets, Chairs, and misc items\*\*\***

1. Registration opens at 8:00 am. (Entrance on the north side of building)
2. Must have Gila River Tribal Identification at time of registration. (No exceptions)
3. Registration closes at 12:00PM.
4. Each Community Member will be issued (4) tickets
5. Must be Age 18 and over.
6. All items are "AS IS" and GRIC is not responsible for liability of items.
7. Must have your own vehicle & tie straps or you will not be able to participate.
8. All items must be loaded and taken away immediately after selection.
9. Items that are not taken away will be returned back to surplus.

**\*\*\*There is no holding of any items by Property & Supply\*\*\***

For further information, please call S&R Warehouse at 520-796-3950

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • November 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 November 1, 2017, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:09 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

## ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman (9:30), Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams (9:11), Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison (10:42), Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, , Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans (9:21); D7- Devin Redbird (9:20)

Council Members Absent:

D5-Robert Stone; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr.

## APPROVAL OF A GENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

## PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Introduction of Head Start Program Bureau of Indian Education Officials

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED THE HEAD START OFFICIALS MR. TODD LERTJUNTHARANGOOL AND MS. SHAUNE' NICHOLLS. EACH OFFICIAL PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THEIR BACKGROUND AND EXPRESSED WORDS OF APPRECIATION. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

## REPORTS

1. Imagine Elementary and Imagine Prep Coolidge Schools

Presenters: Angela West, Clara Thigpen, Freddie Villalon

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. GRICUA's FY17 Q3 Report

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Economic Development Opportunity (Executive Session)

Presenter: Dale Gutenson

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. United States Settlement of Litigation with

Barron Collier Company Overdraft On Payments

Owed for Indian Education in Arizona (Executive

Session)

Presenter: Naomi Bebo

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:42 A.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report For September 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Planning & Oversight Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community Council For September 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving A

Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Gila River Indian Community Fire Department And The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with additional information)

Presenter: Thomas C. Knapp

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation To Apply For Bureau Of Indian Affairs School Bus Route Funds To Increase The Condition Of Route 205 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, with correction in the 7th WHEREAS)

Presenter: Gregory McDowell

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. To Maintain, Operate, And Repair A Communication Facility And Related Uses Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Removal Of Lots 8 And 9 From The Ira Hayes Subdivision And Assigning And Granting The Area Known As Ira Hayes Parcel To The District Five Community For The Purposes Of Future Community Development And Services As Shown In Drawing

No. 30516-0818 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Barney Bigman

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. A Resolution Approving The Reinstatement of Alicia Christine Villarreal Into The Membership Of The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with additional material)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Supporting BWCS's Request to BIE to Convert The School's Existing 4th & 5th Grades to BIE Funded Grades (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Jagdish Sharma, Erin Byrnes

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MINUTES

1. October 4, 2017 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVED AS AMENDED

2. October 16, 2017 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> LITIGATION MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017, 1PM

ADJOURNMENT

**Tournament**  
December 2, 2017

Tournament	Check-in Time	Start time
Toka Tournament	7:00 am	8:00 am
Songivu'l Tournament	7:00 am	8:00 am

**Deadline for Toka Tournament sign up will be November 21st 2017 at 5:00PM**  
More info contact:  
Sylvia Gutierrez (520) 568-1362 or Email: SGutierr@ak-chin.nsn.us  
Antonio Davis (520) 858-4886 or Email: ADavis@ak-chin.nsn.us  
*Ak-Chin Indian Community/Masik Tas committee will not be responsible for any damages, accidents, injuries, theft or death resulting from participation in "The Masik Tas Toka/Songivu'l Tournament."*

## TED Literacy from Page 8

erature, and communication with their families,” said Molina. “We want to point to that Blackwater classroom and say, look at the benefits of this sort of structure in the classroom, look at the benefits of the curriculum, of a print rich environment, and be able to apply some of those things to other preschool classrooms,” he said.

The third goal of the plan has been to engage kindergarten through eighth graders in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) print rich activities that support self-directed reading habits outside of the classroom.

This past summer TED worked with summer school programs at Sacaton Elementary and Middle Schools, Gila Crossing Community School, Blackwater Community School, and Casa Blanca Community School, where students participated in STEM activities designed to engage kids using science based projects.

“Sometimes it is creating a landform model and showing water that sits in a lake is ground water (in another area),” said Molina. “So, if you pollute the ground, the pollutants are

going to get into that water. They are meant to be engaging activities to get kids curious and make them want to further their own education,” he said.

Almost 600 Community students took part in STEM based activities during the summer.

The fourth and final goal of the GRDL plan is to establish a professional learning community, which will foster professional development of local teachers. To do this, TED is holding four profession-

al development days next year between September and May of 2018.

Fredrick Poitra, TED Assistant Director, said the current contractors and consultants already working with them will provide professional development to all K-8 teachers in the Community.

“The K-2 (grade) teachers are going to be meeting in the same room and talking about best practices in the classroom that relate to literacy, same thing with the 3-5 (grades)

and the 6-8 (grades),” Poitra said. “All teachers will be involved and in the end, they are all going to get eight hours of specific training in literacy and 21st century learning in the classroom, what you should do, what you shouldn’t do, all based around literacy.”

The end goal of the GRDL plan is by the end of four years to change the culture of literacy and communication in the Community, to get parents who don’t read to their children to begin picking up books

and reading bed time stories, to engage their children with simple conversations on a daily basis, and provide an education format focused on literacy.

Isaac Salcido, TED Director said the GRDL plan is a massive undertaking and nothing like it has ever been attempted, but they are confident their focus on academic achievement through literacy education will produce results.

“Right now, we know that Community members don’t have a lot of books

in their homes, and they don’t read to their kids regularly, so ultimately at the end of four years, we want to change that paradigm,” Salcido said. “Success isn’t going to be that we distributed 100,000 books, the success isn’t that we train 50 teachers. Success is how many people changed. What cultural shift can we point back to on October 1, 2016, when the grant started, and say this is where it began.”



Team Waivers  
Saturday, December 2, 2017

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [THE NAMED PARTICIPANT] understand that the Ak-Chin Indian Community (the “Community”), the Ak-Chin Indian Community Youth Council staff, the Masik Tas Committee, and its members, The Ak-Chin Indian Community employees have not waived their sovereign immunity from suit with respect to any claims, demands, or causes of action that may be asserted by me.

In consideration of the opportunity to participate in activities and services at the Ak-Chin Masik Tas Celebration, I assume all risks of injury, illness, death and any other personal or property loss arising from my participation in such activities or services. Further, I assume all risks associated with using the Ak-Chin Masik Tas Celebration event even if they arise from the negligence of the Community, or any individual and/or group associated with the Ak-Chin Masik Tas Celebration. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release from all liability the Ak-Chin Indian Community and any individual and/or group associated with the Ak-Chin Masik Tas Celebration. I waive, release and forever discharge all rights and claims for damages which may arise out of or in connection with my participation in Ak-Chin Masik Tas Celebration activities or services, including existing claims or any which may hereafter accrue.

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SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT'S PARENT (IF LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE) DATE

### Masik Tas Songivu'l Tournament Saturday, December 2, 2017 Ak-Chin Indian Community, Arizona

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Participants Names:

- |         |          |
|---------|----------|
| 1 _____ | 6 _____  |
| 2 _____ | 7 _____  |
| 3 _____ | 8 _____  |
| 4 _____ | 9 _____  |
| 5 _____ | 10 _____ |

- **Double Elimination**
- **Round Robin Style, if only 5 teams or less,**
- **No out of bounds**
- **Every player and game piece (Songivu'l) must cross the starting and finish line**
- **Teams may use their own game piece (Songivu'l)**
- **We are not responsible for any injury or unsportsmanlike conduct**

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### ALL CLINICS CLOSED

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

### PHARMACY HOURS

11/23 Closed

11/24 Open 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

11/25 Open 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

11/26 Open 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Normal business hours will resume Monday, 11/27/17. If you need immediate assistance, call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

## HHKMH PHARMACY HOURS EXTENDED TO MIDNIGHT

Beginning December 1st, extended hours will allow patients more access to Pharmacy services at HHKMH.

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The Pharmacy is still open on Sunday, offering services from 12:00 noon - 10:00 pm (no change).

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### GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

#### ☆☆ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ☆☆

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Gila River Indian Utility Authority - 6640 W. Sundust Rd. Ste. 5091 Chandler 520-796-0600**

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

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