

Official results for the GRIC 2017 Primary Election

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Gila River Indian Community voters took to the polls, Sept. 19, and cast their vote in the 2017 Primary Election that decides which two candidates are eligible to run for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Chief Judge in the upcoming Nov. 7 GRIC General Election.

The official results, collected and tabulated by GRIC's Tribal Elections Office, reported 1,661 Community members voted in the 2017 Primary Election.

Per office, the two candidates

receiving the most votes in the primary election will move on to the 2017 General Election.

Candidates for Governor who received the two highest vote counts are Monica Antone with 605 total votes, 36.56 percent of total ballots cast overall, and Stephen Roe Lewis with 585 total votes, 35.35 percent of total ballots cast overall.

Candidates for Lieutenant Governor who received the two highest vote counts are Robert Stone with 464 total votes, 28.50 percent of total ballots cast overall, and David A. Anderson with 204 total votes, 12.53 percent of

total ballots cast overall.

Candidates for Chief Judge who received the two highest vote counts are Donna Kisto-Jones with 550 total votes, 17.19 percent of total ballots cast overall, and Anthony James Hill with 544 total votes, 17 percent of total ballots cast overall.

The total of ballots overall cast per district are as follows: 148 ballots cast in District 1; 91 in District 2; 401 in District 3; 296 in District 4; 312 in District 5; 243 in District 6; 78 in District 7; and 92 absentee ballots.

Community Council certified the results for the GRIC 2017 Pri-

mary Election on Oct. 4 and the 2017 General Election will be held on Nov. 7.

Voter registration opened on Sept. 20 and will close on Oct. 10, so make sure to make any updates or register if you haven't already. For those unable to make it to the polls on election day, absentee voting opens on Oct. 17 and closes on Nov. 6.

For more information about the upcoming General Election, 2017 Primary Election results, or for any other questions contact the Tribal Elections Office at (520) 562-9735 or 9758.

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GRIC students participate in annual Diamondbacks STEM Showcase

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Sacaton Middle School Robotics club students came out to Chase Field to participate in the annual Diamondbacks STEM showcase parade on Sept. 22.

With the Gila River Indian Community flag and signs showing their school pride, the SMS robotics club students were out in full-force to support the STEM activities at their school.

The troupe of students joined the 2,000 other students from around the state of Arizona to commemorate the special evening, as they walked along the warning track of the ball-field, with parents and teachers.

Each student, who participated, received a "Science of Baseball" t-shirt to show their enthusiasm for science, technology, arts and mathematics.



Students from Sacaton Middle School took part in the Arizona Diamondbacks STEM night showcase parade on Sept. 22.

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Shoni and Jude Schimmel visit Sacaton for Schimmel Experience



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From left, Jude Schimmel, Rick Schimmel and Shoni Schimmel on Sept. 23 in Sacaton at the Health Initiative's Schimmel Experience.

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If you're a fan of Shoni and Jude Schimmel then the Boys & Girls Club - Sacaton Branch was the place to be on Sept. 23. Called, "The Schimmel Experience," the basketball playing sisters, along with their father Rick, were the main attraction at a Health Initiative event that featured remarks from the family, a screening of the documentary "Off the Rez," a Q & A portion, and an autograph and picture session.

The Schimmel sisters grew up on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, played high school basketball in Portland, and were the focus of the 2011 documentary "Off the Rez," which spread the word on the Schimmels even more. Their place in the hearts of those in tribal communities was sealed after the 2013 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament when Shoni and Jude helped the

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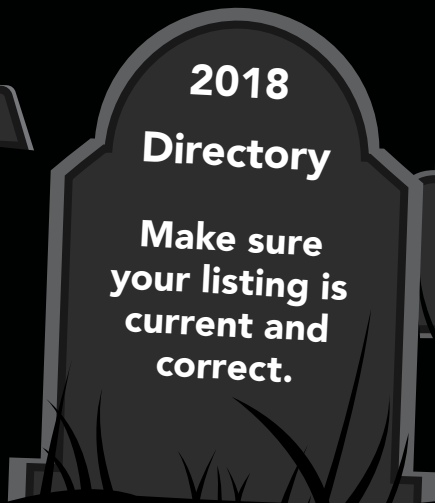
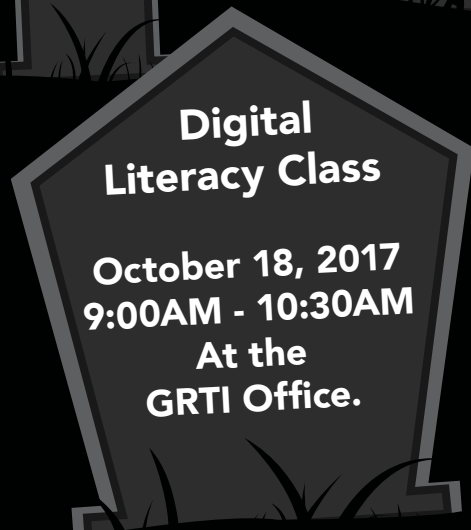
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Intel sponsors 2017 STEM-Robotics Day at Sacaton Middle School

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Engineers from one of the world's leading technology companies, Intel Corporation, volunteered their expertise at the 2017 STEM-Robotics Day to assist Gila River Indian Community students build and program robots.

The event, which was sponsored by Intel, was held inside Sacaton Middle School's (SMS) gymnasium on Sept. 16, where parents, volunteers, and school staff worked with students to build a variety of robots that were later programmed and sent on missions to perform different tasks.

Over the past several years, robotics clubs in the Community have grown in popularity, with SMS, Blackwater Community School, Gila Crossing Community School, and St. Peter Indian Mission School all hosting their own clubs.

Intel Corporation sponsored the STEM-Robotics Day in an effort to support GRIC's youth robotics programs and encourage Community students to enter STEM, robotics, and engineering fields.

SMS Science Teacher, Jo-Ellen Kinnamon, who helped organize the event and has been active in the Community's robotics scene, said the STEM-Robotics Day was held to bring all the Community's schools together and give their students the opportunity to learn engineering from some of the best in the business.

She said the event was an opportunity for students to get a hands-on experience working with engineers, which could inspire them to pursue careers in STEM fields in the future.

"If this is their desire, they will be working for them and taking their spot," said Kinnamon. "How many times have we said that in our community, whether



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Volunteers helped students build their robots during the 2017 STEM-Robotics Day. From left, volunteer Jorg Andonaegui, Monique Kisto, Francis Histia, and volunteer Stephanie Lara.

it is a teacher, or a [council person], or [a career] at the hospital, we want [students] to take [over those] positions. If the light bulb doesn't turn on right now, by the time they get out of high school, it will be bright and they will have done something they liked before and get into that field," she said.

Kinnamon said the day was not only useful for teaching students how to build and program robots, it taught students the important life-skill of commitment.

An important life-skill these students can learn is commitment, whether it is work or school, said Kinnamon. With a job, if you don't get up and go to work, you will get fired. You have to get up and go to work to attain the knowledge and skill you will need to be successful, and coming in today, the students gained valuable knowledge and experience, she said.

Sacaton Elementary School District #18 Superintendent Cheryl Paul, said the event was great for students to learn about career



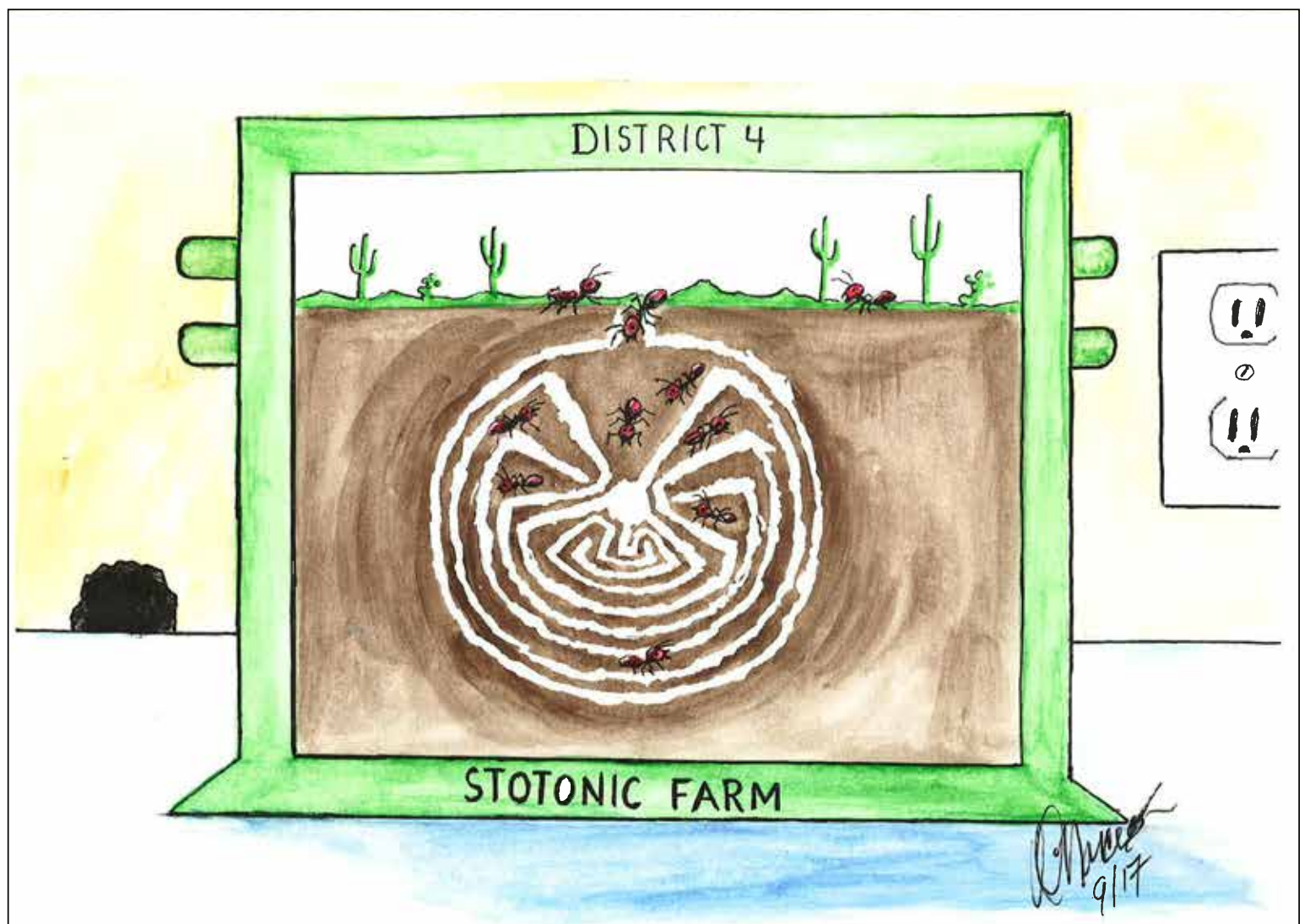
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At right, Sister Carol of St. Peter Indian Mission School helps fifth grade student Mackenzie Antone build a robot during the event.

opportunities in the STEM fields.

"I think this is a phenomenal event for our students who have big aspirations," said Paul. "We want to make sure they are dreaming big and are recognizing that there are opportunities off of the Gila River reservation, that they can then bring back, and give back and share with those who are still here."

"We are grateful and humbled by the fact that Intel recognizes Sacaton Elementary School District, that our students are deserving of opportunities, [and the engineers] are able to share their science, their mathematics, and engineering experience, and that students are able to apply it to their everyday life," Paul said.



O'odham Veterans Celebration held in District 5 Multipurpose Building

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Gila River Indian News

For a veteran that is in need of assistance, the O'odham Veterans Committee has your back. At the annual O'odham Veterans Celebration, approximately 100 veterans, along with families and supporters, gathered for a morning of presentations, speeches, prizes and a chance to interact with organizations designed to assist veterans with benefits, health care, education and mental health.

With seven events to their credit, the latest celebration in the Community was held Sept. 16 at the Vah Ki Multipurpose Building in District 5. Numerous GRIC entities assisted the O'odham Veterans Committee with funding as well as several volunteers who offered their time to help the men and women who served in the military.

The day began with registration, an opening prayer and welcome addresses from Oscar Urrea, Ira H. Hayes Post 84, and Douglas Juan, Gila River O'odham Veterans Celebration Committee Chairman. Following the posting of colors, the singing of the national anthem, and a performance of Taps, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis gave an address that focused on the special day of activities for GRIC veterans. "This is a part of what we're trying to do, to live up to honor the sacrifices of our veterans," he said.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone extended her appreciation to the guests from the



Approximately 100 veterans attended the O'odham Veterans Celebration on Sept. 16.

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (right) acknowledges District 4 veteran Dirk Kalka at the O'odham Veterans Celebration.

O'odham sister tribes of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Ak-Chin Indian Community. Lt. Gov. Antone also voiced her admiration for female veterans and for the women who prayed for the safe return of their

loved ones from service. "It's always good to have [tribal leadership] show their support for the veterans," said Juan. Juan has been the chairman of the celebration committee in GRIC for the last two years.

GRIC tribal organiza-



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Lt. Gov. Monica Antone with Ira H. Hayes Post 84 member Oscar Urrea.

tions were well-represented at the event with attendees hailing from Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84, Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 and the Pee Posh Veterans Association.

Korean War Veteran Kenneth Hayes also attended and was presented with a blanket, made by JR Quil-

ters for Veterans, on behalf of the O'odham Veterans.

Among the providers who lined the gym in District 5, were the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, the Vet Center Program, Veterans Upward Bound at Arizona State University, Gila River Health Care, the Arizona

Department of Veterans' Services, Honoring/Hiring/Helping Our Heroes of Pinal County, among others. Several vendors were also on hand selling jewelry and veteran-related merchandise and material. "I haven't seen this many service providers in a while," said Pacer Reina, SRPMIC, U.S. Army. Reina, a member of the O'odham Veterans said that these celebrations are a way for veterans to connect with organizations for assistance. "All of our events are geared toward bringing out regional service providers for veterans," said Reina.

The presence of these providers is essential to the mission of the O'odham Veterans as according to one of the founders of the O'odham Veterans, David Anderson, District 2, "Native Americans are the largest minority in the armed forces but we're the least amount utilized in our VA benefits."

This has been the calling for the O'odham Veterans over the last ten years who have three more events following the most recent GRIC celebration in District 5. The O'odham Veterans were at the Apache Gold Casino for the San Carlos Apache Veterans Celebration on Sept. 23. The planning committee in GRIC will get a brief respite until organizing for the next event in the Community beginning in January. The committee wished to thank everyone for attending and supporting the veterans of Gila River and all Veterans.

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University of Louisville to an appearance in the championship game.

Their popularity has brought them to around 80-100 Native communities, according to Jude, with GRIC being the latest. "Thank you for the opportunity to be here," said Rick.

Rick, who was preceded by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone in his remarks, did not shy away from the "ups and downs" of his family's story. He said the film has been a great tool for communities and shows that his daughters overcame a great deal to achieve their basketball dreams. "We owe a lot to Indian Country in general," said Jude.

Following Rick, the sisters addressed the over 200 people in attendance with inspirational stories with a down-to-earth approach. "Listen to your parents, respect them, respect

your elders," said Jude.

Shoni, who is in the WNBA with the New York Liberty, emphasized determination and education as the keys to her success. "I made my dreams come true by hard work and dedication," she said.

The early portion of the "Schimmel Experience" included a basketball clinic held at the Sacaton Middle School from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Community held their Suns Basketball Camp in the morning, which was rescheduled from the summer. The original camp was postponed due to wildfires in the Prescott area. The Phoenix Suns held their portion of the camp for the 45 kids, age 6-17, with Mark Gretter, Director of Youth Basketball Programs and Steve Silsby, coach for the Chandler Gilbert Men's Basketball team. Following the Suns activities, the Schimmels were on hand to give one-on-one ses-



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Jude and Shoni Schimmel, who played for the University of Louisville, visited the Community to work with the youth and speak at a Health Initiative event, which included an autograph and photo session.

sions with the children. The youth received backpacks, T-shirts, and hats. Accord-

ing to Alie Walking Badger, Special Events Coordinator, the Schimmels are

interested in returning to the Community, "They're really interested in coming

back and working with the youth," she said.

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

Incident Log

September 3 - 9, 2017

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

Calls for services this week: 878, Arrest made: 51

District One (Blackwater):

Theft – Victim reported that his gas can was stolen from the front porch of his residence. Due to the victim having issues with his neighbors, he was worried someone would attempt to set his house on fire. Evidence was located and will be reviewed for possible charging.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part I crime

District Three- (Sacaton)

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched in reference to a shots fired call. Multiple reporting parties stated they could hear shots being fired and multiple subjects were physically fighting. The victim was later located with multiple wounds including a gunshot wounds on their person. The victim was transported to a nearby medical facility for further medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – The victim was contacted during a criminal damage call. The victim stated he had been assaulted with an aluminum bat by the suspect. The victim also advised as they attempted to flee in the vehicle but the suspects then struck the vehicle with the bat.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported they discovered a large amount of jewelry and various items had been taken from their home while they were away. The Police Department is currently following up on information which was reported at the scene.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – An elderly victim called dispatch requesting an officer to their residence in reference to several items which had been taken from his storage and carport. Upon the officers arrival contact was made with the victim who stated that a male came to his residence asking if he had any yard work for him to do. The victim advised the male to mow the grass using the lawn mower. Af-

ter the suspect left he was not seen again. At a later time the victim noticed certain yard items were now missing from his property.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapon – Officers were dispatched to an area where there was a male suspect walking around waving a shotgun. Officers located a male matching the description, and began to conduct their investigation. A search of the perimeter outside the residence revealed a 12 gauge shotgun was found along with three unspent shotgun shells. We were able to confirm the weapon which was located was the one observed being shot. The suspect was booked into DRS and the weapon was entered into evidence.

Status: Suspect was arrested

District Four (Stotonic Area):

No incidents involving part I crime

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Auto Theft– Officers were dispatched to one of the job sites in the Lone Butte Industrial Park area. Contact was made with the victim who stated his 2007 F250 had been stolen from the work site. The Police Department is following up on information and evidence has been booked in for processing.

Status: Under investigation

Auto Theft – A Vehicle was taken from Lone Butte Casino when female lost her keys on the premises. Once the female was attempting to leave she was unable to locate the vehicle which was no longer on property. There were no signs of forced entry and the vehicle was entered into NCIC.

Status: Ongoing investigation

Shoplifting – Officers responded to the Coach Store located at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to an African American male suspect committing shoplifting by intentionally removing four purses from a display shelf and running out the door without paying. Security footage will be reviewed for possible identification of the suspect.

Status: Ongoing investigation

Shoplifting – Three unknown subjects shoplifted a black purse from the Coach Store located at the Phoenix Premium Outlet. An unknown female subject placed the purse into an unknown male's backpack while a second female was providing a "look out" for

staff and security. All three subjects left the premises in a black jeep Cherokee. Attempts were made to locate the suspects with negative results.

Status: Ongoing investigation

Theft– The victim reported that the suspect took approximately \$300.00 from a kiosk while at the Wildhorse Pass Casino. The suspect denied being in possession of the money but did admit to taking the money. The suspect was given a permanent exclusion from all Gila River Casinos.

Status: Suspect was cited

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No incidents involving part I crime

District Six (Komatke):

Theft– Officers responded to Vee Quiva Casino reference a theft. Further investigation revealed the suspect took a tow hitch belonging to the victim without the victim's permission. The tow hitch was returned to the victim and signed a promissory notice to appear in the Agua Fria Justice of the Peace Court.

Status: Suspect was cited

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incidents involving part I crime

Incident Log September 10 – September 16, 2017

Gila River Police officers responded to 614 calls for service and made 40 arrests.

No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Two:

No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Three:

Burglary - Suspect(s) forced entry into one of the Sacaton Churches by smashing in one of the doors. While inside the suspect(s) took misc items of a low value, to include food and cleaning materials.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary - Suspect(s) forcefully entered the victim's residence by breaking a window. The suspects then removed personal property belonging to the victim.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary - Suspect(s) forcefully entered the victim's residence by prying the front door of the residence open. The victim stated food, cleaning supplies, and some other

household goods were taken from the residence.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – The suspect obtained keys to a vehicle while at the victim's residence and took the vehicle without permission.

Status: The vehicle was recovered and pending charges.

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were in a verbal domestic dispute that escalated and became physical. The suspect struck the victim several times and held her at knife point restraining her from leaving the residence. Police was contacted by the victim who was able to break free from the suspect. The victim was treated by Gila River Emergency Medical Services.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

District Four (Lone Butte / WHP Area):

Shoplifting - Suspect(s) entered the Calvin Klein Store, located at the Phoenix Premium Outlets, and took clothing from the store without paying for the merchandise. The suspect(s) dropped the items while fleeing from the security personnel. All items were recovered and returned to the store.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the GNC store, located at the Phoenix Premium Outlets, took several items of supplements. The suspects then left the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The suspect stole a casino voucher from the victim, cashed it and then immediately left the property. The victim did not report any other items missing at the time.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The suspect located a wallet on the floor of the Wild Horse Pass Casino, failed to turn it in and used credit cards in the wallet that did not belong to him.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five:

Aggravated Assault – While walking home the victim was approached by the suspect and then stabbed multiple times. After being stabbed the victim was able to leave the area and ask for assistance. The victim was evaluated by Gila River Emergency Medical Services and transported to a local hospital

for further treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – Suspect(s) forcefully entered the victim's residence by breaking the front window. Once inside the residence, the suspects stole a gaming system.

Status: Suspects were arrested.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Sacaton Super Market, consumed merchandise without paying and then left on foot prior to police arrival.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole an EBT card from the victim and used it without permission to make several unauthorized purchases.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six:

Theft – Suspect(s) entered the fenced yard of the victim's residence and stole a puppy from its kennel. The victim noticed the puppy missing in the early hours of the morning and notified police.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven:

Theft – Suspect(s) entered the victim's bedroom and stole money from the victim's wallet while she was in the shower.

Status: Under Investigation

Incident Log September 17 – September 23, 2017

Gila River Police officers responded to 642 calls for service and made 58 arrests.

District One (Blackwater):

Auto Theft – The suspect took the victim's vehicle while she went inside of a residence to use the restroom. The vehicle was later located and returned to the victim.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) were reported to be shooting in a residential area. The victim and others present heard the shots fired while sitting outside of a residence. The victim then reported pain and bleeding from his foot as he stood up. Family members transported the victim to Huhukam Memorial Hospital for treatment. Gila River Officers searched the area with negative findings.

Status: Under Investigation

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Theft – The suspect entered Sacaton Super Market and took a pair of ear buds and a USB cord while the cashier was busy assisting another customer. Officers were provided with sufficient information and evidence to continue the investigation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Arson – Suspect(s) set a Tamarack tree on fire and left the area. Gila River Fire arrived and extinguished the flames.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – The suspect stole a tan Dodge Ram truck from the city of Chandler. There was a alert system in the vehicle and it was located on the Gila River Indian Community. Officers made contact with the vehicle parked in front of a residence still occupied by the suspect.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

District Four (Lone Butte / WHP Area):

Theft – Suspect(s) located a lost wallet in the women's restroom of the Lone Butte Casino and committed theft by leaving the premises with the wallet. The suspect made no attempt to return the wallet to the victim or casino personnel.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The suspect removed a money voucher from a slot machine while at the Wild Horse Pass Casino. The suspect did not make any attempts to return the voucher and admitted to spending the voucher at another machine.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal dispute while in their vehicle traveling through District Five. The verbal dispute became physical and the suspect pulled out a handgun and pointed it at the victim. At that time the victim stopped and exited the vehicle fearing for their life. The suspect fled on foot prior to police arrival.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and two victims were intoxicated when the suspect became upset and began throwing objects. One of the items thrown struck the first victim in the arm causing a large lacer-

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ation. The second victim was struck in the face causing facial abrasions. Police arrived and both victims were transported to a local trauma hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation
Burglary – Suspect(s)

unlawfully entered a storage closet located in the carport of a residence and removed the victims personal property.

Status: Under Investigation
District Six (Komat- ke):

Theft – Suspect(s) forcefully entered a vehicle parked in front of a residence by breaking both the driver and passenger side windows and stole the victim’s wallet containing miscellaneous items and cash.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole a bicycle with black and white rims while it was outside the victim’s father’s residence.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) took a two way Motorola radio from a desk at the District 6 Service Center. The in-

ventory specialist noticed it missing and immediately reported the theft to Gila River Police Department.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Auto Theft – Suspect(s) stole a 2002 gray in color Dodge Intrepid from a

residence where the owner had parked it until it could be sold. The victim reported the vehicle had been parked there for two weeks and they had stopped by to check on the vehicle when they noticed it was gone.

Status: Under Investigation

Tribal Health Department Gila River Indian News

The Tribal Health Department’s Animal Control Program would like to wish everyone a “Happy Fall to all”. Along with this season, comes the worry of rabies. Rabies is caused by a virus that infects the central nervous system, including the spinal cord and brain. Rabies is nearly always fatal once symptoms appear. Anyone that has had direct contact with a bat or other wild animals (especially foxes, skunks, and bobcats) should seek medical attention right away. Rabid animals may show unusual behavior and may become aggressive and attempt to bite people, pets, and livestock. Wild animals exhibiting unusual behavior should be report-

ed as soon as possible. Examples of unusual behavior are: wild animals that show no fear of people or pets; nocturnal animals that are active in daylight; and bats found on the ground, in swimming pools, or that have been caught by a pet. There is little explanation as to why rabid animals are seen more often during this time of year. To date, seven cases of animal rabies have been reported to Maricopa County Health Department. People have had to receive preventative rabies shots after being exposed to laboratory confirmed rabid animals. In 2016, Maricopa County had five cases of lab confirmed rabies.

It is very important to leave bats alone.

Many individuals have handled live or dead bats thinking it is safe to do so,

but it is never safe to handle such animals. If your pet has had contact with a bat, be sure to contact the Gila River Animal Control Program at (520) 562-5177. Domestic animals such as dogs and cats should be vaccinated against rabies which can be obtained free of charge with the Animal Control Program.

Recommended precautions against rabies include:

- Keeping people and pets away from wild animals
- Do not “rescue” abandoned young wild animals
- Spay and neuter your pets to help reduce the number of unwanted animals.
- Vaccinate all dogs and cats annually
- Do not disturb roosting (sleeping) bats

RABIES PREVENTION

For more information about rabies in Maricopa County and surrounding areas, please visit

www.MCRabies.org. For information on how to obtain important vaccinations for your pets, please

contact the Tribal Health Department Animal Control Program at (520) 562-5177.

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12:00pm	Looking from Our Roots - Petratera/La Mitra	Native Planet - Ecuador	YOUTH CONFERENCE SPEAKERS: MIKE ENIS, JERI BRUNOE, AND AWARDS CEREMONY	YOUTH CONFERENCE SPECIAL PRESENTATION: GOV. LEWIS WELCOME AND MAR 5 SPEECH	YOUTH CONFERENCE SPEAKER: TIM TERRY AND SMOKEY THE BEAR PRESENTATION	People of the Beautiful River	2017 GRADUATION BANQUET at District 2	
12:30pm	<i>Traditional storytelling and views.</i>	<i>Aboriginal tribe fight to keep oil companies and gov't off their territory.</i>				<i>Historical moments that will trace the history and rebirth of this nation.</i>		
1:00pm	Storytellers in Motion <i>Gil Cardinal</i>	Ravens and Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Akwesasne Part 1</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Spruce Root Weaver</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Akwesasne Part 2</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Cedar Bark Weaver</i>	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Return of the Buffalo</i>	
1:30pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening <i>Garden Update</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Gardening Therapy</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>We're Going Berry Picking</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Mosquito Repellent</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>The Northern Harvest</i>	Working It Out Together <i>About the Journey</i>	
2:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Sivummut	
2:30pm	Urban Native Girl <i>Should I Stay or Go?</i>	From The Spirit <i>Joane Cardinal-Schubert</i>	From The Spirit <i>Jim Heart</i>	From The Spirit <i>Eli Nasogaluak</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit <i>John Farcy</i>	People of the Pines <i>Contact to Colonization</i>	
3:00pm	Deep Time <i>The ongoing boom in the context of paleo-cycles, climate change, and the dark ecology of the future.</i>	Working It Out Together <i>The Journey, Not Finish</i>	Indian Pride <i>Spirituality</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders <i>Meet the most remote family who live 100km from the nearest shop.</i>	Storytellers in Motion <i>Gil Cardinal</i>	Making Regalia	
3:30pm		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
4:00pm		First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders <i>Meet the most remote family who live 100km from the nearest shop.</i>	
4:30pm	Dakota 38 <i>"We're doing it to ourselves, selling drugs, killing our own people."</i>	Native Report	People of the Pines <i>Invasion and Response</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Reservation and Survival</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Indigenous Focus <i>We're All Related</i>	
5:00pm	<i>That's what this ride is about, is healing."</i>	YOUTH CONFERENCE SPEAKER: TIM TERRY AND SMOKEY THE BEAR PRESENTATION	Havana Curveball <i>13yo Mica launches a grand plan to send baseballs to Cuba.</i>	YOUTH CONFERENCE SPEAKERS: MIKE ENIS, JERI BRUNOE, AND AWARDS CEREMONY	YOUTH CONFERENCE SPECIAL PRESENTATION: GOV. LEWIS WELCOME AND MAR 5 SPEECH	A Bride for Barter <i>Papua New Guinea struggle to maintain their tribal identity.</i>	Dabiyiyuu <i>A Hunter's Wisdom</i>	
5:30pm	Native Voice TV <i>Robin La Due</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	California Indian Voices	
6:00pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Wapos Bay <i>Making It Right</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Patients</i>	Wapos Bay <i>A Time for Pride</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Breakin Too</i>	Wapos Bay <i>It Came From Out There</i>	Native Report	
6:30pm	Aboriginal Adventures	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Hit The Ice <i>Friendly Face</i>	
7:00pm	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	The Other Side <i>Regina: You're The Devil?</i>	Urban Native Girl <i>Land Title-Game Changer</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Well, What Do You Know?</i>	Native Shorts <i>Tama Tu</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
7:30pm	Native Shorts <i>Tama Tu</i>	Indians and Aliens <i>Harry Snowboy</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Friendly Face</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Native Tracks/Spirit of Lin</i>	Rez Rides <i>Going National</i>	2017 SHRED IN THE NAME OF LOVE SKATE COMP.	Mixed Blessings <i>Happy Anniversary</i>	
8:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Sacred Steps: <i>Remembering Sand Creek</i>	Inukshuk <i>Discover a millenary population in the most unforgiving locations.</i>	Crying Earth Rise Up <i>Exposes the human cost of uranium mining and its impact on Great Plains</i>	Journey of Hope <i>Leaders address the youths needs, dreams, hopes and share encouraging prayers.</i>	The Activist <i>Suspicious circumstances surround the arrest and imprisonment of two American Indian activists.</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Well, What Do You Know?</i>	
8:30pm	HOOKED from prescription to addiction	The Tundra Book <i>A rare glimpse into a community determined to preserve it's ancient cultures and traditions.</i>	Rising Voices/Hothaninpi <i>The history that forced the Lakota language towards near extinction.</i>	Fractured Land <i>A young Indigenous law student fighting to protect his land and people from the ravages of neocolonialism.</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>Standing Rock Special</i>	Songcatchers: The Gathering <i>A 2017 Native American Music Special</i>	Goshen <i>Depicting the diet and active lifestyle of the Tarahumara, striving to maintain their ancient culture against all odds.</i>	
9:00pm	Reggae Got Soul <i>Never told story of one of the most influential artists, Toots Hibbert.</i>		Native American Healing in the 21st Century <i>How many natural remedies apply to today's health-conscious society.</i>	Finding Refuge	2015 WAILA FEST AND 2017 WAILA FEST		Champions of the North	
9:30pm	A Thousand Suns						Horse Tribe <i>The connection of human to animal, history to life, grief to resolve, and values to action.</i>	
10:00pm	Trudell <i>Native American activist and poet John Trudell fuses his radical politics with music, writing and art.</i>							
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Second Foam Fest geared toward health and wellness for families



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Runners line up at Rawhide for the Family Foam Fest.

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

When it comes to fun runs and walks, it doesn't get much more vigorous than the sudsy Family Foam Fest presented by the Gila River Indian Community's Health Initiative. For the approximately 500 guests who packed the lawn at Rawhide, not only was there a one and two-mile walk/run track with a foam-soaked finish, guests had the opportunity to play on several family-friendly activities. The Sept. 15 event had water slides, a foam pit, rock climbing, a mechanical bull, carnival games and lawn games to go with musical entertain-

ment provided by DJ Non-stop and Gertie & the T.O. Boyz. Everyone who entered the run was automatically entered into a raffle, which featured prizes highlighting outdoor and fitness activities.

Special Events Coordinator, Alie Walking Badger, said the event was geared towards families, to promote fun outdoor activities for all ages. Over 40 volunteers assisted in the event, that according to Walking Badger, saw an increase in attendance over the previous year. "A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers," said Walking Badger. Local youth rounded out the volunteer ranks with members coming from The Boys



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Runners and walkers start the run through a shower of foam to begin the Family Foam Fest on Sept. 15 at Rawhide.

& Girls Club – Sacaton Branch, District 2 Youth Group and the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council. "We did have a lot of youth volunteers," said Walking Badger. "We

counted on them to make this event a success." With a starting line set up on an adjacent pavement at Rawhide, the bubbles were churning and the soapy suds floated continu-

ously as the runners started and returned to the starting/finish line for a lathered finale. This year's bubbles have barely dried, but Walking Badger is already

looking to complete a bubbly tri-fecta, "We're planning for next year," she said. With two years under their belt, the next step will be "bigger and better," according to Walking Badger.

A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about



By Billy Allen

Phoenix a base in order to better serve southern Arizona. In April of that year, Father Novatus Benzing drove a horse drawn buggy south to deliver mass at the village of Komatk. Eventually St. John the Baptist Mission was established there.

Five years later, two Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in Tucson set out for Komatk. Their train to Phoenix was stopped at a damaged trestle over the Gila River. The only way to get to a waiting train on the other side was by handcar. The Sisters risked it and continued their journey. Upon arriving in Phoenix, the Sisters took a horse and buggy to Komatk. The village had two buildings, a small dirt floor convent and the church itself which doubled as the school during the week. Overcoming obstacles such as outdoor cooking and doing laundry in the river bed, the Sisters stayed for thirty-seven years. Their order would build schools at Bapchule, San Xavier, Fort Yuma, and San Diego. In addition, two small chapels were also constructed but now only remain as ruins; the tower ruins of St. Michael's in Hashen Kehk and St. Joseph's at Wetcamp.

Father Augustine Schwarz arrived in 1916 at St. John the Baptist Mission and Boarding School, which had about 500 students. During the next three years Father Schwarz made regular trips (first by mule, then horse-drawn wagon, and finally a car), to Florence, Fort McDowell, and Salt River. Later he was assigned to the Tohono O'odham Nation and helped establish churches in Pisinimo, Fresnal and Cowlic. Cowlic's altar had a chalice from Germany and paintings from Chicago.

In 1916, Rev. Father Antonine Willenbrink arrived in Arizona and served as pastor at St. John's Mission and also at St. Francis of Assisi Mission at Ak-Chin. Living among us, he became a fluent O'odham speaker and published a dictionary of our ñeok (language) in 1935. Father Antonine died at the Indian Hospital in Phoenix in 1947.

Eighty-two years later, many words he wrote down have remained the same. You can sound out the words using your best O'otham accent. The largest buildings of the time were the Catholic church or santo meeshkee and the Protestant church or mimsh ha meeshkee. Oss meant wood; tai-i is eastward; kweeca for westward; d'am for southward; voechio for northward or below; and tawmook for the Milky

Way. Some cowboy tools: peelin for bridle; vanchkwikut for reins; geefkut for a whip; and leat for a cowhide rope.

The names of certain villages have not changed; Komatk, Vahkee, Stotonik, Haashanyh Koe-ek, Oos Koe-ek, and Akchin. Some old names still used by a few; Chuev Skawmakhi Voecho (below the tall gray mtn. /Santan); Komatk Voecho (below the thick mtn. /Santa Cruz village); Kavulk (hill/Sacaate); and Malicawba (Maricopa). The cardinal is si'puk, nui is the buzzard, chukut is an owl, okok'koi is a white-wing dove, havan is the raven, kak'kai-chu is a quail, and ne'pot is the nighthawk. Ta'dai is the roadrunner or runroader which runs so fast, it pulls up the earth when it runs. I have used Father Willenbrink's spelling for the O'otham words. The complete lexicon is available in the Labriola Center at ASU. To learn more about Father Antonine Willenbrink, an exhibit panel has been created by Jeremy Johns at St. Francis of Assisi Mission School in Ak-Chin. It would be worth the drive to pick up the latest edition of the Runner-but pick up the GRIN first.

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kawts cross
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sivaiyo barley
spooluvam alfalfa
hivai sunflower
s'hook warm

Villages and Towns
Kuiva West End
Lihai Lehi
Hol che dum

Maricopa village
4 miles from Sacaton (east/west?)

from Middle Gila
Goe-e Kee Sacaton
Totsitk East Sacaton
or Chukma Su:dag
Blackwater
Santan
S'hukak Prescott
Tubac Cewag (Clouds)
Shadows at Dawn website
Or Rotten, see big notebook.

AmeKwenorse Big Square Mountain or Pinal Mountain from Middle Gila Book.

Cababi
Kav Vahvai
Sasabe Sasavk
geocities.com GeoNative-Seri-Pima-Tohono O'odham
No-wahl Nogales

sha'shan blackbird

Tohono O'odham dialects and their meanings; Of Earth and Little Rain
Huhhu'ula grandmother's children or orphans

Gigimai brag-garts
Huhuwosh unknown
Ko-lohdi owl (tecolote)

Ge Aji
big narrow place
Ahngam desert willow
Kohadk dried and burned

Totoguani loose g-string or guttural speech
Wakon O'odham San Xavier people (baptized)

Antonine Willenbrink, O.F.M.

Artist offers unique perspective through satirical cartoons

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

If you flick through a copy of the Gila River Indian News you'll find a certain contributor who doesn't rely on words or a photograph to get his point across, but a drawing. His lede is a sketch and his paragraphs are painted not typed. No byline either, just an artist's signature penned in the corner.

You may have come to recognize Wayne Narcia Sr.'s satirical cartoons over the last few years, but you may not recognize him walking down the street. Chances are if you did see him, he was thinking about his next cartoon.

Narcia, 55, submits editorial cartoons to the GRIN. With his views on Community related news and events, Narcia always keeps a bead on the GRIC barometer. "Every paper should have a cartoon," Narcia says.

What motivated him to start cartooning? Was it a contest? Boredom? Narcia is the type of person that draws ideas from the place he lives—the Gila River Indian Community. "I think it was the Community that really inspired me to do cartooning," he says.

One of his first drawings depicted a bucket labeled "Pericap." Just an ordinary bucket, but this one had a hole, leaking. "A lot of family told [me], 'why don't you send it in?'"

From then he's been a regular visitor to our office with sheets of watercolor paper of his latest creations. Some make it to the GRIN, some don't. He's covered topics relating to politics, the environment, ICWA and Native sovereignty. "Whether it's good or bad, you still need the public to see what your thoughts are," he says. And it's the public that he's trying to



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Wayne Narcia has been submitting drawings and paintings to the GRIN for five years.

connect with. "To me, it's their cartoon, I just put it on paper and send it out for someone else to see," Narcia says.

It's a dialogue that is important to him. He says he'll start out with an idea, but the end result often has different interpretations. The people seeing it are the true owners adding their own conclusions.

If he has an idea, he says he puts the concept down on a piece of paper or a spare napkin then works on it at home. Cartoons usually take an hour, but not all the time. "Some cartoons will take me a whole day," he says.

For Narcia to complete a cartoon, he goes into his bedroom and shuts the door. With a collection of music on cassette tape and CD, he'll select a soundtrack for his sessions to work to while he sidles up to his drafting table, just a few feet from his bed. "I kind of have to isolate myself," Narcia admits.



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Narcia works on a submission for the GRIN at his home studio.

When he's short on ideas, he looks up just above his desk at an eclectic bulletin of sketches, cut-outs, doodles and sayings. "It opens up my train of thought," he says.

He's not always isolated, though. Narcia lives in District 6 and is a family man with grandchildren. His family understands how invested he is in his work and they are supportive. "I thank them for giving me the time to sit here [and work]," Narcia says.

paintings. Putting designs on harvested gourds was another example of Narcia's resourcefulness, and as he puts it, "making something out of nothing."

The GRIN comes out twice a month, with about 1,500 issues delivered in his own district, so 1,500 sets of eyes in the Westend have a chance to see what's on his mind. Of all the people that see his work, there is one group in particular that he wants to reach: the youth. Their futures are important to him and he wants them to be the next leaders. "Out of cartooning I hope to get their attention," he says.

Since he started cartooning, Narcia has noticed a progression. His first pictures may not have been his best artistically, but those early drawings were his first steps in the journey. He says the first drawing "wasn't that good," but he appreciates it since it was, "the starting point," for his work.

Narcia doesn't work digitally, so the scans you see in the GRIN are straight from his desk. Since he works a lot in freehand, a single mistake could doom an entire piece. If he is unable to correct a flaw he says, "you have to throw [the cartoon] away and start all over." Even failed cartoons are not taken for granted. "Mistakes are mistakes, and you learn from it," Narcia says.

Narcia uses humor to visually represent his brand of satire. A recent cartoon depicted a saguaro cactus shading itself with an umbrella to deal with the intense summer heat.

Marty Two Bulls Sr., an Oglala Lakota originally from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, has been doing cartoons every week for the past 17 years, and says the role of a satirist is, "to present the truth in a funny way."

Two Bulls, who has been published in several Native owned publications like Indian Country Today and Lakota Country Times among others, says that he uses his artwork to attract the viewer while offering pointed views. "I like to entertain people with my skills and people find the drawings aesthetically appealing. But that is the trap to get them to look at an issue or story through my eyes," Two Bulls says.

Humor used to be a way of life for O'otham according to Narcia. Finding humor in all of life's ups and downs is what Narcia hopes to revive. "It's something we've always done in the past to make things comical," Narcia says.

Although Narcia "had no schooling," on art, when you see him at work, you can't but help call him an artist.

Narcia's current submission appears on page 3.

Gila River Indian Community recognized during Arizona Cardinals game



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

From left, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, District 4 Council Representative Nada Celaya and District 6 Council Representative Charles Goldtooth film a pregame segment at University of Phoenix Stadium on Sept. 25.



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Arizona Cardinals President Michael J. Bidwill met with guests from GRIC prior to the Monday Night game between the Cardinals and the Dallas Cowboys, which aired on ESPN and KUTP My45.



Catching up with GRIC Graduates

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

One Community member is taking her knowledge about the land and applying it to her job working as an Environmental Specialist for the Cultural Resource Management Program.

Taking to the outdoors with a GPS, clipboard and a phone in hand, Sky Dawn Reed, examines the plot of land in front of her, which will soon be the site of one Community member's home.

Leading a tour through the overgrown brush, Reed points down to a plant called the Silverleaf Nightshade.

Recognizable for its distinctive purple flower and greenish yellow berries that resemble tiny tomatoes the Silverleaf Nightshade is a familiar sight among the thorny underbrush being surveyed by Reed.

Reed has stories of turtles, coyotes, snakes and other animals that call the surrounding desert landscape home, which she documents in her reports before a new home goes up.

On the day, Reed was out surveying one of the eight home sites that were on her schedule for the day, the discussion landed on the ideas of environmental stewardship.

"I think I've always



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Sky Dawn Reed describes the unique vegetation scattered throughout the Community.

been interested in the environmental field," said Reed, "I look back to growing up in different communities like the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Navajo Nation, where I lived some portions of my life."

From those experiences growing up and seeing the need for environmental stewardship, Reed set out to learn more on the subject, which provided many opportunities for personal development.

Reed said an opportunity to attend the prestigious Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., fueled her interest in science and allowed her to decide what degree best fit her ambitions.

"For three summers in high school I had an opportunity to attend Phillips Academy through their m²

program that was for minorities," said Reed.

The program was recommended by a high school math and physics teacher, said Reed, who went on to say that everything came together from the application to the interview process.

She said, "During the summer in June and July for three years I got to attend [this] school and make connections with others, who went on to Ivy League schools like Dartmouth."

Fast forward a couple of years later, Reed received a Bachelors of Science Degree Ecological Restoration in 2007 and later followed that up with a Master of Science and Technology Policy from Arizona State University in 2017.

"The environmental interest was always there,



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Reed points out to the area of land that will become the future homesite of one Community family out in District 7.

and [I] wanted to research graduate programs that matched-up with my experience and how that can be applied to policy development," said Reed, "I also wanted to know how to help implement [those] policies and how technology fits into the discussion."

She said the technology component of her graduate program was an interesting topic, because of how crucial of a role it plays in everyone's daily lives.

Technology, Reed said, could be used to analyze issues like climate change, health and conservation that can help people better

understand the earth's climate is changing.

In her own way, she said it's about leading by example and letting the Community know, they have a part in preserving the natural beauty of GRIC.

"Talking with Community members and visiting the districts and events, talking about how to preserve the environment gives me a lot of on the ground experience from the bottom up from a grass roots aspect," said Reed.

For now, Reed wants to take break from school and focus on gaining more experience working with the Community.

"I want to expand more on environmental subjects outside of school, so my experiences working out in the Community, being able to apply what I have learned from my experience as an undergraduate and graduate student have helped me a lot," said Reed.

When asked about furthering her education and the possibility of going for a doctoral degree, Reed said, "Eventually...maybe. I think that I always have the thought that I would like to apply my studies to real world events, job duties... the task at hand, but it's an option."

AK-CHIN MASIK TAS TOKA / SONGIVU'L Tournament
December 2, 2017

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Tribal Forum

Save the date
Thurs., Oct. 19 – Fri., Oct. 20, 2017

Location: Anthony B. Shelde Building at Whirlwind Golf Club
5718 West North Loop Road, Chandler AZ, 85226

The Southwest Environmental Health Sciences Center hosts "Indigenous Environmental Stewards: Bridging Tribal Communities to Healthy Futures", a forum for tribal community members, educators, and tribal environmental and health professionals to explore and create action plans for the important environmental issues that impact the health of tribal communities.

Artwork by Dwayne Manuel, O'Odham, representing the O'odham way of life (Himdag) and the relationships between the people of the past and the people of the present. The composition features land, water, and culture – all of which have strong connections and representation for the O'odham.

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GRIC-UMA holds first 2017 General Election Forum at headquarters

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community urban member representation on Council, amending the Community's constitution, and housing were just a few topics discussed by candidates running for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor in the upcoming General Election, during a forum hosted by the Gila River Indian Community Urban Member Association (GRIC-UMA) at their headquarters in Phoenix, Ariz., on Sept. 30.

The four candidates who participated in the forum were Monica Antone, Stephen Roe Lewis, David Anderson, and Robert Stone.

Anthony Newkirk, GRIC-UMA Chairman, said candidates for Lieutenant Governor were asked five questions, candidates for Governor 15 questions, and then questions and comments were opened up to the public.

"The purpose [of the forum] is to inform our voters [about] the elected official's stance on urban member issues," said Newkirk.

Many of the questions put forth to candidates dealt with GRIC urban member's issues ranging from whether or not they would support an urban member on Community Council, amend the Community's constitution to change language that un-enrolls GRIC

members after living outside the tribe's boundaries after 20 years, and housing.

"Historically we have outlined three priorities as far as where [GRIC-UMA] stand," said Newkirk. "That is culture, continued funding, and the constitution." The first nine questions

put forth to candidates for Governor, where focused on those issues.

"I hope that [the forum] is a way for people to understand what urban members are working toward, equality and unity," Newkirk said. "Simple acknowledgement goes a

long way, showing up to our meetings. [Community representatives] to come out to our meetings is really something that the membership is looking for," he said.

In addition to showing up to GRIC-UMA meetings, Newkirk added that urban members are looking

to have a voice in Council, where their ideas and opinions will be heard. "We want to become part of that conversation, because most of the time, if you aren't seen, you aren't considered," he said.

The 2017 General Election will be held on Nov. 7 with polls open

from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Absentee voting opens on Oct. 17 and closes on Nov. 6.

For more information about the upcoming election or events, contact the GRIC Tribal Elections office at (520) 562-9735 or 9758.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Candidate for Lieutenant Governor, Robert Stone, answered questions at the GRIC-UMA forum on Sept. 30.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Candidate for Lieutenant Governor, David Anderson, talked about his platform with members of GRIC-UMA.

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Chief Knapp tosses first pitch



Arizona Diamondbacks

Gila River Fire Department Chief Thomas Knapp tossed the ceremonial first pitch at Chase Field before the start of the Arizona Diamondbacks game against the Miami Marlins on Sept. 23.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

GRIC students, ranging from third to 12th grade took part in the "Yes 2 Life" campaign, that was held throughout the month of September to promote Suicide Awareness.

Community "Yes 2 Life" campaign

Christopher Lomahquahu
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GRIC students, ranging from third to 12th grades, that attend schools in and around the Community, took part in the "Yes 2 Life" campaign essay, poetry and art contest during the month of September, and were awarded for their talents on Sept. 25.

In all, over 88 students submitted their artistic contributions to the campaign that was coordinated by the Suicide GAP team, which is part of a Community initiative to address suicide.

Students focused their efforts on bringing awareness to suicide and the need to talk about and seek help if they are dealing with thoughts of harming themselves.

Tribal Education Department Student Behavioral Specialist Gale Dawson said, "There were some wonderful entries with the students expressing how they see (through art), they express (through essay) and how they feel (through poetry) about "Yes 2 Life" in their Community."

The campaign concluded a month long initiative that included events and activities that encouraged Community members to speak out about suicide, bringing awareness to the issue.

The Community formally recognized September as Suicide Awareness Month, through passing of resolution GR-025-17, which supports community departments and services, who work to address suicide across GRIC.

U of A President takes tour of GRIC, discusses future partnerships

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Newly appointed University of Arizona President Dr. Robert C. Robbins made his first visit to Arizona's Indian Country on Sept. 27, visiting the Gila River Indian Community where he was introduced to the tribe's Education Standing Committee by Governor Stephen Roe Lewis and given a tour of Gila River Farms, the Managed Aquifer Recharge site #5, and Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

According to Karen Francis-Begay, U of A Assistant Vice President for Tribal Relations, Robbins and his delegation were given a tour focused on three areas of interest to the Community that could benefit from future partnerships with the university: water, agriculture, and healthcare.

"We planned the day based on what Gila River's



Jaime Jackson/CPAO

University of Arizona President Dr. Robert C. Robbins, left, is introduced by Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, right, to GRIC's Education Standing Committee on Sept. 27.

interests were, and what the university's strengths are in relation to enhancing [the] partnership with Gila River," she said.

Francis-Begay said the group discussed the future of the Community's irrigation project and the need for young tribal members

to eventually run the operation, which resulted in talks about a possible summer youth camp, held at the U of A, focusing on tribal water issues.

During their tour of Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, the group discussed the possibility of sending more

U of A physicians to do their residency training at GRHC facilities.

Before becoming U of A's President, Robbins served as president and CEO of Texas Medical Center from 2012 to 2017, was a professor and chairman of the Department of



Jaime Jackson/CPAO

From left, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, U of A President Dr. Robert C. Robbins, and District 5 Representative Robert Stone at the Managed Aquifer Recharge site #5.

Cardiothoracic Surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine, and received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi.

Francis-Begay said even though Robbins is only going into his fifth month on the job, he has already voiced interest in visiting Arizona's tribal communities, and was grateful for the opportunity to visit GRIC.

"This really goes a

long way for us in terms of our campus leadership in acknowledging our government to government relationship with all of the tribes. He plans to go out to all 22 tribes; we have never had a president do that," said Francis-Begay. "He also expressed that this won't be his...last visit [to Gila River], he plans to come back."

2nd Annual Elders Conference held at Sheraton Grand

GRIN Staff
Gila River Indian News

Under the theme, "Elders Working Together to Build a Better Tomorrow," the Community Services Department and the Elderly Services Program

presented the 2nd Annual Elders Conference with workshops touching on elder issues such as consumer scams, traditional ways, and health and wellness. The elders gathered on Sept. 29 at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass for a day of speeches from

tribal leadership and introductions from Community Services and the Elderly Services Program. The activities started at 7:30 a.m. with check-in to 3 p.m. following the closing remarks. Birds Singing and Dancing by the River provided an entertainment segment

during lunch and worksessions included the Attorney General's Office, Gila River Health Care, and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Other participating departments, programs and entities included Elderly Nutrition Program, Trib-

al Recreation & Wellness Department, Gila River Police Department, Gila River Healthcare Behavioral Health Services, Health Resources Department, Public Health Nursing, Community Health Nutrition, Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., Department of Land

Use Planning & Zoning, Four Rivers Indian Legal Services, Arizona Attorney General's Office, Banner Alzheimer's Institute, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Office of Emergency Services, and Gila River Emergency Services.



Chandra Narcia/CPAO

Tribal Recreation was one of the many departments participating in wellness outreach at the Elders Conference on Sept. 29.



Chandra Narcia/CPAO

From left, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Ms. Winfreda Jay, and Miss Gila River 2017-2018 Anissa Garcia.



Chandra Narcia/CPAO

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, right, participates in the Mad Hatter workshop which promoted teamwork and creativity.



Chandra Narcia/CPAO

Elders peruse health information on diet and diabetes prevention.

Governor's Employees of the Month for June, July and August

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Three Gila River Indian Community employees received the Governor's Employee of the Month awards for their hard work and contributions to the Community's workforce and members.

Department of Environmental Quality Environmental

ronmental Inspector Tony McCandless, received the nod to be the GEM for the month of June.

According to his supervisor Daniel Hoyt, McCandless, "has been instrumental in the development and capacity building of the program to ensure that pesticides are regulated in a manner to protect both human health and the envi-

ronment."

Hoyt added, that McCandless promotes positivity among the team and is dedicated to the task at hand.

District 7 Service Center security guard Paul Gallardo was nominated for the July GEM for his ability to assist Community members by creating a safe and friendly atmosphere while

on the job.

According to his nominator District 7 Coordinator Shelby Francisco, "He takes his job to heart by going above and beyond to ensure the safety of the D7 facility."

The description went on to say, that Gallardo helps visitors, who need assistance with carrying

heavy items that need to get to their vehicle.

The GEM for the month of August, Tribal Health Nurse Elizabeth Antone, who works within the Community Tribal Health Department.

Her supervisor the Communicable Disease Investigator, Jimmy Orozco, said, "She serves as a great

role model and mentor and [you] can really see, she cares about the Community member."

In addition, Antone has demonstrated effective leadership skills as acting director and during her day-to-day interaction, while educating community members about important health subjects.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

From left, Tony McCandless, Paul Gallardo, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and Elizabeth Antone.

Senior Fitness Classes
Gila River Wellness Center now offers various fitness and wellness classes for our senior community members. Find one that works for you!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
District 4 Bones & Balance 9am- 10am w/ Ryan	District 3 Bones and Balance 12pm-1pm w/ Ryan	District 7 Bones and Balance 9am-10am w/ Sly	District 3 Chair Zumba 9:00am- 10:00am w/ Fabby
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	October 2nd to December 28th		

Everyone is welcome to any of our classes! If you miss a few classes, that's okay, come back!

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October 2nd to December 28th
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CVS kicks-off Domestic Violence Awareness Month at Governance Center

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community's Crime Victim Services (CVS) and Human Resources Department kicked-off Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Governance Center's lobby on Oct. 2, which featured a "Quilts To Healing" project allowing participants to create their own fabric panel with a personalized message and add it to the Community Quilt.

During the event Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, a long time supporter of domestic violence awareness

and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), talked about how thankful she was to the CVS staff for their work in the Community, emphasizing that women need to work together to get through situations of domestic violence and find the tools needed to heal.

She added the tribe recently received notice of federal funding from the United States Department of Justice, which will allow GRIC to execute VAWA. This will enable GRIC to prosecute non-Natives that commit acts of domestic violence against Community members within the tribal



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone makes a personalized cloth panel, which will be added to the Community Quilt.

boundary.

Robin Begaye, CVS Coordinator, said the month of October is a time

to increase awareness about the serious issue, educate the Community, and support survivors of domestic violence.

To help spread awareness, CVS has handed out 700 purple ribbons to tribal departments, including the Gila River Fire Department, Gila River Police Department, and many more.

Begaye said people might think it is easy to leave an abusive relationship, but that couldn't be any further from the truth.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Crime Victim Services and Human Resources kicked-off Domestic Violence Awareness Month at the Governance Center on Oct. 2.

"There are many factors involved in leaving a violent relationship," said Begaye. "There are children involved, family connections, and many times victims are isolated by their abuser and they feel they have no support."

Throughout the month of October, CVS will be putting on a variety of events, including "In Her Shoes", an interactive educational tool allowing participants to experience what it is like to be a vic-

tim of domestic violence, and will be held on Oct. 11 at the Governance center from 11 a.m. - 2p.m.

Oct. 19 is Wear Purple Day, to show support for those experiencing domestic violence and to help bring awareness to the issue.

On Oct. 21, the Domestic Violence Awareness Fair will be held at the District 5 Service Center from 8 a.m. to 1p.m.

For more information call CVS at (520)562-4106.

Student Services



Scholarship Deadline

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Jury Trials from May to September



Reuben Ringlero/Edit Box

Between May 31 and Sept. 19 there were nine jury trials.



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Defense Services Office
Gila River Indian Community

The Community Court had a number of jury trials this past summer. Community members answered their civic duty by reporting for jury duty - routinely getting 50-60 Community members to serve as possible jurors. The process to pick a jury could take anywhere from half a day to a full day but is very important to the court process, especially for the Defendant who has a right for his/her case to be presented before a fair and impartial jury. All practitioners thank the Community members for their patience and answering their civic duty.

Below is a result of the jury trials (most lasting a few days) since May 31:

May 31 - Misdemeanor - FOUND NOT

GUILTY AT TRIAL*
 June 13 - Misdemeanor - FOUND GUILTY (Later ruled a mistrial)
 August 22 - Felony - FOUND NOT GUILTY
 August 24 - Three Felony Counts - DISMISSED ON DAY OF TRIAL
 September 8 - Seven Misdemeanor Counts - FOUND NOT GUILTY*
 September 8 - Three Felony Counts - FOUND NOT GUILTY
 September 12 - Felony - Defendant did not show for trial - BENCH WARRANT
 September 12 - Two Felony Counts - DISMISSED ON DAY OF TRIAL
 September 19 - One Felony Count / Two Misdemeanor Counts - FOUND NOT GUILTY

* Non-DSO/Conflict Attorney for Defendant

Twenty Year Club Annual Recognition Luncheon honors long serving employees



Reuben Ringlero/Edit Box

From left, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Melva Mae Charles, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. Ms. Charles was recognized for her 37 years of service.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

In recognition of Gila River Indian Community employees who loyally served the Community for twenty years or more, the tribe's Human Resources Department in conjunction with the Executive Office held its Twenty Year Club Annual Recognition Luncheon at Ditka's Restaurant and at the Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino on Sept. 27.

The atmosphere of the luncheon was festive, with employees playing musical trivia and games covering topics from 20 to 30 years ago.

Phillip Morris, HR Training Specialist, said 28 employees attended the

luncheon where they were each recognized for their years of service, presented gifts, and congratulated by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

"We recognized those employees that have served the Community, mostly through the government sector, for 20, 25, 30, and 30-plus years," Morris said.

Employees who worked for 20 years received a stainless steel thermos set, 25 years received a clock, and those who had served 30 years or more, received the thermos set, clock, and travel bag, said Morris.

He said it is important GRIC employees know they are appreciated for the

service they provide the Community.

"We want to thank the Executive Office for allowing us the opportunity to coordinate and setup these particular types of events," said Morris. "We also want the participants to know not only does the Executive Office appreciate their hard work throughout the years, but we do as well."

The following is a list of GRIC employees who have worked 20 years or more:

- Randy Allen – 20 years 4 months
- Antonelli C. Anton – 20 years 6 months
- Debra Georgina Baubie – 20 years
- Janet L. Bollman – 20



Reuben Ringlero/Edit Box

From left, Phillip Morris, Richard Weschrob and Henrietta Lopez during the Twenty Year Club Annual Recognition Luncheon on Sept. 27.

- years 9 months
- Melvin Chischilly – 20 years 9 months
- Benny Wilson Dixson – 20 years 5 months
- Anna A. Edwards – 20 years 2 months
- Paulette Jean Gomez-Glass – 20 years 11 months
- Ruperto R. Hernandez – 20 years 4 months
- Thomas S. Herrschaft – 20 years 5 months
- Cornell Johns – 20 years 2 months
- Lee Cordell Juan – 20 years 1 month
- Gregory Alan Lewis – 20 years 2 months
- Henrietta Lopez – 20 years 2 months
- Ernest Miles – 20 years 9 months
- Rea J. Miles – 20 years 9 months

- Gregory Mitchem – 20 years 9 months
- Esperanza V. Mix – 20 years 1 month
- Donald F. Montoya – 20 years 9 months
- Iris A. Pablo – 20 years 4 months
- Brenda Gayle Randolph – 20 years 4 months
- Wahlean Jana Riggs – 20 years 1 month
- Melvin Sanderson – 20 years 9 months
- Michael Stevens – 20 years 7 months
- Mary Frances Valenzuela – 20 years 2 months
- Pamela Jeanne Vega – 20 years 4 months
- Karen S. Williams – 20 years 1 month
- Salvador A. Erivez – 25 years 1 month
- Robert Hernandez – 25

- years 5 months
- Alexander Lee – 25 years 5 months
- Mark Senior – 25 years 5 months
- Starleen Fay Somegustava – 25 years 2 months
- Cynthia D. Yazzie – 25 years 10 months
- Jay Delton Pedro – 32 years 1 month
- Cheryl J. Pablo – 32 years 1 month
- Laurie A. Juan – 33 years 7 months
- Alan Blackwater – 35 years 6 months
- Abigail Thomas – 35 years 11 months
- Caralita Lomahquahu – 35 years 1 month
- Danielle Jackson – 36 years 2 months
- Melva Mae Charles – 37 years 1 month

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday September 20, 2017, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:06 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Janice Stewart

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison (11:00), Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. GRHC Introduction of Susan Kelley, Chief Nursing Officer

Presenter: Scott Gemberling

MR. SCOTT GEMBERLING INTRODUCED MS. SUSAN KELLEY. MS. KELLEY PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS REGARDING THE CARING HOUSE AND GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE.

REPORTS

1. Johnson O'Malley Quarter 4 Report SY 2016-2017

Presenter: Fredrick Poitra

REPORT HEARD

2. GRTI 2Q 2017 Report Update

Presenters: Bruce Holdridge, Peter Quam, GRTI Board of Directors

REPORT HEARD

3. Monthly Financial Activity Report FY2017 Capital Projects Review & Update-08/31/2017 (Executive Session)

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

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And REDW, LLC. For Fiscal Year 2018 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Sharon Harvier, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Towers Watson Delaware, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2018 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenters: Sharon Harvier, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

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

Presenters: Sharon Harvier, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And RVK, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Sharon Harvier, Treasurer Robert G.

Keller

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For CGA, Inc./Casa Grande Alliance For Casa Grande Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #5 THRU RESOLUTION #28

6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Boys And Girls Clubs Of Casa Grande Valley, Teen Services-The Lounge After School Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Casa Grande Police Department Wireless Surveillance Systems (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

8. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Community Development Division, Emergency Housing Repair And Accessibility Assistance Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

9. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For Against Abuse, Inc. Domestic Violence Services (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

10. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenue To The City Of Casa Grande For The Natural Resource Education Center (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

11. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Scottsdale For The Human Services Department, Employment Assistance Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

12. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Scottsdale For Feeding Matters, Program Impact Enhancement (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

13. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Upward For Children And Families (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

14. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Buckeye For The Buckeye Police Department Training Facility Cover (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

15. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenue To The City Of Phoenix For Native American Connections Homebase Youth Services (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

16. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenue To The City Of Scottsdale For The Office Of Diversity And Inclusion, 31st Mayor's Committee On Employment Of People With Disabilities Scholarship Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

17. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Lights Camera Discover After School And Summer Youth Programs (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

18. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Ballet Arizona Class Warm Up Project (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

19. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For The Law Department-Prosecutor's Office Technology Upgrade (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

20. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For The Water Services Department, Tres Rios Wetlands Interpretive Signs (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

21. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance Community Kitchen Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

22. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Hacienda Inc. Disability Transportation (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

23. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For The Arizona Center For Nature Conservation/Phoenix Zoo Capital Projects (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

24. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For The Phoenix Fire Department Type II Ambulance Project (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

25. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Hacienda Children's Hospital Direct Care Operations (G&MSC motioned to forward

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GILA RIVER MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 21 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MURDER
PHOENIX – On Sept. 19, 2017, Ga-

riel Michael Alvarez, 25, of Sacaton, Ariz., a member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow

to 262 months in prison. Alvarez had previously pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. Also sentenced was Roger Matthew James, of Chandler Heights, Ariz., 27, also a member of the Gila River Indian Community, to 15 years in prison for discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence,

after previously pleading guilty. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department and the Federal Bureau

of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Raynette Logan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

Gomez Date: Monday, September 11, 2017
Brainard Jr O Johns Defendant
Tissa Benally Civil Plaintiff

COURT DATE NOTICE

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

COURT DATE NOTICE
In Re Case: Tissa Benally vs. Brainard Jr O Johns
Docket Number: FM-2017-0078-PT
This case has been scheduled and

YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued

for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered. Issued by: Answer/Response Hearing AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,

721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147
23rd day of October, 2017 at 2:30 PM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Dallas DeLowe

WHAT'S NEW AT GRICUA

Additional On-Site Payment Days in Districts 1 & 2

GRICUA is happy to announce additional Customer Service representation at Districts 1 and 2 Service Centers to accept payments and answer any questions from 9:00-12:00 PM on the following days:

- District 2 – Monday, Oct 9
- District 1 – Wednesday, Nov 8
- District 2 – Wednesday, Dec 6

New Hire – Rebecca Carra
GRICUA is happy to introduce our new Customer Service Representative – Rebecca Carra. Rebecca was raised in Casa Grande, AZ. She has over 15 years of experience working in customer service, management and in human resources. With her previous employer, Rebecca has worked on a lot of different projects, including payroll and finance billing. Rebecca's husband is a Community member from District 5. He previously worked for Gila River Community Housing for about 10 years. Rebecca is a proud mother of 2 wonderful boys. One is a high school graduate and the other will be graduating this year.



GRICUA's Now Offering E-Bill
If you would like to receive an E-Bill from GRICUA instead of the paper statement, simply log into your account and select E-Bill from the Bill Method

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GRICUA District Days 2017
GRICUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (433 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to 3pm.
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• December 7
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to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

26. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Banner Health Foundation Neonatal Intensive Care Support Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

27. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For The Phoenix Rescue Mission Changing Lives Center Health Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

28. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For The Assistance League Of Phoenix Operation School Bell (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #5

29. A Resolution Approving A Consent And Waiver Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Certain Allotted Landowners In District #7 Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive session with noted changes, NRSC concurs, EDSC recommends tabling for discussion) Presenter: Ronald Rosier

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

30. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Enrollment of Corrine Ashley Harper Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council under Resolutions with a recommendation for approval) Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Enacts An Amendment To Title 8, Chapter 10, ESCHEAT, Of The Gila River Indian Community Law And Order Code (LSC forwards to Council under Ordinances with a recommendation for approval) Presenter: Rebecca Hall

APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Farms FY16 Audit (G&MSC motioned to forward the item to Council) Presenter: Anthony Gerlach
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT [GOVER-

NOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:01 A.M.]

2. Enrollment Committee Concerns (Executive Session) (LSC forwards the motions to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Gailyn Brown

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO RATIFY ACTIONS OF LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE INCLUDING THE MOTIONS ADOPTED

MINUTES

1. August 16, 2017 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
2. September 6, 2017 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTION
ANNOUNCEMENTS
> LITIGATION TEAM MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017, 9AM
>LSC WORK SESSION FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017, 9AM
>SUICIDE AWARENESS EVENTS: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017, 6-8PM IN DISTRICT 1 AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017, 6-8PM IN DISTRICT 5
ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:11 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION: O'ODHAM FOR A BETTER GOVERNMENT

Dear Editor,
Submitted herewith, is the report of the completed Elderly Survey 2017. The O'Odham for a Better Government, who prepared and conducted the survey, are a non-political, volunteer committee/ team of elders of the Gila River Indian Community with concerns regarding the future of our Community. The survey is similar to those done about office-holders elected to local, State, and National offices. Presentations were made at the meetings of the Gila River Council of Elders, the Gila River Elders Concerns Group, Elders Committees of the Seven Districts of the Community, and the Elders

of the Urban Members Association. This survey has opened dialogue to additional discussions on various topics that affect our Community through the Tribal Government. This survey reflects the opinions, feelings, and thoughts of Community Elders emphasizing their struggles in employment, health, housing, the economy, water rights, etc. On behalf of the Elders of this Community, we respectfully submit this survey to be printed in the next issue of the GRIN as Community Information. Submitted by John Antone johnantone.Dist4@gmail.com

Elderly Survey 2017																				
D1-43	D2-6	D3-24	D4-23	D5-28	D6-12	D7-21	UM-14							Total #						
TOTAL 171								Excellent		Satisfied		Average		Unsatisfied		Poor		Did not mark		Total # of surveys Rec'd
TOTAL 176																				
1. Governor – Is he adhering to the constitutional responsibilities?	13	7%	30	17%	59	33%	42	24%	17	10%	16	9%	177							
2. Lt Governor - Is she adhering to the constitutional responsibilities?	30	17%	50	28%	55	31%	22	12%	7	4%	13	7%	177							
3. Council Members – How are they representing your concerns and	19	11%	29	16%	52	29%	37	21%	25	14%	15	8%	177							
4. Community Treasurer – Is he adhering to the constitutional responsibilities?	6	3%	19	11%	63	36%	26	15%	29	16%	34	19%	177							
5. Tribal Courts – Is there sufficient advocacy for the Elders?	6	3%	23	13%	58	33%	41	23%	20	11%	29	16%	177							
6. District Service Centers – How well are services rendered to Elderly?	21	12%	48	27%	60	34%	28	16%	11	6%	9	5%	177							
7. Traditional Values – Is our legislative branch (Council) making decisions based on traditional culture (Pima and Pi Posh) values?	11	6%	21	12%	52	29%	37	21%	36	20%	20	11%	177							
8. Housing Departments – How well is information/services meeting your needs?	11	6%	23	13%	44	25%	47	27%	34	19%	18	10%	177							
9. Transparency in Leadership – How well does our leadership make full disclosure of their actions?	10	6%	21	12%	44	25%	44	25%	45	25%	13	7%	177							
10. Pay increases for elected officials - Should this go to a vote of the people?	NO		22		12%		YES		147		83%		8	6%	177					
11. Community budget/expenditures – Do you agree that the budget must be available to the community prior to approval?	18		10%		149		84%		10		13%		177							
12. Are the Elderly budgets adequate?	112		63%		42		24%		23		15%		177							
13. Law Enforcement – Are they providing adequate protection to the Community and Elders?	83		47%		67		38%		27		17%		177							
14. Employment for Tribal Members – Are Tribal members being hired?	115		65%		32		18%		30		21%		177							
15. Ethical Practices – Does the Code of Conduct relate to our traditional values?	90		51%		50		28%		37		14%		177							
16. Control by outside Influences – Is our Government influenced by outside sources?	25		14%		127		72%		25		15%		177							
17. Legislative Decisions – Do you agree that micro-managing is against the constitution?	32		18%		118		67%		27		11%		177							
18. Community Economy – Do you feel that our Community is on a downside?	34		19%		123		69%		20		11%		177							

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New Electronic Health Record Software, NextGen launched 10/2/17.

The new Electronic Health Record software will replace an outdated system and will improve compliance, communication reporting, and billing throughout Gila River Health Care.

Patients may temporarily experience longer-than-normal wait time during the transition. Every effort will be made to for a swift transition. We appreciate your patience.

Questions or comments, call (602) 528-1424.

GRHC Career Fairs

GRHC Career Fairs – Look for us at these events!

- **October 6th** - Huhugam Heritage Center in Chandler 5pm – 9 pm
- **October 27th** - Booth at GRIC District 3 Employment & Training Department Career Fair 10 am – 1 pm

Go to GRHC.ORG/CAREERS or call (520) 562-3321 ext. 1342.

Central Sterilization Department Spotlight

In celebration of International Central Sterile Week, October 8 – 14, 2017, we would like to spotlight the Central Sterilization team at Gila River Health Care. This tireless, dedicated team, whose work takes place mainly in the background, supports the many providers with clean and sterile instruments delivered consistently. Their unwavering adherence to industry standards, best practices, and organizational policies/ procedures ensures that our patient safety is always first. While this department may never come into direct contact with patients, they support the entire hospital. Please join us as we recognize these quiet patient safety champions.

New GRIC Employees at GRHC GRIC Member Employment Highlights

GRHC is proud to welcome Community members who began work in September for the following departments: The Caring House, Dialysis, EVS, Facilities, and Customer Service.

Anna M., Randall J., Star P., Natalie J., Luanna G., Lisa J., Zandra S., Thomas E. & Jessie V.

Go to GRHC.ORG/CAREERS and apply today, email hireme@grhc.org, or call (520) 562-3321 ext. 1342.

GRHC Employee Highlight

Lenora Yucupicio, Director of Food Service

Lenora Yucupicio is from District 1 Blackwater and began her career at GRHC in 2004 as a cook with GRHC, and progressed to Lead Cook and Food Service Supervisor. In 2013, she was assigned the Interim Director of Food Service, and was ultimately promoted to Director of Food Service. Lenora is ServSafe Certified and received a certificate for Certified Dietary Manager. Lenora stated, "Food service has been my only career, and I enjoy everything about it." Lenora was born and raised in Arizona, and when she's not working she loves watching sports and said, "I always cheer for the home teams."

Just Move It - Community-Wide Walk/Run Series

- 10/7 - District 4 Service Center**
Registration 7 am - Start 7:30 am
- 10/13 - District 7 Service Center**
Registration 4:30 pm - Start 5:00 pm
- 10/17 - District 1 Service Center**
Registration 5 pm - Start 5:30 pm
- 10/26 - District 6 Komatke Health Center**
Registration 4 pm - Start 4:45 pm
- 10/27 - District 5 Service Center**
Registration 4:30 pm - Start 4:45 pm
- 11/1 - District 3 Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital**
Registration 4 pm - Start 4:45 pm

All participants will receive a JMI shirt.
Registration will be onsite.

For event information, call the GRHC Diabetes Prevention Program at (520) 562-7940.

Flu Clinics at GRHC

Visit Flu clinics each Monday on the dates below at HHKMH Temporary Lobby near the Wheelchair Bay from 9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 3 pm.

- October 9
- October 23
- October 30
- November 6
- November 13
- November 20

Contact Robin Henry at (520) 562-3321 ext. 7302.

2017 Holiday Closures Save the Date

- November 10, 2017 - Veterans Day
- November 23 & 24, 2017 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 25, 2017 - Christmas



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