

Two GRIC servicemen honored at Run for the Fallen

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In honor of two Gila River Indian Community military veterans who fell in combat, 240 students from St. Peter Indian Mission School put on their running shoes and ran two miles throughout the school's campus on Oct. 13 for the 2nd Annual Run for The Fallen, an event where participants run one mile for a specific service member killed in combat.

The two Community veterans given tribute during the event were U.S. Army Cpl. Billy B. Farris, who was killed on December 12, 2006 during operations in Iraq, and U.S. Marine Corps L.Cpl. Joe M. Jackson, who fell on April 24, 2011 while serving in Afghanistan.

The event, which was attended by St. Peter students, staff, Community veterans, and tribal dignitaries, began with the singing of the national anthem and Pledge of Allegiance performed by students, followed by the Posting of Colors presented by members of the USMC Color Guard from Yuma's U.S. Marine Corps Air Base, and a welcoming from Gary Anderson.

Anderson performed a roll call, where he called out Community veterans' ranks and names. Each veteran whose name was called stood at attention. Veteran after veteran stood at attention



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis pins an Arizona Gold Star medal on Shawn Marceau in honor of U.S. Marine Corps L. Cpl. Joe M. Jackson at the Run for the Fallen event on Oct. 13.

reporting back to Anderson until he came to Cpl. Farris and L.Cpl. Jackson's names. For Farris and Jackson's roll call, only silence was heard. Shortly after Taps was played in honor of the fallen soldiers.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said veterans and Community members who have fallen in combat are important to the Community, which has a rich and storied military history, from Matthew B. Juan and Ira H. Hayes, to mem-

bers of his own family, including his great uncle Cpl. Richard Lewis who served in the First Marine Division Reinforced during World War II and was killed in action in 1943.

USMC Sgt. Maj. Robert Foster said he was humbled by the presence of the veterans in attendance and the Community's sacrifices its members have made in service to the country.

"Today, our fallen Arizona heroes are being honored for their

unselfish service to our country," Sgt. Maj. Foster said. "The Gila River Indian Community is a rich part of this story, your sons and daughters have heard the call and stepped forward to be part of this story and to give to this great nation. This community has always rallied behind and supported those efforts, and this great community has also lost. The gold star families giving the ultimate sac-

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GRIC firefighters help fight devastating northern California fires

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Over the past several weeks a series of wild fires have devastated areas of Napa, Sonoma, Lake, and Butte counties in northern California, destroying over 3,500 structures, killing at least 41 people, with over 400 still missing, and forcing the evacuation of over 20,000.

Firefighters from around the United States, and the world, have been traveling to the affected areas to help put out fires, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs Pima Agency Type 2 IA Crew, which is primarily comprised of Native Americans firefighters. Several members of the crew come from the Gila River Indian Community: Julian Murgia, D6, Anthony Allen, D5, Gabrielle Baker, D5, and William Morago, D4.

Alan H. Sinclair, BIA Fire Management Officer Pima Agency/Salt River Agency, said the crew is currently fighting the Mendocino Lake Complex Fire located in Ukiah, Calif.

Sinclair said the loss of life and property has been significant and the crew is working hard to make sure the fire is contained.

"The crew is driving through burned out neighborhoods, wit-



Photo Courtesy of BIA Pima Agency

Bureau of Indian Affairs Pima Agency Type 2 IA Crew at the Mendocino Lake Complex. The crew is primarily made up of Native Americans and includes members from the Gila River Indian Community.

nessing body recoveries," said Sinclair. "They are proud to be here assisting and helping out in this time of need, but also sad at witnessing so much devastation," he said.

He said it is good for the crew to be helping out in this time of need, gaining valuable expe-

rience, and taking part in such a large event.

According to the Mercury News, the Mendocino Lake Complex Fire has claimed the lives of eight people, destroyed 50 homes, burnt 32,100 acres, and displaced an estimated 5,000 people in evacuations. Winds are

expected to increase this Friday and through the weekend, which could potentially spread the fire.

To keep up to date with the Pima Agency Type 2 IA Crew visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TribalNationsResponseTeam>

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U.S. Department of Justice Official Visits GRIC

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During a visit to the On Eagles Wings domestic violence shelter in District 3 Sacaton, Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomed U.S. Department of Justice Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand on Oct. 4.

On Oct. 3 Brand announced that American Indian and Alaska Native people will be receiving \$130 million of DOJ funds to boost public safety.

According to a DOJ press release, the funds will be distributed in grants that will address violence against women, serve victims of crime and assist Native youth programs nationwide.

Brand, in the press release said, "Supporting our tribal partners as they work to protect their communities remains fundamental to our mission at the Department of Justice."

On the morning of Brand's visit, Lewis said, "We really consider [you] partners in addressing the issues among tribal communities nationwide and for being able to come out and tour the facility."

Before a tour of the On Eagles Wings facility with Brand, Lewis said, "It says a lot about the Department of Justice's interest in addressing the many issues that affect tribal communities in regards to crime."

He said the Community is invested in protective measures like VAWA and the Tribal Law and Order Act, which increases dialog between the DOJ and tribal public safety to decrease violence in tribal communities.

Brand said, "It's great for me to come here and see what the needs are and why it is important to fund important services within tribal communities."

Lewis said the domestic violence shelter's beginnings stemmed from the Community's commitment to safeguard the welfare of Native women, who have been the victim of domestic violence.

"We are actually working with the implementation of VAWA and are learning how to strengthen our commitment to the mission of providing [this] crucial service in our Community. We know that this is a constant path that we have chosen to undertake, which is led by dedicated staff, who run the facility," said Lewis.

Brand said the Community's DV shelter is a great demonstration of how tribal communities like GRIC are able to address the issue on their own, but that it also includes a cooperative approach



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Angel Cruz, right, Domestic Violence Shelter Coordinator, talks with Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand, center, and Acting U.S. District Attorney for Arizona District Elizabeth Strange, left, about the mission of the facility on Oct. 4.



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From left, Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and Acting U.S. District Attorney for Arizona District Elizabeth Strange.

from the DOJ to aid in the safety of tribal members.

As part of Brand's announcement about the funding of DOJ funds to tribes, GRIC will receive two grants, one of those will bolster jurisdictional matters under the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act and the other will reinforce the safety of DV, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking victims.

For tribal communities across the nation, the DOJ grant funds will be dispersed through the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation program, which so far has awarded 125 tribal communities, including Alaska Native villages.



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Arizona's only artificial bald eagle's nest raised in the Community

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Flying high above District 7's wetlands, a single bald eagle glides calmly on a current of warm air searching for its next meal, while far below amid the bushes and salt cedar, a crew of a dozen or so workers raises a monumental 40-foot artificial bald eagle's nest, with carefully designed perches and even a nest made of twigs and branches.

On the morning of Sept. 29, members of the Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality, Tribal Fuels and Restoration Crew, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and Salt River Project Utility Company worked together to raise Arizona's only artificial bald eagle's nest.

Designing The Perfect Nest

Russell Benford, DEQ Senior Wildlife Biologist, said the structure is a telephone pole with a platform mounted toward the top. On the platform sits a large nest made of stick piles. While it may seem like a simple setup, the artificial nest, which is five to six feet across, has been thoughtfully designed.

"Decades of research have gone in to it," said Benford. "There is a body of literature out there of people who have researched, watched how eagles build their nests, where they do it, [and] what the characteristics of the trees are."

He said many of the nest's attributes were carefully constructed to insure the pair of bald eagles would find the structure

comfortable.

"One of the calculations we made for this nest was to make sure the sun wouldn't shine too brightly on the eagles in the nest in the middle of the day, which might cause them to overheat," Benford said. "So the central post sticks up above the rest of the nest, and that is going to shade [the eagles] during the hottest part of the day."

Even the sticks used to build the eagle's nest were measured to precise lengths of 2 meters with a diameter of 2 centimeters, a size found to be appealing to bald eagle's nest building sensibilities.

The pair of bald eagles is believed to be the same birds that come to the Community year after year. However, while it is likely the birds are the same pair of bald eagles, no one is 100 percent certain.

"It is reasonable to think they are the same ones. Eagles are very territorial and if a breeding pair finds a good territory [and] can successfully have offspring in that territory, they will defend it and come back to their same nest site every year," Benford said.

Earlier this month the pair of bald eagles had just recently returned from their travels up north in Saskatchewan, Canada, and are currently on the lookout for a new nest to call home. The hope is the bald eagles will find the artificial nest too good to pass up, but there is always the chance they will choose an alternative nesting site.

"The birds would rather spend less of their time and energy building from scratch then rebuilding a nest that is already con-



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The artificial bald eagle's nest is the only one of its kind in Arizona and was raised on Sept. 29. The nest is made of a 40-foot telephone pole, donated by SRP, with a platform mounted near the top on which the nest rests.

structed, so hopefully they will see an already constructed stick pile, they will improve it to their liking, and if it meets their needs they will nest there," said Benford.

He said the bald eagles have not chosen a nest yet and will spend the next several months looking around the wetlands for a suitable home. Once the nest is chosen, the pair of bald eagles will settle-in and produce young.

"If it is successful, GRIC will be out in front of eagle conservation in that we have built the first artificial nest in the state that has succeeded," Benford said.

Bald Eagle Conservation Is A Team Effort

The effort to build and raise the artificial bald eagle's nest has been almost two-years in the making and been a large collaborative effort.

The Tribal Fuels and Restoration Crew, which is a crew formed by a partnership between the BIA Pima Agency, GRIC Employment and Training, and GRIC DEQ, shouldered much of the physical labor constructing and raising the nest and clearing the surrounding area of potential

fire hazards. SRP donated and installed the telephone pole, while the Arizona Game and Fish Department assisted with the technical aspects of building a proper bald eagle's nest. Additionally, the Community itself, its Nestwatchers Program and tribal leadership, has played a large role in keeping the pair of bald eagles healthy and safe.

"Our nestwatchers have really spent a lot of time and energy caring for these birds for many years," said Benford. "Those birds are really points of pride for

the entire Community," he said. "Community leaders [and] elders recognize the birds are important... and they have been tremendously supportive in supporting this project."

For one crewmember in particular, the artificial nest raising was an emotional and moving moment. Standing just a few feet away from a mangled fallen cottonwood tree, Alan Sinclair, BIA Fire Management Officer Pima Agency/Salt River Agency recalled, "Four years ago we had a fire here, this tree had a nest

in it and there were eagles in it that had fledged. This tree was killed in the (2013) Pee Posh Fire, the nest was destroyed and unfortunately we lost the baby birds in it as well."

"This is a very important project to me, it feels like it has come full circle. The day that we lost the birds was probably one of my worst days fighting fires, and to be able to come back four years later, and putting up this structure in hopes the birds come back to the Community is pretty rewarding," Sinclair said.



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Members of the Tribal Fuels and Restoration Crew take a break after raising the 40-foot artificial nest.

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Incident Log September 24 – September 30, 2017

Gila River Police officers responded to 734 calls for service and made 34 arrests.

District One (Blackwater):

No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a domestic dispute that escalated into a physical altercation. During the course of the altercation the suspect struck the victim multiple times and choked her. The suspect left the scene prior to the police arrival.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – Suspect(s) forcefully gained entrance to a residence by breaking a window. The victim came home and found the broken window and rear door to residence open but no items were noted as missing. This Police Department is currently following up.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – Suspect(s) forcefully gained entrance to one of the local Churches by forcefully entering

through a door and causing damage. The suspect then took a guitar from the building and left the area.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) assaulted the victim as he was walking home by shooting the victim in the leg. Gila River Emergency Medical Services transported the victim to a local trauma hospital for further medical treatment for his non-life threatening injury.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Sacaton Super Mart and took a bag of cheetos and attempted to exit the store without paying for the item.

Status: Suspect was charged.

Weapon – The suspect fired a weapon inside of a residence and ruptured a water pipe.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The suspect entered the Sacaton Super Mart, placed a quart of oil in her purse and then left the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a domestic dispute that escalated into a physical altercation. During the altercation the suspect struck the victim multiple times and choked her. The victim was able to leave and contact law enforcement. The suspect was

located and interviewed by Gila River Police officers.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim engaged in a verbal dispute that became physical resulting in the victim being severely injured. Officers transported the victim to the Huhukam Memorial Hospital where he received several stitches.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

District Four (Lone Butte / WHP Area):

Theft – The suspect entered the Lone Butte Casino, stole an empty metal cash box from the casino floor and then fled the premises prior to police arrival.

Status: Charges forwarded.

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Several subjects were gathered at a residence when an argument led to multiple suspect(s) assaulting a single victim. The suspects fled in a vehicle prior to police arrival. The victim was transported to a local trauma hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The suspect used the victim's debit card to do a cash advance while at the Vee Quiva Casino. The victim received an alert from her bank report-

ing the unauthorized charge at which time Gila River Police was notified.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole copper from the plumbing in several homes that are still under construction. The foreman reported the thefts to Gila River Police.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incidents regarding Part I crime.

Incident Log

October 1 -7, 2017

Calls for services this week: 668, Arrests made: 72

District One (Blackwater):

No incidents regarding part I crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

Aggravated Assault (Assault on LE) – The suspect was causing a disturbance at the residence when a family member attempted to calm them down. The suspect would not calm down and had to be restrained until officers arrived. As family assisted in holding down the suspect with the officer, the suspect was able to kick their leg loose and kick an officer in the face. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The victim called her mother stating that her boyfriend had physically assaulted her. Upon contact at the residence the victim stated that her boyfriend (refused to identify) had physically assaulted her by punching her in the face and head and then strangled her.

Status: On-going investigation

Aggravated Assault – The suspect threatened the victim (girlfriend) with a knife, and then attempted to stab her. The suspect also physically assaulted her before pushing her to the ground during the physical altercation. Attempts were made to locate the suspect who was gone prior to officer arrival with negative results.

Status: On-going investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – Two roommates were in a verbal altercation when the suspect threatened to kill the victim. The suspect went into his bedroom and returned to the kitchen where he pointed a black

type of gun at her.

Status: On-going investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Aggravated Assault – While at the Wild Horse Pass Casino the suspect assaulted the victim (ex-girlfriend) by striking her in the face, biting her hand and strangling her through the window of her vehicle. Both the suspect and victim were located off community and the suspect was taken into custody. Photos were taken of the victim and impounded into evidence. The suspect's vehicle was towed by Elite.

Status: Suspect was booked into 4th Avenue Jail

Auto Theft – The victim called reporting her vehicle stolen. Victim stated she gave the keys to a friend. The victim gave an address of where the suspect is currently residing. The vehicle was entered to NCIC as stolen. Contact was made with the suspect by Tempe PD and was taken into custody. The vehicle was located and removed from NCIC.

Status: Suspect was arrested by Tempe PD

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to the Tommy Hilfiger Store where two young males concealed items in a bag and attempted to leave the store. After the store alarm sounded at the door, the one male dropped the bag and left the store with the second male following after him. The bag contained merchandise from the store that was recovered and undamaged.

Status: On-going investigation

Theft – Officers responded to Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to theft at The Cosmetic Company Store where the suspect took merchandise from the store. During the investigation a second call was placed to dispatch regarding a theft at Tommy Hilfiger Store with the suspect matching the suspect in the Cosmetic Co Store description. The suspect was located and the merchandise was located in her vehicle. The merchandise was returned and Tommy Hilfiger Store wished to prosecute.

Status: Suspect was cited and released

Theft – Officers were dispatched to The Cosmetic Company Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet where a female suspect had taken some merchandise without paying. During the investigation the suspect returned the stolen items to a store employee and the suspect was excluded from the store. Charges are pending.

Status: Open Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a possible assault that had taken place. Upon arrival, officers learned the victim had been struck with an object, possibly a machete. Witnesses stated the suspect struck the victim about her head with the object/machete, which caused a laceration on her head and right forearm. The suspect was subsequently booked into DRS for aggravated assault.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

Auto Theft – The victim reported her vehicle taken by a cousin who was intoxicated and the keys had been left in the ignition. The vehicle was later located and towed by Elite.

Status: Closed

Theft – The victim called dispatch to report her purse had been taken. Upon contact with the victim, she stated that she was given a ride, when a verbal altercation occurred. The victim was asked to get out of the vehicle the suspect then drove off with the victim's purse. Contact was made with the alleged suspect whom stated the victim was intoxicated and she did not have a purse with her. The suspect was compliant with the officers allowing them to search her vehicle and home. The victim was advised of the findings and she returned to her home.

Status: Closed

District Six (Komatke):

Theft (Shoplifting) – The two suspects entered Komatke Market, took items from the shelf and hid it from sight in the stroller. The suspects then exited the store without paying for the merchandise. The suspects later returned to the store paying for the items which had been taken. Both suspects are banned from the store for approximately 90 days.



Status: Closed

Theft – Reporting party called dispatch stating criminal damage had occurred. Further investigation revealed the graffiti was done to a total of three unoccupied residence unit and the air conditioning unit being stripped of its parts. Photos were taken and submitted into evidence.

Status: On-going investigation

District Seven – (Maricopa):

No incidents involving part I crime

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Cardinals youth football clinic

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Arizona Cardinals mascot Big Red and company visited the Gila River Indian Community to host football camps for Community youth on Oct. 17.

During a recent outing, the Arizona Cardinals and Big Red were at the District 4 ball field to show the youth a few plays that will help them on and off the

field.

Before the large gathering of students, Big Red got everyone fired up for a fun filled morning, filled with drills that mirrored what the pros go through to stay in top playing form.

The kids were put through a series of drills connecting with passes normally intended for Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald.

There was also some fancy footwork at play, similar to the moves of returning Cards running back Adrian Peterson, the kids ran their way to the finish line for some celebratory cheers from their peers.

Each student was presented their own lunch tote, personally signed by Big Red and best of all received a memorable lesson on the fundamentals of football.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

A student catches a pass in District 4 at the youth football camp on Oct. 17.

GRIC Environmental Health Program Reminds of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

Tribal Health Department
Gila River Indian News

As the Summer comes to a close and the school season begins, the GRIC Environmental Health Program encourages members to stay vigilant when dealing with ticks. As we all know, ticks can carry Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF).

Humans may be infected when bitten by ticks carrying this disease. Rocky Mountain spotted fever is a serious tick borne illness which can be deadly if not treated early. It is spread by several species of ticks in the United States.

Although ticks that

carry RMSF like to live on dogs, a person must know where to expect ticks. Ticks live in or around grassy, brushy, or wooded areas, or even on animals. In addition to these places, spending time outside camping, gardening, or hunting could bring you in close contact with ticks. Our members have ticks residing on the outside of their homes, in their yards and even dog houses.

Another way to combat ticks and their bites is to treat clothing and gear to be worn outside with EPA registered insect repellants. Treat boots, shoes, clothing, and camping gear, blankets, towels just to name a few. Do not for-

get to protect your animals by checking their bodies frequently and if you are able, buy a tick collar that is compatible for your pet.

GRIC Environmental Health Program recommends ready to use (RTU) pesticides that are labeled to kill ticks and contain one of the following active ingredients: Permethrin, Bifenthrin, Cypermethrin, Deltamethrin, Cyfluthrin, or Lambda Cyhalothrin. These products may be used for indoor or outdoor areas where ticks have been seen and can be reapplied as directed by the label.

Although GRIC members make several seasonal requests for tick spays, GRIC Environmental

Health Program warns against too many sprays during a short amount of time may lead to ticks becoming resistant to the Pesticides in the spray. Strict adherence to Integrative Pest Management Protocols by the GRIC Environmental Health Program prevents this resistance by ticks by alternating different pesticides and the frequency of pesticide application.

If you are unfortunate enough to have been bitten by a tick carrying RMSF, here are some signs and symptoms to look for that may occur in the two weeks after a tick bites you: Fever, nausea, lack of appetite, headache, aches, and pains,

red spots, red bumps, or a rash on the hands and feet (some people may never get a rash). If you are able, please save the tick that has bitten you for the doctor to examine. The doctor may examine the tick, a rash sample, or a blood sample. Because the early signs and symptoms are similar to those caused by many other diseases, doctors will begin early treatment with antibiotics and will not wait for test results before starting treatment. Furthermore, after the initial Doctor visit, a second doctors visit and blood test is required to confirm a positive RMSF case.

A confirmed RMSF case will require GRIC

Environmental Health Program to adjust their Integrative Pest Management Control of the mosquito and also send out warnings and awareness to the community and other GRIC programs involved in the management and control of the disease and mosquito.

The GRIC Environmental Health Services Program would like to thank you and be aware of RMSF and if you have any concerns about the RMSF, please call 520-562-5100 and ask to speak with a representative of the Environmental Health Services Program.

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| 11:00pm | Awa O Gbe The ochre of the earth, the women's multicoloured boubous, sounds of vocal and instrumental music. | Unshackled Majestic beauty, peace and balance of our Earth Mother that is rapidly being harmed and desecrated by humans. | Smoke Traders The contraband tobacco trade and the effect on people and communities from a Native perspective. | Heavy Metal Environmental devastation from a toxic mining waste and its impact on a small Northern community. | First People of Kumeyaay They share a heritage that goes back, in their words, "to the beginning of time." | I Am Chut Wutty Deforestation is devastating the lives of the indigenous population. | YOUTH CONFERENCE SPECIAL SPEAKERS: TIM TERRY AND JERI BRUNOE Mesa, AZ | |
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Joe M. Jackson's family with a picture of the fallen soldier.

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rifice, and your sons giving their lives, Cpl. Billy Farris, United States Army, and L.Cpl. Joe Jackson, United States Marine Corps. As we run for the fallen, each mile represents a hero and each hero has a story, every story includes a family and loved one. Today we give tribute to them by name, to the sacrifices they gave and the sacrifices of their families."

Gov. Lewis presented, Shawn Marceau, with an Arizona Gold Star medal in honor of L.Cpl. Jackson, which is a symbol of appreciation and recognition of service and sacrifice to the United States. The medal was created by the Arizona State Legislature to honor members of the armed forces of the U.S. who have been killed in action.

"It's great medicine," said Marceau. "It is helping us complete our circle of who he was. Now we are coming back to his roots. It was really powerful to see how loving and accepting the tribe and veterans community is here."



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Students sing at the 2nd Annual Run For the Fallen held at St. Peter Indian Mission School.



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St. Peter Indian Mission School students run two-miles.



How many are there?

Say you wanted to ask a friend how old they are. One way to ask this in O'otham is to say He'ekia ap vud 'i aithag? This question makes use of the O'otham word he'ekia which the word that corresponds to the English word "how many" and the phrase vud ahithag "to be a certain number of years (old)". One way to respond to this question is to use the phrase Thań _____ ahithag which says "I am _____ old" and add in your age using the O'otham number. For example you could say Thań gokko vesthma:m ahithag if you are twenty or Thań hethasp vesthma:m gami hethasp ahithag if you are fifty-five.

The O'otham word he'ekia is used in different situations when you are asking how many people or things are being counted. It is also used when you want to ask how much something costs or is worth. This is accomplished in O'otham by using the question He'ekia namkig? Very often speakers will shorten he'ekia to he'eki in everyday speech by dropping the final vowel.

There are many possible answers to the question He'ekia namkig? that range from I:vo 'o s-namkig "It's real expensive" to Bi 'o shai namkig "it's not that expensive" to giving an actual price using pi:sh and lial "dollars and cents" like Tho vaik pish ch heg hemako lial if it costs \$3.25.

He'ekia can also be used if you want to ask someone how many children they have. Asking this question will be different depending on if you are talking to a man or a woman. For a man their children are referred to as alithag or if you're talking about many children you use the plural form a'alithag. For a woman, children are referred to as ma:ma:q or if you're talking about many ma:ma:q. So if you wanted to ask a man how many children they have you would say He'ekia ap 'i a'alithag? The word a'alithag refers to children from a man. If you want to ask a woman the same question you would say He'ekia ap 'i ma:ma:q? this time using the word ma:ma:q that refers to children from a woman. Reply-

ing to this question uses the same words depending on whether you are a man or woman with men using alithag/a'alithag and women using ma:ma:q. So for example if you are a woman and want to say you only have one child, one way you can answer this is by saying Thovai hemako heg eń ma:ma:q. But if you had three children you would say Tho vaik heg eń ma:ma:q. If you are a man and wanted to say that you only had one child the phrase is the same as the woman except you change the child term to alithag and say Thovai hemako heg eń alithag. But if you had four children you would say Tho gi'ik heg eń a'alithag making sure to use the right term for children that is specific for males.

One last example for counting how many is asking how many pets somebody has. This can be done with he'ekia by using the general term for pets shoshiga or by asking specifically using the animal name. For example if you wanted to ask in general how many pets somebody has you can say He'ekia ap

He'ekia ap 'i shoshiga? "How many pets do you have?" Match the pet number with its picture!

Tho go:k heg eń gogoksga.

Thovai hemako heg eń kaviyoga.

Tho hethasp heg eń mimitholga.

Tho vaik heg eń hahavañga.

Thovai hemako heg eń uvigga shaba eń mimitholga o vud gi'ik.

Tho gok heg eń vaphoppa.



'i shoshiga?. Keep in mind that the pet word shoiga/shoshiga (plural) while in a general sense refers to all pets it also refers specifically to horses so you might get an answer that is more specific if you're asking someone who owns horses. You can also be specific with your question by naming the animal and using the word ending -ga which denotes ownership. For example you can ask He'ekia ap 'i mimitholga? If you wanted to know how many cats someone owns. In the same manner, to ask how

many dogs someone owns you would ask He'ekia ap 'i gogoksga? You can also ask about other animals like kaviyo "horse" or haivañ "cows" and come up with the questions He'ekia ap 'i kakaviyoga? or He'ekia ap 'i hahavañga? Answering these questions also make use of the name for the animal along with the O'otham number for how many you own. For example you can say Thovai hemako heg eń goksga if you only have one dog or Tho chu:thp heg eń mimitholga if you have six cats or you can say Tho-

vai hemako heg eń uvigga shaba eń kakaviyoga o vud vaik if you only have one bird but have three horses.

The O'otham word he'ekia is very useful and used when you want to find out how many people or things there are in a group. This month's word match will test your understanding of this question word as well as your numbers in O'otham. We encourage you to ask one another these and other questions using the word he'ekia and encourage you to speak O'otham with one another.

35th Annual Native American Connections parade held in Phoenix

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

For 35 years the City of Phoenix has been home to a diverse parade that highlights the local Native American heritage in the Valley of the Sun. That tradition continued on Saturday, Oct. 14, in Phoenix with the Native American Connections (NAC) 35th Annual Parade, as 56 entries marched for two miles from 3rd Street & Oak Street to Steele Indian School Park.

Under the theme, "The Colors of Nature's Beauty," Native American groups and organizations gathered for one of Phoenix's longest running spectacles before 3,000-4,000 spectators. Arizona's tribes are spread all across the state, but for the NAC parade they were all lined up on one street for one day of celebration and unity with representation for tribal leaders, veterans, youth groups, royalty and faith-based groups.

According to NAC this

year's parade was heavily promoted and received a lot of participation thanks to a strong presence on social media.

The Grand Marshal was the Native PFLAG Phoenix Chapter. Native PFLAG Phoenix Chapter is an advocacy and support group for the LGBTQ community and their families, and according to Native PFLAG's founder Sheila Lopez, it is the only chapter, among 400 PFLAG chapters nation-wide, that

is Native American focused. Native PFLAG was joined by Gila River H.O.P.E. group, the GRIC LGBTQ support group. "We really help supporting each other," said Lopez.

Kelly Haven, who competed in the 90th Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee, was the Junior Grand Marshal.

Just as in year's past, the annual parade included several GRIC representatives.

Gov. Stephen Roe

Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, Ira H. Hayes Post 84, Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia and Jr. Miss Gila River Haili Gonzales were among the groups representing the Community along with dance groups and volunteers. GRIC member and U.S. Army veteran Reuben Jenkins was among the many veterans honored.

The Achem A'al Indigenous Traditional Pima Basket Dancers and the Keli Akimel Hua Modk

Cudkdam – Gila River Basket Dancers took second and third place, respectively, in the Performance Category.

The fun didn't end with the parade. Following the procession, spectators convened at the Steele Indian School Park for the grand opening of the Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center. Several tribal dignitaries attended along with City of Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton.

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Catching up with GRIC Graduates

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

“I always liked figuring things out,” said Jay Johnson, who graduated with a degree in math and geology this past May from Arizona State University.

Johnson is an Environmental Intern with the Department of Environmental Quality and has been working with the department since before graduating from ASU.

“Math has always interested me and always pretty easy for me,” he said, “Water was the big interest and ASU didn’t have a hydrology degree and so I decided to also major in geology to combine my two interests.”

Although obtaining dual degrees with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Bachelor in Science in earth and space exploration with a concentration in Geological Sciences was journey in itself, an accomplishment. Johnson always had the Community on his mind to do more for his people by applying his education.

He said the Community’s cultural connection to water and how it is managed today is what inspired him to pursue two degrees along with his yearning for the outdoors.

“It’s important everywhere you go throughout the Southwest and you



Community member Jay Johnson stands near the river bank of the Pee Posh wetlands during a restoration project. Photo Courtesy DEQ

think about [here] and how much water is important to our culture and future... that interests me the most,” said Johnson.

As an intern with DEQ, Johnson said his days are not always the same, because it has taken him from one program to another within the department.

He said, “I work with all the other programs, like water quality, waste, pesticides and wildlife. Each of these programs has provided invaluable experience about our community and what’s around us.”

The work with DEQ has taken him out to the

Pee Posh wetlands in helping restore the area by planting native vegetation and taking water samples and ground water measurements.

“They offer a lot of good hands on experience and have a good group of people in every program that are very knowledgeable and have a ton of experience and are all willing to help...it’s a good place to be to help out the Community” said Johnson.

Another part of his responsibilities his assisting with the wildlife program, which earlier this summer allowed him to help Chuck-

walla conservation efforts at South Mountain.

According to Johnson, getting a foot in the door before graduating from college, allowed him to apply what he learned in the classroom.

He recalled one such occasion where his knowledge from the classroom

was immediately put into practice out in the field.

After taking a final exam that went over water sampling, Johnson was out at the Pee Posh wetlands doing what he had just completed on the example.

He said experiences like that are make the whole reason for going to school very exciting, because he can apply concepts learned in the classroom outdoors.

Johnson said he encourages Community members to look for opportunities that will help fund their education, such as scholarships.

“The Student Services Department is a great resource both in terms of financial and general support,” he said.

Johnson was able to have his tuition covered through AIMS’s (Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards) scholarship, but said the Community was helpful in providing funding for books and housing and a year of funding for tuition.

His experiences working out in the Community have seen the benefits of his

education paying off both as an intern and ambassador for education.

Through his internship Johnson has been able to share his passion for math through science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics activities with the youth of the Community and how much getting an education can expand upon those topics.

“I want to reiterate that getting an education opens up many doors and that Community members are in such a good position from a financial perspective with the aid of the Tribal Education Department that it makes sense to take advantage of the resources available and pursue a higher education,” he said.

Johnson’s advice for Community members, who want to pursue a higher education is, “Make sure you go into a field you enjoy, if you go to school and you find out that you are interested in something else, than take the time do that, especially if it sets you up for the rest of your life.”

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DEQ and Pima Agency to restore wetlands with natural vegetation

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In an effort to remove invasive salt cedar and restore native vegetation to areas of the Gila and Salt rivers and to promote beneficial ecosystem management through fire management, two resolutions passed by the Gila River Indian Community Council on Sept. 6 will allow the Department of Environmental Quality and Bureau of Indian Affairs Pima Agency Fire Management to begin restoration work this Fall.

Resolution GR-104-17 approves the implementation of the fuel reduction and native plant communities restoration project, and resolution GR-105-17 approves the Pima Agency's programmatic burn plan for piles.

These two resolutions are in effect partner resolutions that will be utilized to remove portions of the Gila and Salt rivers of salt cedar, re-plant native plants in their place, and burn or distribute the left-over organic material to the Community.

Invasion of the Salt Cedar

If you've spent any time in District 6 or 7, you've probably noticed a belt of lush greenery growing throughout the bottom of the Gila and Salt rivers. While it may be nice to look upon, the greenery is in fact an invasive species harming the river's native ecology, and the cause of several recent wildfires.

The culprit, salt cedar, also known as tamarisk, was placed in river watersheds throughout the American southwest by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) around the turn of the century, in an effort to reduce soil erosion.

Russell Benford, GRIC DEQ Senior Wildlife Biologist, said the issue began when the USBR reengineered waterways by channelizing rivers and diverting water, changing them from a natural state to what is now an unnatural state.

"They realized very early on that those changes resulted in a lot of soil erosion," Benford said. "To stabilize the river banks and prevent soil erosion, they needed to re-vegetate them with something."

That "something" turned out to be salt cedar, a plant native to Mongolia, which is very salt and heat tolerant, grows quickly, and does not require much water.

"They seeded riverbanks with salt cedar as part of a soil conservation initiative. They weren't thinking about the broader



Photo courtesy of the BIA Pima Agency

A Pima Agency Wildland Firefighter cuts salt cedar using a chainsaw. Over the next four years, crews will cut fire breaks into masses of salt cedar in the Gila and Salt rivers, in an effort to rid the rivers of invasive plants and reseed the areas with native vegetation.

impacts then. In the intervening years, ecologists have studied these systems and realized salt cedar is as big of a problem as soil erosion, if not worse," Benson said.

Over the years salt cedar has gone on to aggressively spread throughout southwestern river watersheds, especially systems that have been modified. It has greatly impacted the Gila and Salt rivers, and once the plant begins taking over an area, it pushes out almost all other vegetation, leaving only salt cedar. Because plant diversity is low where salt cedar grows, animal diversity is also low in affected areas.

"The only thing that really lives in salt cedar are no-see-um bugs, and therefore there aren't a lot of birds that eat bugs there, there aren't a lot of mammals that eat the birds or the bugs directly. They are pretty depauperate systems," Benford said.

The areas of the Gila and Salt rivers that will be restored are located in District 6 and 7, with much of the focus being on the portion of the Gila River just east of St. Johns, and westward to the confluence with the Salt River, and the lower Salt River starting at the Pee Posh wetlands down to the confluence with the Gila River. It is in these areas the greatest densities of salt cedar have been found.

"We [will] remove the trees by cutting, and selective use of herbicide, and once we are sure we have removed the trees then we are going to reseed that area with the seeds of native plants," Benford said.

The project areas will be reseeded with plant species either beneficial to wildlife or culturally use-

ful to the people of the Community, for example, plants used in basket weaving like devil's claw or plants used in traditional structures like screwbean mesquite, which is used in the construction of vatos.

After crews cut and remove salt cedar from the project areas, the leftover biomass will be burnt in piles, or chipped and laid down as mulch, or distributed to the Community for personal use.

Fighting Fire with Fire

Alan H. Sinclair Jr., Fire Management Officer for the Pima Agency/Salt River Agency has worked in GRIC for the past nine years mitigating fires and reducing fuel hazards in the Community, and seen firsthand the severe effects of salt cedar fires to the Community's plant and wildlife.

Sinclair was instrumental in creating the restoration and fuels reduction plans and will lead their implementation by utilizing the expertise of Pima Agency Wildland Firefighters.

The firefighting crews, which are made up of Community members, will begin the restoration project by cutting fire breaks into the masses of salt cedar,



Graphic courtesy of GRIC DEQ

The above area will be the focus of river restoration efforts where crews will remove invasive salt cedar and reseed areas with native vegetation. The work will also ensure future fires will be smaller and more easily handled.

remove the invasive plants, apply herbicide, and reseed cleared areas with native vegetation. The firebreaks will also function as intended, to create an obstacle for future fires.

The new plans will not only restore portions of the two rivers and allow the Community to get rid of dangerous fuel hazards, it will also create jobs for Community members.

Pima Agency Wildland Firefighters, who spend much of the year fighting fires in different states in need of assistance, come back home to the Community when not actively assigned to a fire. With the passing of the two resolutions, the firefighters now have an opportunity to get back to work in the Community restoring the Gila and Salt rivers to their natural glory. With funding for the project spanning the next four years, there is plenty of work ahead for

the crews.

"Now [that] we have a tribal fuels crew they are doing the fuels work and when the fire bell rings we put them on a fire crew and they go off and fight fires, then they come back and are back on project dollars working in the Community," restoring the local river systems, said Sinclair.

"[We are] getting federal dollars, and instead of putting it into the BIA and building a BIA fuels crew, I've partnered with [GRIC] Employment and Training and DEQ. Employment and Training is hiring [Community members] to do fuels work and we are putting that money back into the Community," he said.

Sinclair said the point of the programmatic burn plan is to stop wild fires from occurring by reducing hazard fuels. He said while burning salt cedar piles is part of the plan, it will also be used to rid the Commu-

nity of other fuel hazards.

"This programmatic pile burn plan is going to allow us to burn piles throughout the Community, whether it is stuff coming out of the weeds, out of the trash rack in the canal system, or any of the woody debris (salt cedar) in these project areas," Sinclair said.

Fire crews will follow strict protocols while burning piles of biomass, igniting fires only under the authority of prescribed fire plans approved by GRIC's DEQ and the State of Arizona's Department of Environmental Quality during favorable conditions all in an effort to keep the Community's air clean.

"It has taken nine plus years to get to this point," said Sinclair. "I think there is a challenge with the current condition of the environment and I think we've got an opportunity to make a difference," Sinclair said.

Dept. of Interior Appoints New Bureau of Indian Affairs Director

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

zen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma to head the BIA.

“Bryan has a wealth of management expertise and experience that will well serve Indian Country,” said Zinke in the press release statement.

Rice, in his previous postings was a veteran federal administrator and

oversaw the DOI’s Office of Wildland Fire.

On the day of Zinke’s announcement, Rice officially took office and will be overseeing the government-to-government relations of the 567 federally recognized tribes, said the press release.

In a statement by Rice, he said, “Native Americans

face significant regulatory and bureaucratic hurdles to economic freedom and success.”

As director, Rice will assist Zinke in reforming the BIA into a “top-notch service delivery agency for tribes and tribal leaders,” said the DOI.

Rice comes to the position with over 20 years of

experience, spending most that time working within the U.S. Forest Service in various leadership positions.

Two of Rice’s other recent leadership positions, included serving as the Director for the BIA Trust Services and Forest Management with the USFS.

Zinke said, “I have

full confidence that Bryan is the right person at this pivotal time as we work to renew the department’s focus on self-determination and self-governance, give power back to the tribes, and provide real meaning to the concept of tribal sovereignty.”

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| District 7 Chair Yoga 9am-10am w/ Denise | District 4 Chair Zumba 9am-10am w/ Fabby | District 1 Water Aerobics/ Chair Yoga 10am-11am w/ Denise | District 5 (Elderly Center) Elders Fitness 10am-11am w/ Denise |
| District 6 Stretch & Flex 9:30am-10:30am w/ Sly | District 6 Indoor Water Aerobics 9:30am-10:30am w/ Denise | | |
| District 5 (Elderly Center) Chair Zumba 1pm-2pm w/ Fabby | | | |

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News Release: Alaska Native Leader Tara Mac Lean Sweeney Becomes First Female Native Alaskan Nominated for Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke applauded President Donald J. Trump's nomination of Tara Mac Lean Sweeney, a prominent Alaska Native leader and acclaimed businesswoman with the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, to be the department's next Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Sweeney, a member of the Native Vil-

lage of Barrow and the Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, would be the first Native Alaskan and only the second woman in history to hold the position. The Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs oversees Interior's manifold responsibilities to enhance the quality of life, promote economic opportunity and provide quality educational opportunities for American Indians, In-

dian tribes and Alaska Natives, while protecting and improving their trust assets. "Tara is a results-driven team leader and coalition builder who has an impressive combination of business acumen and service to her community," Secretary Zinke said. "Her lifelong active engagement in Native American policy development and her outreach, advocacy, and organization skills are

the combination we need to carry out the President's reform initiative for Indian Country. I look forward to welcoming her to our leadership team." "I am honored to be nominated to serve Indian Country in this capacity," Tara Sweeney said. "My goal is to develop strong relationships with Tribes, Alaska Native corporations and Native Hawaiian Organizations to work on innovative solutions for lifting

up our communities. I am motivated to work with Indian Country to find efficiencies inside the Bureau of Indian Affairs, improve service delivery and culturally relevant curriculum in the Bureau of Indian Education, and create a more effective voice for Tribes throughout the Federal Government. I am humbled by the confidence President Trump and Secretary Zinke have shown in me and ready to serve."

"Secretary Zinke's nomination of Tara Sweeney for Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs taps a strong advocate for Native American self-determination and tribal self-government for this key leadership position," said Acting Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs John Tahsuda. "Her extensive organizational knowledge and collaborative management experience will well serve Indian Country by reforming federal policies, empowering tribal communities, and removing barriers to their economic advancement."

Sweeney grew up in rural Alaska and has spent a lifetime actively engaged in state and national policy arenas focused on advocating for responsible Indian energy policy, rural broadband connectivity, Arctic growth and Native American self-determination. She has served her Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and its subsidiaries in a variety of capacities for nearly two decades. The \$2.6 billion corporation is the largest locally-owned and operated business in Alaska, with about 13,000 Iñupiat Eskimo members and 12,000 employees worldwide. It is diversified in six major business sectors, including energy support services, industrial services, construction, petroleum refining and marketing, government services, and resource development.

In her current role as the Executive Vice President of External Affairs, she is responsible for all facets of government affairs and corporate communications. Her primary responsibilities include strategic policy and position development, implementation and execution; engagement with federal and state executive and legislative branches on improving policies affecting Indian energy, taxation, resource development, government contracting, broadband development and access to capital; as well as all facets of corporate communication as official company spokesperson, including stakeholder engagement and coalition building.

Sweeney also has served in leadership positions on numerous business and nonprofit boards at both the state and national level, including chair of the Arctic Economic Council from 2015 to 2017; co-chair of the Alaska Federation of Natives (2013); Coast Guard Foundation Board of Trustees; the University of Alaska Foundation Board of Trustees; FCC Advisory Committee on Diversity for Communications in a Digital Age; Analytical Services, Inc.; Kohanic Broadcast Corporation (parent to the first Native American owned, publicly supported FM radio station); Cherokee Nation New Market Tax Credit Advisory Board (CNB Economic Development Company, LLC, beneficiary); Breast Cancer Focus, Inc.; and Arctic Power.

"This is a historic appointment for Alaskans and for the country," Senator Dan Sullivan said. "I've worked with Tara Sweeney for years and I have witnessed first-hand her integrity, her strong leadership skills and her devotion to public service. Tara has a deep love for our state and people, and is relentless in her commitment to securing a better future for Alaska and the nation. With her long history of advocating for Alaska Native cultural values, rights, and economic opportunity, I can't think of anyone better to have as our nation's next Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs." Among her honors, Sweeney -- a lifetime member of the National Congress of American Indians -- was crowned Miss NCAI in 1993 and traveled the country as an ambassador for the organization. In 2003, Governor Frank Murkowski recognized Sweeney's passion for rural Alaska, appointing her to his cabinet as Special Assistant for Rural Affairs and Education. In 2008 she was honored as a "Top Forty Under 40" business leader by the Alaska Journal of Commerce. In 2014 her team was honored by the Northwest Regional Emmy Awards, for its IAM Iñupiaq commercial campaign 2014, and also served as co-chair for Senator Dan Sullivan's (R-AK) successful Senate campaign. In 2017 she was inducted into the Anchorage ATHENA Society, a program of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce that encourages the potential of women as valued members and leaders of the business community.

Born to Dr. Bryan Mac Lean and the Late Representative Eileen Panigo Mac Lean, Sweeney is the granddaughter of the Late May Ahmaogak Panigo and the Late Henry Panigo of Barrow. She is the great granddaughter of the Late Bert and Nellie Panigo and Isabel and Dr. Roy Ahmaogak. She was raised, attended schools and lived most of her life in rural Alaska in villages from Noorvik to Wainwright, Barrow, Bethel, and Unalakleet. She graduated from Barrow High School in 1991. A 1998 graduate of Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations with a Bachelor of Science Degree, Sweeney currently lives in Anchorage with her husband Kevin, and their two children, Caitlin and Ahmaogak.

Through its Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), Interior provides services (directly or through contracts, grants or compacts) to 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. There are 567 federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native corporations in the United States. The BIE provides education services to about 42,000 Indian students. The Indian trust, co-managed by BIA and the Office of the Special Trustee, consists of 55 million surface acres and 57 million acres of subsurface mineral estate. More than 11 million acres belong to individual Indians and nearly 44 million acres are held in trust for Indian tribes. On these lands, the Department manages more than 122,817 revenue-producing leases. In conjunction with the Department of the Treasury, Interior, also manages about \$4.9 billion in Indian trust funds. In Fiscal Year 2016, \$1.2 billion was received into and disbursed from tribal and individual Indian beneficiaries' accounts.

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- LETTER OF ADMISSION
- ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT
- PROGRAM OF STUDY
- CLASS SCHEDULE
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Thovai hemako heg eh uvigga shaba eh mimitholga o vud gi'ik.

Tho gok heg eh vaphthopga.

Computer Technology - A double edged sword

Submitted by
Bennett Smiley, Jr.
 Information Systems
 Manager

During the mid 1970's, I was a teenager sitting at our local Indian hospital waiting to see a doctor. The hospital was an older PHS/IHS hospital located in the capital city of Sacaton, Arizona on the Gila River Indian Reservation. As I sat in the waiting room, I noticed a worn out magazine sitting on a chair next to me. I skimmed through the magazine losing interest fast. I laid the magazine back on the chair and noticed something interesting on its back cover.

I picked up the magazine once again and stared at a beige machine with a set of white keys. The name below the machine read: "IBM 5100 Portable Computer." I was fascinated by the computer with all its electronic trinkets laid out on its front casing. I knew I would continue my on-going research on this new electronic finding.

After I graduated from 8th grade, my mother Lois (Pima), a registered nurse, took a nursing director's assistant position in Northern Arizona on the Hopi Reservation in 1976. As I began

my high school adventures that same year, I began my research on these so called 'computers.' I remember spending time in the high school library reading up on computer books written by various computer gurus of their generation. Most of the computer books, written in the 1960's and early 70's, entertained different types of computers along with various storage sizes, memory, and displays. After a few months buried in computer books, I came to a realization that I wanted to pursue a career in 'computer systems.'

After completing my high school education, I attended college for a year. Shortly thereafter, I decided I wanted to work so that I could support myself and my family. I began my computer career working in the semiconductor industry and Indian Health Service (IHS). While working as an IHS Computer System Analyst, I decided that I wanted to return back to college to complete my computer degree program. I applied for an Indian Health Scholarship Award and was blessed and fortunate to receive the award in 1992.

Prior to attending college in early 1993, my fa-

ther Bennett (Hopi) passed away. I began college with a heavy heart. In the long run, I knew I had to be strong for myself and my family and to complete my college education. After receiving my college degree along with additional computer knowledge power, I headed back to the Gila River Indian Reservation and jumped back into the tribal computer 'work force.' I was able to seek employment in various jobs pertaining to tribal database management systems/networks, computer training, and casino Indian gaming IT systems.

THE DOUBLE EDGED SWORD

On a rainy evening at home a few days ago, I began reflecting on both my past schooling and computer career. I also began thinking about how computer technology had massively evolved in the past forty years or so. Not only did this include advancements in computer systems overall, but how computer technologies were utilized in our world today. As I continued to reflect on the good ole' days, a burst of lightning sounded off nearby leaving my house in total darkness. Instead of

playing card games on my laptop, I continued my trip down 'computer' memory lane. I also began thinking of a word that best described our current computer technology world today. I pondered for a second or two, and finally, a definition popped into my mind: 'double edged sword.' I grabbed a dictionary and read through several definitions until I found the best meaning that described our technology today: "Something that has or can have both favorable and unfavorable consequences."

As long as I have worked with computer systems, I have witnessed many 'favorable and unfavorable consequences'. 'Favorable consequences' on one side of the sword are many. I have seen or read on great computer advancements and inventions found in computer sciences, businesses, education, governments, and all other computer related entities in our world today. These results have not only improved the way of life for millions of people around the globe, but have given birth to even 'newer' technologies associated with people, places, and things.

The 'unfavorable consequences' that also exist on

the 'double edged sword' would not necessarily apply to computer technology itself, but how computer technologies are utilized in the world today. I have seen so many unfavorable consequences found in computerized mediums such as social media, email, websites, video streams, etc, to name a few. So many harsh unfavorable consequences ruining people's lives and careers, destroying computers systems and networks, spreading hatred, violence, and even death... destructive results detrimental to both computers and human lives.

FINDING THE FAVORABLE EDGE

With the 'double edged sword in mind', how do we, the world society, continue to work the 'favorable' edge of the sword and negate the 'unfavorable' edge? I, for one, continue to educate all others in both my tribal community and business world that computer technology is to be used as a positive 'help tool' and should never be exploited in a damaging or negative way. If one uses computer technology in such a way, it is pretty much guaranteed that any or all 'unfavorable consequences' will surely

follow. I'm pretty certain that my past and current education in telling all to use computer technology in a positive and productive way have fallen on several deaf ears. But as it stands today, my personal undertaking to defend and promote all good things found on the 'favorable' edge of the sword will continue its journey forward in my lifetime and hopefully, in generations to come. It is with the greatest of hope that this important article will reach many others so that the 'favorable' edge of the sword will continue to 'shine' sharp in a positive way for all.



Bennett Smiley Jr. is the Information Systems Manager for the Gila River Indian Community. Residing in Sacaton, Arizona, he enjoys art, movies, and working with young adults in his spare time.

If you have any questions or concerns please call the Wellness Center @ 520-562-2026
 Class schedules and times are subject to change

October 2017

Wellness Center Calendar

WELLNESS IN YOUR DISTRICT
 Starting October 2nd through December 29th

District 2
 Every Monday
 Adult Yoga 6pm - 7pm

Every Tuesday & Thursday
 Hard Core Rock Bottom 6pm - 7pm

District 4
 Every Tuesday
 Adult Yoga 6:30pm - 7:30 pm

District 5
 Every Tuesday & Thursday
 Total Body 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm

District 6
 Every Monday and Wednesday
 Circuit Training 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

District 7
 Every Monday and Wednesday
 Total Body 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

| Monday Lunas | Tuesday Gok Thash | Wednesday Vaik Thash | Thursday Gik Thash | Friday Shavai |
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| 2 Lunch time workout W/ Brandon 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Zumba W/Fabby 5:30pm - 6:30pm Open Gym from 7pm to 8pm | 3 Lunch time workout W/ Sylvester 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Co-Ed Volleyball from 7pm to 8pm | 4 Lunch time workout W/ Ryan 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Zumba W/Fabby 5:30pm - 6:30pm Open Gym from 7pm to 8pm | 5 Lunch time workout W/ Sylvester 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Co-Ed Volleyball from 7pm to 8pm | 6 Lunch time workout W/Ryan 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30 pm Zombie Zumba W/Fabby 6-7pm |
| 9 Chair Volleyball Games 8:30-10:30am Lunch time workout W/ Brandon 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Zumba W/Fabby 5:30pm - 6:30pm Open Gym from 7pm to 8pm | 10 Lunch time workout W/ Sylvester 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Co-Ed Volleyball from 7pm to 8pm | 11 Lunch time workout W/ Ryan 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Zumba W/Fabby 5:30pm - 6:30pm Open Gym from 7pm to 8pm | 12 Lunch time workout W/ Sylvester 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Co-Ed Volleyball from 7pm to 8pm | 13 Lunch time workout W/Ryan 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30 pm DAY OF THE DEADLIFT STARTS @ 5:30PM |
| 16 Chair Volleyball Games 8:30-10:30am Lunch time workout W/ Brandon 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Madhouse Workout @ 6pm Open Gym from 7pm to 8pm | 17 Lunch time workout W/ Sylvester 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Co-Ed Volleyball from 7pm to 8pm | 18 Lunch time workout W/ Ryan 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Zumba W/Fabby 5:30pm - 6:30pm Open Gym from 7pm to 8pm | 19 Lunch time workout W/ Sylvester 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Halloween 5k run (non-competitive) starts @ 5:30pm | 20 Madhouse Workout 11:00am, 11:45am, 12:30pm |
| 23 Chair Volleyball Games 8:30-10:30am Lunch time workout W/ Brandon 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Zumba W/Fabby 5:30pm - 6:30pm Open Gym from 7pm to 8pm | 24 Lunch time workout W/ Sylvester 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm The Wellness Center will be closing early to prepare for the Trail of Doom | 25 Trail of Doom The Wellness Center will be closed today to prepare for the event. | 26 Lunch time workout W/ Sylvester 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Co-Ed Volleyball from 7pm to 8pm | 27 Lunch time workout W/Ryan 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30 pm |
| 30 Chair Volleyball Games 8:30-10:30am Lunch time workout W/ Brandon 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm Zumba W/Fabby 5:30pm - 6:30pm Open Gym from 7pm to 8pm | 31 Happy Halloween Lunch time workout W/ Sylvester 11:00 am, 11:45am, 12:30pm | Lunch Time workouts are approx. 30 minutes Wellness Center Hours: Monday - Thursday: 6:00 am - 8:00 pm Friday: 6:00 am - 5:00 pm | | |

Persimmon Jack O'Lantern Smoothie

- 1 Jack Be Little pumpkin - topped, peeled, chopped
- 1 persimmon - topped
- 1 pear - chopped
- 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 2 tbsp coconut cream
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup ice

To prepare your pumpkin, cut the top and bottom off, take a peeler and peel the skin, cut it in half, scoop out the seeds, roughly chop it and toss in a blender along with all the other ingredients.

In addition to the beta carotene and fiber from both the pumpkin and persimmon, there's more fiber courtesy of the pear, healthy fat from coconut cream, and anti-inflammatory power from the pumpkin pie spice.

The best part about this pie-in-a-glass? It's low in calories, fat and sugar!

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • October 4, 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 October 4, 2017, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:18 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, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz;

D3-Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr.; D5-Marlin Dixon;

D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.;

Council Members Absent:

D4-Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr. ; D6- Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pesticide Ordinance Concern (LSC forwards to Council for consideration of the four motions)

Presenters: Leslie Pasqual, Councilwoman Jennifer Allison

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT

DEQ TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE

PESTICIDE ORDINANCE AND PMA PROCESS

TO ADDRESS AERIAL SPRAYING ISSUES

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WORK WITH OGC

TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY CONCERNS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO DIRECT LUP&Z

AND DEQ TO PROHIBIT AERIAL SPRAYING

UNTIL APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS ARE

DEVELOPED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Gila River Royalty Committee Introductions

Presenters: Gila River Royalty Committee

MS. LISA HENDRICKS, CHAIRWOMAN PROVIDED A BRIEF INTRODUCTION. EACH OF THE MEMBERS PROVIDED A BRIEF INTRODUCTION. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

6. Head Start July Monthly Report 2017

Presenter: Lori Stinson

REPORT HEARD

7. Head Start August Monthly Report 2017

Presenter: Lori Stinson

REPORT HEARD

8. Olberg Bridge Investigative Report

Presenters: Glenn Stark, Dale Ohnmeiss

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Gila River Sand & Gravel Corp Quarterly Report FY17 Qtr 3

Presenters: Michael Morago, Bob Gazis

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:51 A.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Gila River Gaming Enterprises Inc. Monthly Report For August 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community Council For August 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Medical Respite Center (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Civitan Foundation Transitioning Into Employment Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

8. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The Office Of School Health And Wellness Initiatives Smoothie Bike Project (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

9. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Duet: Partners In Health And Aging Escorted Transportation Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

10. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Equine Spirit Programs Warrior Spirit (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

11. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The Flood Control District Of Maricopa County Salt Cedar Management And Fire Hazard Reduction In The Gila River Project (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

12. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The Friendly House Inc. Central Park Recreation Center (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

13. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The ICM Food And Clothing Bank Children's Nutrition Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

14. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The Leukemia And Lymphoma Society Arizona Local Travel Assistance Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

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15. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Marc Community Resources, Inc. Employment Training And Day Program For Individuals With Severe Developmental Disabilities (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

16. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The Maricopa County Education Service Agency Technology Integrated Teaching Systems (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

17. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues Maricopa County For The Mission Of Mercy Access To Care For Medically Indigent In The East Valley Project (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

18. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The National Kidney Foundation Of Arizona ESRD Patient Transportation Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

19. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The Paz De Cristo Community Center Healthy Meals Project (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

20. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The Phoenix Indian Center Urban American Indian Cultural Enrichment Project (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

21. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Ryan Household End Of Life Care Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

22. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The Southwest Autism Research And Resource Center Intensive Parent Training Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

23. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Soldier's Best Friend Service/Therapeutic Dog Training Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

24. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Special Olympics Arizona Unified Strategy For Schools (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

25. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The Sun City Fire District Thermal Imaging Camera Replacement Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

26. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Wellton For The Wellton Police Department School Traffic And Pedestrian Safety Program And Vehicle Replacement (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #2

27. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

28. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Dorsey & Whitney, LLP For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

29. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Franzoy Consulting, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

30. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Greenberg Traurig, LLP For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

31. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gookin Engineers, LTD For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

32. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Keller-Bliesner Engineering LLC, For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

33. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Peter Mock Groundwater Consulting, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

34. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Public Policy Partners For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

35. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Osborn Maledon, P.A. For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

36. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Rothstein Law Firm For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

37. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing A Service Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Center For Applied Research, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

38. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Yoder & Langford, P.C. For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Linda Sauer

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Housing-Summary Response To Tentative Approval To The Construction Of The FY2014 RHIP Applicants (G&MSC motioned to forward the item to Community Council for approval and to proceed, further recommend the Council direct the Community Treasurer to identify the funds and proceed with a budget modification and coordinate with the necessary departments to identify the total cost of the project(s))

Presenters: Pamela Thompson, Jo Ann Garcia

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE COMMUNITY TREASURER AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO IDENTIFY FUNDS AND PROCEED WITH BUDGET MODIFICATION AND COORDINATE WITH THE NECESSARY DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY THE TOTAL COST

MOTION MADE AND SECOND THE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL APPROVE AND

AUTHORIZE DHD TO PROCEED

WITH THE CONSTRUCTION

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

2. Gaming Compact Issues

Presenters: Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Linus Everling, Barney Enos, Jr.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AUTHORIZE

GOVERNOR STEPHEN LEWIS AND

COUNCILMAN BARNEY ENOS, JR. TO MEET

WITH GOVERNOR DUCEY'S OFFICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Gila River Gaming Commission
The Gaming Commission hosted a Special Session on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 to review and make a determination on revising or not revising Rule 9 to add Minimum Internal Control Standards "MICS" for Gaming Enterprise activities involving a) Hotel Operations; b) Marketing ; and c) Food and Beverage.

In 2016, the Gaming Commission proposed added MICS for Hotel, Marketing and Food and Beverage. In January 2017, the Commission under the advice of Tribal Administration withdrew the MICS from the 2016

Proposed Revision to Rule 9 for these three areas with anticipation that a new Compact could have potentially be amended by July of 2017 that could have provided new provisions for the three areas. In the approval of the Revised Rule 9 MICS, the Gaming Commission stipulated that they would reserve their right to re-introduce MICS on the three areas.

Since no amendments were made for the Tribal State Gaming Compact, the Gaming Commission issued a Public Notice to accept comment(s) on its proposal to Revise Rule 9 MICS for the three areas. In its September 27th

Special Session the Gaming Commission accepted two documented Comments issued by the GRIC Treasurer and Gila River Gaming Enterprise, on the intent of the Gaming Commission to revise Rule 9 for Marketing, Hotel and Food and Beverage.

In summary, the Two Comments were similar in messaging that 1) MICS for the marketing, hotel and food and beverage or non gaming activities was outside the responsibility of Gaming Commission regulatory duties; 2) that any Hotel MICS could negatively affect the validity of the Mediation Agreement between the Community

and Arizona Department of Gaming which ensured the separation of gaming and nongaming;

3) the Food and Beverage operating standards are not gaming related; 4) that GRIC Treasurer and Internal Audit has the responsibility of food and beverage routine auditing of Hotel and Marketing ; 5) that Rule 9 incorporates the NIGC MICS and Tribal State Compact -thus, Rule 9 is a set of MICS for Gaming activities and the primary role of the Gaming Commission and administration is gaming. Both comments, objected to the Gaming Commission's intent to

revise Rule 9 with new MICS for Hotel, Food and Beverage , and Marketing. Several additional comments were noted that included the use of other current Commission Rules. A request was made for an Impact Analysis on the implementation of such new rules for hotel, food and beverage and marketing; The determination rendered by the Gaming Commission to revise Rule 9 MICS included consideration of the Comments. The Gaming Commission formally adopted a Motion to first, consider a new and a separate Rule to include M-CS for Food & Beverage and Hotel and secondly, to Revise

Rule 9 MICS Section 9.22- existing MICS for Marketing. In a Special Meeting of the Gaming Commission on October 10, 2017, the Gaming Commission formally acted to Rescind the Formal determination [Motion] made on September 27, 2017. The Gaming Commission further acted by Motion to Table the Enactment of any new Rule or Revision to Rule 9 until such a time new amendments are made to the Tribal State Gaming Compact and its Appendices.

PRESS RELEASE

PHOENIX - On Oct. 17, 2017, Carmela Marvelle Lopez, 28, of Sacaton, Ariz., and a member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by

U.S. District Judge Steven P. Logan to 57 months in prison, followed by a term of three years of supervised release. Lopez had previously pleaded

guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Between Feb. 19, 2016 and March 9, 2016, Lopez sold methamphetamine

to an undercover officer on three separate occasions. Lopez conducted two of those methamphetamine sales at her former residence located on the

Gila River Indian Community. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Gila River Police Department.

The prosecution was handled by Christina J. Reid-Moore, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

PRESS RELEASE

PHOENIX - On Oct. 10, 2017, Anthony James Kyyitan, 38, of Laveen, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge David G. Campbell to 45

months in prison for recklessly handling a firearm on the Gila River Indian Community. Kyyitan had previously pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct.

In imposing the sentence, Judge Campbell noted that Kyyitan was a prohibited possessor who had improperly possessed firearms on two occa-

sions while living on the reservation. Kyyitan is an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Christine D. Keller, Assis-

tant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.


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[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR 1-HOUR LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:27 P.M.]

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pesticide Ordinance Concern (LSC forwards to Council for consideration of the four motions)

Presenters: Leslie Pasqual, Councilwoman Jennifer Allison

ITEM HEARD FIRST ON THE AGENDA

2. Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Allocation Policy (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval and to include a clean and redline copy; ESC concurs with verbiage change by OGC)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Fredrick Poitra
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Request for Special Council Meeting (LSC forwards to Council to request a Special Council Meeting to review the Code of Conduct investigative reports)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 26, 2017 AT 9AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

4. Certification of 2017 Primary Election Results (LSC forwards to Council for action)

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Shannon White
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR OFFICE OF GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE AND STEPHEN ROE LEWIS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR OFFICE OF LT. GOVERNOR DAVID ANDERSON AND ROBERT STONE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR OFFICE OF CHIEF JUDGE DONNA KISTO-JONES AND ANTHONY JAMES HILL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUDGES SHERI L. CASSA, LUCILLE ANTONE-MORAGO, DALLAS DELOWE, DEBBIE A. OCHOA-MERCADO, LUCINDA M. NEZ, JANICE F. BRECKENRIDGE, VICTOR ANTONE, LAWANDA PABLO, MELODY PERSONS,

GARREN J. MANUEL

5. Attorney Contract-Assistant General Counsel (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Michael Carter

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE **MINUTES**

1. August 25, 2017 (Special)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. September 20, 2017 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

> GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY MEMBER COOPERATION AS THE MOVE AWAY FROM RPM SYSTEM IS COMPLETED
>LSC WORK SESSION WITH ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017, 9AM RE: TITLE 3 AMENDMENTS

>MOMENT OF SILENCE REQUESTED FOR GILBERT FLOYD ANTONE AND DONNA NELSON RUSH

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:57 P.M.

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