

The Community mourns the passing of Legal Icon and Tribal Leader Rodney B. Lewis

First Native American to Practice Law in Arizona, First Native American to Argue and Win a Case Before U.S. Supreme Court Passes Away at 77

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

Rodney B. Lewis, a giant of the legal profession in Arizona and across Indian Country nationally, passed away Tuesday, April 10 at the age of 77 years old. Known simply as "Rod" to thousands of fellow members of the Gila River Indian Community, Mr. Lewis was the first Native American attorney to be admitted to the State Bar of Arizona and the first Native American attorney in the nation to argue and win a case before the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Willardene Pratt Lewis, and by three adult children: Stephen Roe, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, John Blaine and Katherine Elizabeth.

"My father lived to serve our people in every way possible," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. "He spent 30 years of his life



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Former GRIC General Counsel Rodney B. Lewis enjoys a dance in his honor during the 2016 National Congress of American Indians in Phoenix.

working on the Gila River water rights settlement, finally bringing that landmark agreement to fruition in 2004. That was only one of his proud moments. He was equally thrilled to have served as an Army Ranger during his time in the military and to have been appointed last year by Gov. Ducey to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board.

"No one loved his family, his community and Native American people more," said Gov. Lewis, "or had a bigger heart when it came to helping Indian people better our lives and our communities."

Mr. Lewis joined the U.S. Army Infantry in 1962. He received an honorable discharge in 1965, having become Airborne and Ranger-qualified and rising to the rank of First Lieutenant. Throughout his life, Mr. Lewis was motivated to live by the

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Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

District 7 veterans hand out American flags during the Five Tribes Peace Treaty on April 7.

Five Tribes Peace Treaty celebration held in D7

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In the early morning hours, a 5K run and 2-mile walk started the fun filled day of events that would last from sun up to sun down.

The District 7 Maricopa Colony celebrated the 155th Annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration with a morning fun run, parade, music, games, and traditional Pee Posh bird dances and songs on April 7.

People lined up along 83rd Avenue for the parade to see the various entries make their way toward the District 7 multipurpose building.

The parade consisted of veteran organizations from across the Community, school marching groups and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone. This year's grand marshal was Ir-

ving Jenkins of District 7.

Underneath the large ramada, attendees heard about the history of the treaty of peace.

In 1863, a truce was brokered between five tribes: Akimel O'otham, Maricopa Yuma, Hualapai, and Chemehuevi to exercise peace over the region.

The treaty was established to provide a safe passage for settlers moving into or through Arizona, who were prone to attacks from hostile groups.

In addition, vendors and Community departments provided informational booths for the visitors.

In the afternoon a horseshoe tournament, DJ entertainment and several traditional dancers performed to cap off the evening.

At the north end of the park a skate competition was held for Community youth.

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Gila River Health Initiative Presents:



Light The Night

May 4th, 2018

**Gila River Indian Community Glow Fest
5K Fun Run and 2 Mile Glow Walk**

Music, Games, Food, Raffles, Photo Booth and more!

District 4 Park

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Fun Run/Walk will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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Rodney B. Lewis, center, surrounded by family in 2015, when he was honored with the Kent C. Ware Lifetime Achievement Award by the Phoenix Indian Center.

Rod Lewis remembered

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Ranger creed: "Rangers Lead the Way."

In 1962, Mr. Lewis earned a B.S. from Trinity University in San Antonio. He received his M.A. in History from Arizona State University in 1969. In 1972, he received his Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Admitted to the State Bar of Arizona in 1972, Mr. Lewis – the first Native American attorney in the state of Arizona and founding chair of the Arizona Bar's Indian Law section – ultimately became a go-to attorney for tribal clients across Arizona and nationally. In a legal career that spanned nearly four decades, Mr. Lewis specialized in Indian law, tribal gaming compacts, water and energy law, and public policy matters.

In 1980, Mr. Lewis became the first Native American attorney to successfully argue a case before the United State Supreme

Court. The case, *Central Machinery vs. the Arizona State Tax Commission*, resulted in a 5-4 vote in favor of the Gila River Indian Community. Justice Thurgood Marshall wrote the majority opinion.

Almost 40 years after this victory, *Central Machinery* remains critically important as the basis for granting Indian tribes the right to operate beyond the taxing jurisdiction of states.

Mr. Lewis served as the general counsel of the Gila River Indian Community for 30 years, beginning in 1978. In this role, he led the GRIC's negotiations with the federal government, the state of Arizona, and more than 30 non-Indian parties. The Arizona Water Rights Settlements Act of 2004, Public Law 108-451, was

passed as a direct result of these negotiations. It remains the largest tribal water rights settlement in the history of the United States.

In private practice later in his career, Mr. Lewis served as a consultant for the prominent Washington, D.C.-based law firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld. His private practice work

led to successful federal water rights settlements on behalf of the Crow Tribe of Montana and the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians in California, among many tribal clients.

A lifelong basketball fan and Phoenix Suns fan, Mr. Lewis was born to Sally and Roe Lewis in 1940. He is also survived by his brother, John, and by six grandchildren. Mr. Lewis was preceded in death by his brother, Robert "Bob" Lewis.

On Wednesday, Gila River Indian Community Lt. Governor Robert Stone requested that all flags in the Community be lowered to half-staff out of respect for Mr. Lewis.

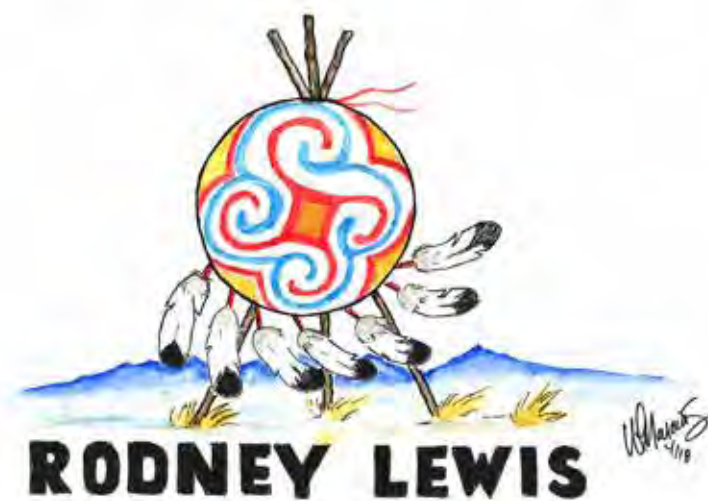
"My father lived an extraordinary life," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, "yet he always felt like his signature accomplishment was being a great dad, a terrific grandfather and a loyal friend to so many of his loved ones and neighbors. He was proud, yet forever humble. He worked hard, but he always had time for you whenever you needed him. Being the child of Rod Lewis – nothing in life will ever make me or my brother and sister more proud."



GRIC Photo

Lewis with his son, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, in 2017 during his time on the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board of Directors.

REST IN PEACE



Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

Gila River Police Department Incident Log

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

April 1 - 7, 2018

Calls for services this week: 656

Arrest(s) made: 53

District One (Blackwater):

Theft – Suspect(s) removed a water spigot from the rear of an abandoned residence. Housing security reported the missing item to law enforcement with an estimated replacement value of \$50.00 dollars.

Status: Under investigation.

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part I crime.

District Three- (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect, after being arrested for disorderly conduct, during the booking process became agitated and verbally threatened three detention officers with death. Then the suspect spat on victim number four, another detention officer.

Status: Under investigation.

Aggravated Assault – The suspect assaulted the victim, a minor, by striking her in the face with his hand. The victim had no visible injuries and did not require medical assessment.

Status: Under investigation.

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Theft – Suspect(s) removed the license plate from the victim's vehicle while it was parked at a residence on Hunt Highway. The victim stated she left the vehicle parked at the residence overnight and when she came to pick it up the following day the license plate was no longer on her vehicle.

Status: Under investigation.

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Aggravated Assault - While responding to a call for service in reference to a reckless vehicle in the area. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the reported vehicle, a black Chevrolet Impala. During the officers' contact with the driver it was learned he had an outstanding felony warrant out of Maricopa County for aggravated assault and resisting arrest. While attempting to take the suspect

into police custody, he actively fought the officer and struck him in the head with landscaping rocks causing a laceration to his forehead. The suspect also struck the officer in the head several times with a closed fist.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into 4th Avenue Jail for Aggravated Assault.

Theft - Suspect(s) broke into a Red Dodge Ram and removed the owners personal items. The vehicle was parked at the Best Western Plus Hotel and Suites at the time of the theft.

Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting – The suspect(s) entered a store located inside of the Phoenix Premium Outlet and shoplifted a long sleeve shirt. The store video surveillance footage details the suspect's activities while they were in the store. The suspects left the area prior

to police arrival, but were contacted at their home.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft -The victim entered a restroom inside of the Lone Butte Casino and then exited. Once the victim returned to a slot machine he realized his cell phone and wallet were missing. The victim returned to the restroom to find his belongings were gone.

Status: Under investigation.

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect struck the victim, his sister, in the head multiple times with a can of fruit after a verbal altercation. The victim attempted to shield herself from the suspect by hiding under a kitchen table but was pulled out from underneath. The victim was transported to a local trauma hospital for medical treatment for her

non-life threatening injuries.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Theft – The suspect removed personal items from the victim's residence without permission from the owner. The suspect was given a month to return the items and after the deadline expired she wished to pursue criminal charges.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect, after a verbal altercation escalated, struck the victim, with a crowbar causing a six inch laceration to her head. The victim was transported by EMS to a local trauma hospital for her non-life threatening injury.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim

were in a verbal altercation when it escalated and became physical. The suspect struck the victim's right ankle with a broom stick handle causing swelling and pain to the victim. The victim left the residence and transported herself to the hospital for a medical evaluation. Staff at the hospital notified Law Enforcement when the victim disclosed the injury was from being assaulted.

Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Komatke Market and took 2 bags of chips, and 3 bottled drinks. The suspect then left the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under investigation.

Weapons - Suspect(s) drove a vehicle down W Saint Johns Rd and fired off two 12 gauge rounds at the home destroying the rear arcadia door. A descrip-

tion of the vehicle and the suspect were given to Law Enforcement and being followed up on. No persons sustained any injuries during the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

District Seven (Maricopa):

Theft - Suspect(s) committed criminal damage and theft by breaking the rear passenger side window of a red their vehicle and taking personal items from inside.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - Suspect(s) committed theft by stealing the front bicycle tire while it was chained to the carport at a residence along South 78th Avenue.

Status: Under investigation.

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CASA GRANDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATION

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Eight Casa Blanca students represented at robotics competition



Courtesy of Casa Blanca Community School
Students and staff pose at the competition.



Courtesy of Casa Blanca Community School
Students programmed robots in Sacaton.

By Casa Blanca Community School

The Sacaton Middle School Gym was buzzing with activity on the morning of April 7 as the 2nd Annual Indigenous Robotics Competition was underway. The whirring, beeping and mechanical sounds of robots along with the voices of student competi-

tors, coaches and spectators filled the air. It was an exciting day to watch student teams from schools across the reservation compete against each other.

Eight students represented Casa Blanca Community School in the competition. The students competed against other teams in various events using different kinds of

robots. One type of robots which students used to compete were the Lego EV3 robots, which are programed using an iPad and have several different sensors for a variety of functions. Students also competed using the small Ozobots which follow lines and are programmed using different color combinations as they move. Finally, CBCS students put on a demonstration of the Wedo robots using their programming, building and coding skills.

The events for the EV3 robots included robot jousting, maze-following and sumo-bot wrestling. The Ozobots competed in a line-following course with programming code that the students created. Many of the students, families and CBCS Robotics Team members have been taking time out of their weekends to practice for the events since November. It was fun and exciting for everyone to finally see the students compete. Representatives from Honeywell and Intel Corporations were present as sponsors for the event.

The Casa Blanca Robotics Club is proud of the following students who competed this year:

1. Kaylee Luna and

Syndel Preston – 3rd place in the Mazeing Challenge, EV3 robots

2. Niteyes Preston and Jacob Luna – 4th place in the Mazeing Challenge, EV3 robots

3. Jaden Jackson – 1st place, Ozobot challenge

4. Araseli Grijalva-Alvey – 2nd place, Ozobot challenge

5. Zylus Jones – 3rd place, Ozobot challenge

6. Blake Jackson – 4th place, Ozobot challenge

The members of the Casa Blanca Robotics Club are Mr. Lopez, Ms. Marsobian and Mr. Young. The club recently received a \$5,000 grant from the AZ Coyotes Foundation and plan on using the money to invest in more robots, iPads and drones for CBCS students. The Club goals for the future include increasing student interest in STEM and robotics as well as

getting more parents and families involved. Someday, the Club hopes to host their own competition here at CBCS.

The CBCS Robotics Club would like to wish the best of luck to Sacaton Middle School as they compete in an international robotics competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico

later this month. They'll be representing Gila River and the U.S. as they compete against robotics teams from all over the world. CBCS students, families and teachers had a great time this year at the event and look forward to building our skills in robots and programming and competing again next year!

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12:00pm	Mirando Desde Nuestras Raices - Looking from Our Roots <i>Amanacer/El Ultimo</i>	2018 MUL CHU THA PARADE Sacaton, AZ	HHC - U'UVIG CLASS	2018 INAUGURATION Governor Stephen R. Lewis and Lieutenant Robert Stone	Sousa on the Rez: Marching to the Beat of The Winter Bear Project	Native American Healing in the 21st Century <i>Healing practices and how many are useable today.</i>	Mad Cow Sacred Cow <i>Shocking connections between Mad Cow crisis, Farm crisis and Food crisis.</i>	
12:30pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>Carrying on the Tradition</i>	Samaqan Water Stories		Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>Portrait of a Mask Maker</i>	Seasoned With Spirit <i>Gulf Coast Originals</i>	
1:00pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening <i>The Spring Fest</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Fertilizer</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Tomatoes Part 1</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Tomatoes Part 2</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Treasure Hunt</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Shake It Up</i>	
1:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Vitality Health <i>Fitness Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Diabetes Management Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Spirituality Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Nutrition Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Stress Management Day</i>	Champions of the North <i>Sisters</i>	
2:00pm	Urban Native Girl <i>Out of the Shadows</i>	From The Spirit <i>Fred McDonald</i>	From The Spirit <i>Terry McCue</i>	From The Spirit <i>Dale Auger</i>	From The Spirit <i>Tim Paul</i>	From The Spirit <i>Sean Couchie</i>	People of the Pines <i>Assimilation</i>	
2:30pm	Arkansas First People <i>Unique perspectives on Native cultural legacy and archaeological data.</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Nutrition</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders- <i>Through the Bays Some of the quirkiest locations and heart-warming characters.</i>	Storytellers in Motion	SNAKETOWN - EARLY INDIAN FARMERS	
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4:00pm	Akansas First People cont'd.	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	First Talk	The New Zealanders- <i>Through the Bays Some of the quirkiest locations and heart-warming characters.</i>	
4:30pm	Languages of Victory	2018 INAUGURATION Governor Stephen R. Lewis and Lieutenant Robert Stone	PEARL HARBOR EVENT AT HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER	Making Regalia <i>Continuation of Straight</i>	People of the Pines <i>Contact to Colonization</i>	Native Report		
5:00pm	The Ball <i>Each cultural celebrates the beauty and history of traditional games.</i>			Sousa on the Rez: Marching to the Beat of Another <i>The Winter Bear Project</i>	Native American Healing in the 21st Century <i>Healing practices and how many are useable today.</i>	2018 MUL CHU THA PARADE Sacaton, AZ	Indigenous Focus <i>Apache Legacy</i>	
5:30pm							Dabiyiyuu <i>Bush Medicine</i>	
6:00pm	Native Voice TV <i>Michelle Montanez</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>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People <i>Wild Archeology</i>	
6:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report						Heltsuk Nuyems	
7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Grey Whales-Campbell</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Time Management</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Ways of the Quiet</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The World According to</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Catch The Spirit</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Partic-Inaction</i>	Hit The Ice <i>The Eleventh Hour</i>	
7:30pm	Toa Hunter Gatherer	Fish Out of Water <i>Haida Gwaii</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Bear River First Nation</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Red Bank First Nation</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Fish Out of Water <i>Seminole Tribe</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Haida Gwaii</i>	
8:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Rocket Boy</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Urban Native Girl <i>End Is Just A Starting Point</i>	Kvcarts <i>Steven Rushingwind</i>	Native Shorts <i>Rocket Boy</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Mixed Blessings <i>There's No Place Like</i>	
8:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Indians and Aliens	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Studio 49	The Aux	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
9:00pm	The Aux	The Other Story of the Forgotten Slaves <i>The story of the oriental slave trade.</i>	Kanie'keha:Ka: Living The Language <i>Personal, thought provoking and honest stories of the Mohawk language.</i>	Circus Without Borders <i>Filmed between two locations at the opposite ends of the world.</i>	Injunity: Live at the McSwain Theater	First Nations Comedy Experience <i>Cathy Ladman, James Mane Jr., Gilbert Brown,</i>	Havana Curveball <i>13yo Mica launches a grand plan to send baseballs to Cuba.</i>	
9:30pm	Buffy St. Marie <i>Never been a major written or visual documentation of this multi-faceted woman.</i>	Jaynelle <i>Coleen Rajotte follows Jaynelle's journey as a struggling Native parent.</i>		Beyond Recognition	Songcatchers: The Gathering <i>The Sampson Brothers Native American dancers</i>	HHC - U'UVIG CLASS	Mohawk Girls <i>Takes viewers into the lives of 3 girls and a surprising inside look at Native youth.</i>	
10:00pm	Stories of the River <i>Stories of the People</i>			Mad Honey Hunters		HOHOKAM AT PEACE WITH THE LAND		
10:30pm	Looking Toward Home <i>The life and times of urban Indians as they attempt to maintain their cultural identity while living away.</i>	The Young Ancestors <i>The burgeoning movement led by Native Americans to save their native languages.</i>	Washakie Last Chief of the Eastern Shashone <i>He led in battle and in peace, and difficult negotiations with the U.S.</i>	Sacred Steps: <i>Remembering Sand Creek Interviews help gain an understanding of the emotions Sand Creek</i>	Trudell <i>Reveals the philosophy and motivations behind his work and relationship to contemporary Indian</i>	Rising Voices/Hothaninpi <i>How languages die - and how speaking them again can spark cultural and community restoration.</i>	Holder of Wisdom <i>Shares elder wise women, the animals and Earth Mother, sharing their wisdom with the world.</i>	
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Gila River Police Officers mentor youth in Bigs in Blue Program

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America teamed up with the Gila River Police Department to roll out a mentorship program at the Gila River Branch – Sacaton of the Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley.

One of the functions of a police department anywhere is to serve and protect, but for GRPD, they are taking it a step further through a national mentorship program.

Through the Big Brothers Big Sister's Bigs in Blue program, GRPD is making strides in working with the youth of the Community.

According to the Big



GRPD Officers and their youth mentees, took part in a year long program "Bigs in Blue."

Brothers Big Sisters website, the Bigs in Blue program is a one-to-one mentoring program that is about

building relationships with the youth and police officers.

The idea is to help the

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School Resource Officer James Milano hands out sticker badges to youth participants.

we were very excited to see Big Brothers Big Sisters here in the Community... they needed mentors and we were like 'yeah' we can do that," said Elliot.

Elliot added, when August comes around the Big Brothers Big Sister program and GRPD will pick up where they left off and offer more mentorships with the Boys & Girls Club.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Tribal Partnership Coordinator, Bobbi Nez, said the program has been operating in the Community for six years, and is the first time collaborating with GRPD, which started last September.

"Chief Elliot has really championed for the department and its officers to participate by partnering through the Bigs in Blue program," said Nez.

Nez said, "Our overall program works with youth 6-18 years of age, but for the Bigs in Blues, we have 6-12 years old, being that the teens are involved, but now that we have adult

mentors in program we can match them with the teens."

A critical function of the program, said Nez, is the mentors' commitment to the youth they are paired with, because it generates good traits of success.

Currently the GRPD has six officers participating in the program mentoring the youth. Elliot said more officers are interested.

GRPD Commander Ronald Blass, a mentor in the Bigs in Blue program, said opportunities through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program offers the youth a side of the police department that most don't always get to see.

He said it's about bridging those relationships with the department and showing the youth that they can have a future in law enforcement.

"We want to be mentors, we to be friends, and we want to be there to support the program and support the kids," said Blass.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

District 7 veterans Irving Jenkins was this year's Five Tribes Peace Treaty parade grand marshal.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Gila River royalty court was present in the parade to welcome attendees on April 7.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

A mother and child from the Gila Crossing Community School F.A.C.E. program march down the parade route to support child and parent education.

Student Services

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship Deadline

FALL SEMESTER DEADLINE: JUNE 1ST 2018

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	APPLICATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	200 WORD ESSAY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN BLOOD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACCEPTANCE LETTER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT (TYPICAL SCHOOLS)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PROGRAM OF STUDY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CLASS SCHEDULE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR) (2018-2019 SAR)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

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Kui Hiosig Mashath

The name for this month refers to the hiosig (flowering) of the Kui (Velvet Mesquite tree) which will soon produce vihog (Velvet Mesquite bean pods) in a few months. Other desert plants begin to enter flowering-stage including Kuk Chehedag (Foothills Palo Verde) and Ko'okmadk (Blue Palo Verde) trees, their abundant s-oam hiosig (yellow flowers) are hard to miss. One category of plants easily over looked are the ho'i hab ma:s haichu vu'vaithag, (cactus-like plants, plants with spines). In the Akimel O'otham plant classification system ho'i hab ma:s haichu vu'vaithag have their own unique category and includes all cacti and spine-bearing desert

plants. Our Hekiu O'otham didn't over look the cacti as they observed their shapes, where they grew and other characteristics. From these observations they assigned names to many different cacti species. A few ho'i hab ma:s haichu vu'vaithag that produce hiosig (flowers) are; Hannam (Buckhorn Cholla) which grow up in the nearby Tho'oag (mountain) and on the Tho'othonk (foothills). Some families still pick the buds before they flower and slow roast them overnight in the Hannam chu'amaikuḍ (rock-lined cholla roasting pit), Hoi (to de-spine the cholla buds), then Hannam gakithaj (to dry the cholla buds) and stored to be used later for haichu hu:k (food). I:svik (Engelmann's hedge-

hog cactus) can be found on the Tho'othonk and sometimes in isolated areas on the S-sheliñ Jevēḍ (floodplain). There are two species of Chiavul (Barrel Cacti) that thrives in our community, one grows only on the Tho'oag and Tho'othonk while the other thrives on the S-sheliñ Jevēḍ. One easily recognized plant is the Melok (Ocotillo) with their red clusters of blossoms that grows on the nearby Tho'oag and Tho'othonk. Another easily recognized cactus is I'ibai (prickly-pear cactus) which will bloom later on in the summer. One cactus that may be hard to find is Ban Bisulthag, 'Coyote's Paws' (Fishhook Cactus) since they rarely grow over six inches and can be hid-

Kui Hiosig Mashath: Match the O'otham cactus name with its Picture!

<p><i>hannam</i></p> <p><i>i:svik</i></p> <p><i>chiavul</i></p> <p><i>melok</i></p> <p><i>i'ibai</i></p> <p><i>ban bishulthag</i></p> <p><i>ha:shañ</i></p>	
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den between rocks on the nearby Tho'othonk. Our most important gift is the Ha:shañ (Saguaro Cactus) which will bloom near the end of next month. This month's word-match will focus on ho'i hab ma:s haichu vu'vaithag hiosig. We encourage you to learn these O'otham words and use them in your everyday lives. We also encourage you to get out and take a look at a few ho'i hab ma:s haichu vu'vaithag when in hiosig.

GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

GRHC.ORG

Life Center Patient Highlight

Introducing
Lance Wells

Lance is a participant in the Life Center's Diabetes Prevention Program.

What did you learn in the class?

"I learned how to manage the sugar that I've been eating. I never realized how much sugar and cholesterol is in the food we eat, whether it is in candy or hidden in sauce and condiments."

How did you learn to reduce sugar in your diet?

We had classes focusing on that. We also received small books detailing the nutritional value of certain foods, brands and restaurant.

What is the most important thing you learned at the Life Center?

The most important thing I learned is to not only do it for yourself but do it for other people who count on your help. You know, your family and your friends.

What was did you like best about taking the Life Center?

The thing I liked best about the Life Center classes was the support you get from everybody there as well as the instructor. It was a group effort.

April is ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Join GRHC Behavioral Health Services to raise awareness, understanding, to reduce stigma connected to alcohol, alcoholism and recovery.

Alcohol Awareness Event

1-Mile Fun Walk

Registration: 7:30 am - 8:00 am

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April 26, 2018 • 9 am -12 pm

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GRIC FIT NEWS



WELLNESS CENTER
SPIRITUAL · PHYSICAL · MENTAL

THE BE GRIC FIT TOUR

District Six

Tuesday April 10, 2018
5:30pm- 8:00pm
District 6 Service Center

STOP #5

Registration: 5:30pm
Welcome: 5:45pm
Sessions Begin: 6:00pm

****Main presentation**
*6:00pm

****Fitness Sessions:**
*Meet your Gym Orientation
*Zumba
*Kids Zone

Participants must be a community member, spouse or child of a community member, or be employed by any Gila River entity such as Executive, Schools, Casino, Etc.

Family Event: *Must provide own transportation to each event.*

Activities for ages 6+. Everyone Welcome!

Attend a minimum of 3 Be Gric Fit Tour events to receive stamps.

Submit a completed passport and receive a final reward.

Passports ages 6 yrs+ only.

District SIX exclusive incentives for youth and adults!

Passports will be available for pick up at all tour stops or at the Wellness Center. Missed stamps will be given at the discretion of the event coordinator and upon participation verification. Participants must be present to receive incentives. No pick-ups will be allowed.

For more information call (520) 562-2026

Tribal Recreation & Wellness has New Adult Fitness Classes in the Districts

D 2 - Mondays – **Total Body Workouts** 6pm – 7pm
Tuesday & Thursday – **Circuit work-out Training** 6:00-7:00 pm

D3 – Mondays & Wednesday – Zumba in the Dark w/ Shaker Toning weights at the Wellness Center - **5:30pm - 6:30pm**- Incentives and points are given out.

D5 - Tuesday & Thursday - **Circuit Training** 5:45pm – 6:45 pm

D6 – Mondays & Wednesdays Lunch hr. - **Warrior Sculpt** 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

D7 – Mondays & Wednesdays – **Warrior Sculpt** 5:30pm -6:30pm

30 minute - **Lunch Hour Work outs** daily at the Wellness Center from 11am-1pm

Look out for the Registration packets for the following Fitness events;

- Strong Man- Strong Woman Challenge
- Employee Fitness Week
- A Day of Legends Elders Chair Volleyball Tournament- Player's will come dressed as their favorite Legend – "Best Dress Team Award"

SPORTS & TOURNAMENTS

- The 13 -15 -year old Youth Basketball award event was held on April 5. Many activities, food and awards were given out.
- Sponsorship Applications are now being accepted for the upcoming Inter-Tribal Baseball & Softball Dbacks Tournament.
- 16-17-year-old youth Basketball League has started on April 13.
- Sac City High School Tournament was held on April 5-7 at the Wellness center and the Boys & Girls Club.

SAC CITY JAM WINNERS

Boys Division
Champions- TO Storm
2nd Place- Dynasty
3rd Place- Gila River Hawks

Magic
2nd Place- Passion Elite
3rd Place- Copa Crew

Girls Division
Champions- Lady



Tribal Recreation & Wellness Program Employee Highlights Brandon Begay

Brandon is the Lead Fitness Instructor at the Wellness Center. He has been with the program for 2 years. He is dedicated to making sure the Community has the tools and knowledge to achieve their fitness goals. He provides class instruction as well as one-on-one classes to clients. Brandon has great planning and organizational skills. He wants to reach out and bring new people in at any level to begin a wellness program designed for them. He has great experience & knowledge for those who want to train or have been working on their own fitness to enhance in their growth. Brandon is a great asset to the program.




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Agencies check on young eagles and monitor their activity



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

District 7 Council Representative Devin Redbird, AZGFD biologist Kenneth Jacobson and GRIC DEQ Senior Wildlife Biologist Russell Benford stand with eagle nestling.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Two nine week old female bald eagle nestlings, a symbol of national pride, were at the center of attention, during a recent outing to see how they have adapted to their unique environment.

The eagles, who live a short distance from the Community, were given a checkup, that included, being equipped with a blue identification band and cellular GPS transmitter courtesy of the Arizona Game and Fish Department on March 29.

Wildlife biologists were on hand to examine the birds before they are ready to fly.

Getting up to the nest is a huge undertaking, requiring the efforts of a coordinated team of individuals from the AZGFD, Salt River Project and the Gila River Department of Environmental Quality, to bring the nestlings down.

The crews and agencies used this opportunity to learn more about the large raptors and how they interact with their surrounding environment, as bald eagles build nests ever closer to the Phoenix Metropolitan area.

Russell Benford, Department of Environmental Quality Senior Wildlife Biologist, said, the pair of bald eagles have been nesting just outside of the Community boundary since last year.

Although the nest is within the City of Phoenix, DEQ still monitors the eagles through the Nest Watch Program.

They keep watch, because of the cultural value the eagles have on the Community's culture and a mission to ensure that the bald eagles are safe from their biggest threat, humans.

"The Community is certainly still very invested in these eagles, culturally, emotionally even," said Benford.

As with previous bald

eagle projects, Benford said it is important to learn how bald eagles behave and adapt to their surroundings with so much activity going on around them.

"A lot of the reasons the nest watch program is in place, is to provide some positive encouragement to members of the public, who might either not know that [this] is a sensitive area or in some cases have a disregard for the wildlife here," said Benford.

DEQ Nest Watch volunteer Thomas Rivas, a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation, and District 7 Council Representative Devin Redbird had the honor of holding the nestlings during the whole banding and transmitter rigging process.

Rivas said, "As a nest watcher, it's a blessing to see them and to be close to them after a month and a half of observing them."

He said the task may seem benign, but serves an important purpose, that requires spending hours watching over the bald eagles and their young nestlings.

"Ceremonial-wise we use eagle feathers and it is a blessing for me to watch over them as an O'otham... they carry the messages of prayers, so [we] really respect them," said Rivas.

Redbird said, "You read about the birds, you talk about the birds and [we] have songs about them, but to actually be there and hold it and to be in partnership with all these entities that also respect the bird is something that is really special for the Community."

Understanding the eagles

When the SRP bucket truck arrived, the AZGFD was ready to ascend up to the nest, while one of the bald eagle parents kept a watchful eye on the activity below. When the biologist reached the nest, the nestlings, a bit taken by surprise by their human visitors, were in no hurry

to leave the nest, but after 30 minutes of careful work, the eagles were brought down in short time.

The team began measuring, weighing, determining sex, banding, and outfitting the nestlings with a transmitter and had time to answer a few questions through the AZGFD Facebook livestream.

Kenneth Jacobson, AZGFD Raptor Management Coordinator, said the ability to track the eagle's habits using a transmitter would allow them to learn more about how the birds behave in a metropolitan environment and, in turn, help protect the large birds from harm.

He said the transmitters work from a cellular network, which sends updates in the same way a person receives text messages or phone calls.

With the transmitters, the biologists can track and locate a bald eagles' positions and how they are faring in the wild.

This method of tracking is used to understand what types of encounters the bald eagles have on their journey, especially if they are in an urban environment.

"That information we get from those transmitters will help us identify any risk factors they have in these urban environments. It gives us a chance to address those ahead of time before the birds get themselves into trouble, injured, or worse," said Jacobson.

With their large size, bald eagles can find themselves among powerlines, possibly nesting near them, thus raising the risk of electrocution.

It is a problem the team of biologist wants to prevent as the presence of bald eagles near metropolitan centers increases.

What to Do if You Encounter a Bald Eagle Nest

Benford said around breeding season, it is best not to disturb a bald eagle nest, which may contain nestlings. "It is a sensitive



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

AZGFD Birds and Mammals Biologist Kurt Licence affixes a GPS transmitter to one of the nestling bald eagles at the site of their nest on March 29.

area for the spring time breeding season, so we try to encourage people out of the respect for the eagles, to stay away and let them be good new parents," he said.

In recent cases, bald eagle nests have been even found among busy construction sites and near powerlines.

Benford said the early stages of a bald eagle's life are important to their development, "The baby

eagles will be flying soon, they need a little bit of time to practice and to get sturdier on their wings."

His advice for those, that have an interest in seeing bald eagles, is to stay clear of the nest and to observe them through a pair of binoculars or a spotting scope.

When people venture off the paved road for recreational purposes, it can have a negative impact on

the bald eagles' wellbeing, and can disturb the nest.

On a few occasions, Benford said he has asked individuals with drones to leave the area, which has brought a new concern to the nest.

If you come in contact with a bald eagle's nest within the Gila River Indian Community call the Department of Environmental Quality at (520) 562-2234.



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Executive Office Headlines

Lt. Governor Robert Stone



Governor Stephen Roe Lewis

“Putting Our People First”

The Governor Employee of the Month award handed out for January, February and March *Individuals recognized for dedication and effort through contributions toward building a strong community*

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

Three Community employees were chosen as the January, February and March winners of the Governor Employee of the Month award. On hand to present plaques was Lt. Governor Robert Stone, stepping in for Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

“On behalf of the Governor’s office, Executive Office and myself, Lt. Governor, we all know that we have a huge workforce and it is a great task to be involved in the government structure and to do our jobs. It’s quite commendable that with the thousands and thousands of employees we have that you guys have been chosen for the month of your awards,” said Lt. Gov. Stone. “From the Governor’s office and myself, ‘congratulations.’”

Officer Ethan Messerly was the winner for the month of January, Jill Jackson was chosen for February and Lynn Simon was



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

The winners of the Governor’s Employee of the Month award were presented with their awards by Lt. Gov. Robert Stone. From left, Officer Ethan Messerly (January), Jill Jackson (February), and Lynn Simon (March).

the March winner.

Officer Messerly has been serving the Community in Law Enforcement Services since October 2010. As a Field Training Officer,

he had the chance to mentor fellow and new officers. Officer Messerly takes the philosophy of ‘Community Policing’ as a personal challenge to influence the

lives of not only Community members but anyone that he comes into contact with while on the job.

Jackson works in the Finance Department as an

accounts payable technician III. She has been with the department since 2008 working from a temporary employee up to her current position.

Simon works as the Cartography Manager in the Cultural Resources Department mapping archeological sites and translating GIS formats to visual representations along with a whole host of other duties.

All three nominees were described as exemplary role models with excellent attendance who give a helping hand whenever the situation rises and have stepped up in their departments on numerous occasions.

“I want to congratulate every single person here,” said Richard Weschrob, Training Specialist. “These guys are nominated by their peers, people who work in their department. You guys should be commended for the work that you do. It is amazing the work you guys do and it’s amazing what you bring to the Community. I just want you to realize that your peers have looked at you and thought you deserved this award.”

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS FAIR

April 28, 2018
District 2 - Service Center

Join us for a day of presentations, informational booths and food!

Registration for Walk/Run - 6:30am
Walk/Run begins - 7am
Awareness Fair begins - 8:30am
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Gila River Indian Community

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Family’s income verification

Additional documents will be requested upon acceptance – up to date child’s Immunization record, child’s current Physical exam and Lead screening

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • April 4, 2018

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, April 04, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Robert Stone at 9:17 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Janice Stewart

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present:
Lt. Governor Robert Stone
Executive Officers Absent:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr., Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Gila River Gaming Enterprises 2018 ADDY Awards Presentation

Presenter: Kenneth Manuel

MR. KENNETH MANUAL INTRODUCED MR. AND MR. SCOT HARKY. MR. PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE MARKETING AWARDS. MR. HARKY FURTHER EXPLAINED THE AWARD PROCESS. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. Introduction Of New Department Of Community Housing Director Mr. William Picotte

Presenter: Rachel Hernandez Pamela Thompson

MS. RACHEL HERNANDEZ INTRODUCED MR. WILLIAM PICOTTE. MR. PICOTTE PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

REPORTS

1. Pee-Posh Veterans Association First And Second Quarter FY2018 Reports

Presenter: Arnie Bread Sr.

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Rio Salado Working Group

Presenters: Steven J.W. Heeley, Manuel Johnson, Casandra Wallace

REPORT HEARD

3. Tribal Social Services Transition

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Judicial Department

Presenter: Donna Kisto-Jones

REPORT HEARD

5. January & February Head Start/Early Head Start 2018 Monthly Report

Presenter: Lori Stinson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:27 A.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report February 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community Council For February 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE

SESSION

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A ONE-HOUR LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:40 P.M.]

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority For The Construction, Operation, And Maintenance Of Sacaton 2 Substation Site (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Casandra Wallace, Kathy Galloway

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Approving The Amendments Of The Current Gila River Indian Community Elders Concerns Group Bylaws (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; H&SSC & LSC concur)

Presenter: Naomi Bebo

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Location For A New Gila Crossing School And For Other Purposes (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC & ESC concur)

Presenter: Michael Carter

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Transit Services Inter-Governmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community An The City Of Phoenix Providing For Fixed-Route Transit Services And Providing For A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Pamela Thompson, Gregory McDowell

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Declaring Intention To Reimburse Certain Expenditures With Borrowing Proceeds (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Michael Carter

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community 2018 Procurement Policy And Rescinding The Existing Procurement Policy Authorized Pursuant To Resolution GR-230-08 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Lawrence Makil, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2017 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Osborne Maledon, P.A. (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Granting The Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Permission To Gain Early Access To Tribal Trust Land For The Purpose Of Constructing The Siphons And Road Crossings On The Santan IB Canal In District 4 Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, with correction)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Ratifying And Approving The Reacquisition And Transfer Of Interstate 10 Casa Blanca Road Interchange (Tracts 1-3) To The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation And A Portion Of State Route 93 Rights Of Way (Tract 4) To The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation And Gila River Farms And A Portion Of State Route 93 Rights Of Way (Tract 5) To The Gila River Indian Community As Shown In Drawing No. 40514-1161-01 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Antonelli Anton, Calvin Touchin

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Approving The Designation Of 10.0000 Acres, More Or Less, Of Tribal Land Within District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation To The Gila River Police Department For the Purpose Of Design, Construction, Maintenance, And Operation Of A New Police Department Headquarters Building As Show In Drawing No. 40317-0563 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Barney Bigman

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends Title 5, Criminal Code To Include A New Chapter 18, Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Michael Carter

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

2. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code By Rescinding Title 8, Chapter 9, Residency Ordinance And Enacting The Revised Residency Ordinance (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Michael Carter

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Notification of Upcoming Court of Appeals Vacancy (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to declare the vacancy as per the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Yolanda Johnson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE FOR 60-DAYS

2. Seeking Guidance on Bald Eagle Mortality (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval to have Governor write a formal request to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services for the remains of the juvenile bald eagle that was fledged from the Hayfield/Pee Posh Wetlands nest site, CRSC concurs)

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Certification of Qualifications for the 2018 Community Council Candidates (LSC forwards the candidates for District 1, District 4, District 5, and District 6 to Council with recommendation for certification)

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR DISTRICT 1: BETTY MOLINA, CHERYL COPPEDGE, SHIRLEY MILLER, AND ARZIE HOGG

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR DISTRICT 4: MONICA ANTONE AND NADA CELAYA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR DISTRICT 5: THOMAS R. WHITE, FRANKLIN PABLO, SR., VERLENE BANKETEWA, AND CHERYL JEFFERSON
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR DISTRICT 6: SANDRA NASEWYTEWA AND ANTHONY C. VILLAREAL, SR

4. Letter of Concern – 2018 Community Council Candidate (LSC forwards to Council as FYI)

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE THE COMMUNITY ELECTION COORDINATOR PROVIDE WRITTEN REQUIREMENTS GUIDELINES FOR REGISTERED VOTER LISTINGS AND A PLAN TO UPDATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL COMMUNITY ELECTIONS AND PRESENT FOR APPROVAL THROUGH LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

5. Amendments to Title 1 Regarding Duties of Judges and Standards of Judicial Conduct (LSC

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Sacaton students work with GRIC departments to create new street signs



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Sacaton Middle School students designed new street signs for the Community.

Aaron J. Tohtsoni

Gila River Indian News

Students from Sacaton Middle School presented new street signs to the Community's transportation department. Fifth through eighth graders from the Exceptional Student Services spent the last few months working on the wooden-street signs.

This is the second time that students from Sacaton Middle School have gifted the Community with hand-made signs.

The last batch of signs were given to the Community in 2016. At that time, 17 signs were presented, this time the class made 35 signs that will be put up in Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the Community.

"It's been really fun for the kids to get involved

and make street signs for the roads that they live on," said Barbara Wilson, bus driver and teacher's aide. "It's been good for them because it makes them feel a part of something. When they walk through the Community they can say, 'hey I made that sign.'"

The entire process took over three months and the students were hands-on from the get-go. From the unloading of the wood, to measuring, sanding, stenciling and painting the students were hard at work.

They also worked with Leslie Stovall from Land use Planning and Zoning to get the correct street names.

According to Wilson, after the positive response from the first batch of signs, she reached out to department of transportation director Timothy Ol-

iver about making more signs.

"It's giving them real educational skills," said Oliver. "They are working on spelling, about fitting things on the signs in an appropriate size and having to think about all of those things. It's a good opportunity for these kids who need opportunities."

Wilson said that the original signs are still up and haven't been vandalized, a show of respect, and that prompted her to inquire about the second batch.

As with most Native American communities, street signs and physical addresses can be an issue. The street sign project helps address those issues and make it easier to navigate around the Community.

The project was also a

State passes Native American Day bill

Christopher Lomahquahu

Gila River Indian News

State law makers passed the bill establishing an official day as Native American Day in June.

On April 5, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey signed Senate Bill 1235

into law, making June 2 Native American Day.

In previous updates about the bill, it was introduced by state Senator Jamescita Peshlakai (D) earlier this year, as the bill made its way through the senate, with only one revision.

According to an official press release from Gov. Ducey's office, it said, "Arizona's Native American tribes have played a significant role in shaping our state's unique history."

Supported by 25 other senators, SB 1235 was passed with an overwhelm-

ing vote of 56 in favor and 0 not in favor of the bill.

Additionally the press release said, "It's important that we continue to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of Native Americans have made and continue to make to our state."

way to teach the students the importance of giving back to the Community where you live as well as a way to show pride in your Community and heritage.

The street signs were presented to Oliver and will be put up throughout the Community in the coming weeks.

the recommendation from PLFC & GRIIDD Board, EDSC Forwards to Council for discussion and possible action)

Presenters: PLFC Board, GRIIDD Board
MOTION MADE AND SECOND GOVERNOR LEWIS, PIMA LEASING & FINANCING CORPORATION BOARD AND GILA RIVER INDIAN IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH SUPERINTENDENT BAKER AND WESTERN REGION DIRECTOR BRYAN BOWKER TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES AND CREATE A PLAN; AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES WITHIN 30-DAYS

7. Code of Conduct Follow-Up Special Meeting Request
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 19, 2018 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

8. Travel Delegation, Santa Fe, NM DCCC Conference
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE TRAVEL FOR COUNCIL MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> ERIC JUAN FUNERAL SERVICES FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018 AND SATURDAY APRIL 7, 2018, 8AM

>ESC MEMBERS TRAVEL TO CHEMAWA BOARDING SCHOOL VISIT

>SANTA FE TRAVEL FOR DCCC CONFERENCE

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR FABIAN VINCENT FAMILY

>REVIEWING COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018, 9AM

>PLFC WORK SESSION, FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018

ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:00 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Action Sheets from Page 11

forwards to Council for discussion and possible action)


Presenter: Thomas Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO COMPLY WITH THE NOTIFICATION ORDINANCE FOR AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 1 AND TO TAKE THEM OUT TO EACH DISTRICT MEETING, PUBLISH IT IN THE GRIN AND TO POST IT AT THE SERVICE CENTERS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND UNTIL SUCH TIME TITLE 1 IS AMENDED, THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR IS DELEGATED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL PERSONNEL DECISIONS OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

6. Follow Up to Water Update (Executive Session)

(G&MSC motioned to forward to Council under New Business in Executive Session; NRSC concurs with



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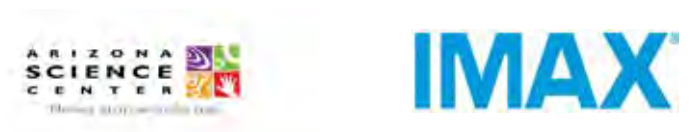
When: June 4-28, 2018

Time: 7:45am-1:00pm, Monday-Thursday

We provide students with:

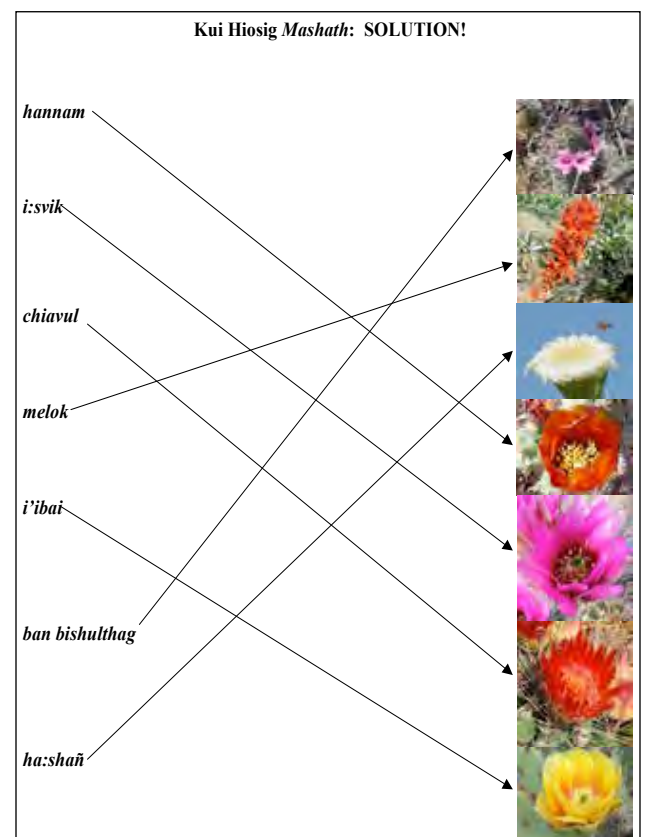
- Hands-on activities
- O'otham culture and art classes
- Data-driven instruction
- Health/wellness activities
- Field Trips

CBCS STEAM Camp welcomes students entering Kindergarten to 4th grade for the 2018-2019 school year. Students must be enrolled at CBCS for the 2018-2019 school year to be considered.



Any Questions?
Please Contact: Angela Moreno or Farrah Secody 520-315-3489 X2501

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ASU Student Pavilion recognizes indigenous lands with plaque



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Plaque at Arizona State University welcomes visitors to the Student Pavilion while honoring the O'otham and Pee Posh.

Aaron J. Tohtsoni Gila River Indian News

The new student pavilion on the main Arizona State University (ASU) campus unveiled a new plaque honoring and respecting the traditional homelands of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh, which the university sits on. The ASU American Indian Council lobbied for the plaque and invited dignitaries from the Gila River Indian Community and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for the unveiling which took place before the Cal Seciwa Leadership Banquet on April 16.

Megan Tom, former AIC council, recognized being a visitor on the traditional O'otham land and said the idea of the plaque was to honor the Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh. Also sharing her gratitude as a visitor was current AIC council Savannah White.

Shane Anton, cultural preservation manager,

spoke on behalf of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community said that there is not really anywhere you can go in Phoenix that wasn't originally O'otham land. He said that he appreciated and was thankful for the acknowledgment from the ASU community.

Speaking on behalf of the Community was Manuel Johnson, Intergovernmental Liaison.

"On behalf of Governor (Stephen Roe) Lewis and the Gila River Indian Community, thank you to the students for standing up and acknowledging our people," said Johnson. "I always think about all the shoulders that we stand on all of those that came before us, even those we don't know, the Indian people that took a stand. We stand on all their shoulders and as young students when you leave here, there will be others that will stand on your shoulders."

ASU joins Columbia University as a major



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Arizona tribal representatives pose in the Student Pavilion at Arizona State University on April 16.

university acknowledging that their campus sits on traditional homelands of Native Americans. A similar plaque was unveiled in 2016 honoring the Lenape People.

Also speaking was ASU junior and reigning Miss Salt River Mikah Carlos.

"This plaque acknowledges this land is ours and we are still here," said Carlos. "The acknowledgment of my ancestral land and my role as a student, it helps me understand and helps me have peace coming to this University knowing that I am getting my western education there is an acknowledgment of my traditional knowledge. I am thankful to represent both of my communities; my community and the ASU community. It was an honor to be invited."

To open the ceremony, Anthony Collins shared a few songs with those in attendance and a social dance took place before the speakers.

Following the speak-

ers, the plaque was unveiled in the lobby near the staircase and elevators. In the past, ASU President Michael Crow has publicly acknowledged that the campus is on ancestral O'otham homeland, one of just two major university presidents to do so.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA
AMANDA BROWN
Petitioner/Plaintiff

vs.
MATTHEW OSIFE
Respondent/Defendant
TO: MATTHEW OSIFE

CASE Number: FM-2018-0018-PT
CIVIL SUMMONS

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

YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on:
Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 11:30 AM in Courtroom I,
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

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

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Yours truly,
Elmer Miller Jr.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the issuance of the air quality operating permit renewals for the following facilities:

- Express Stop AZ, LLC
Gila River Service Station
185 W. Pima St., Sacaton, AZ
District 3
 - Express Stop AZ, LLC
Casa Blanca Market
2577 W. Casa Blanca Rd., Bapchule, AZ, District 5
 - Express Stop AZ, LLC
Komatke Market
17197 S. 51st Ave, Laveen, AZ
District 6
- Air Contaminants Emitted:
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)
Public Notice Start Date: April 20, 2018
Public Notice End Date: May 21, 2018

Public comments will be accepted

in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the -proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision.

Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review at the DEQ Sacaton office (during normal business hours) and on the AQP website at:

<http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education--outreach/public-notice>.

Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:

Gila River Indian Community
Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Ryan Eberle
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147
Physical Address: 45 S. Church St., Sacaton, AZ 85147

For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 or visit our office located at 45 S. Church St., Sacaton, AZ 85147. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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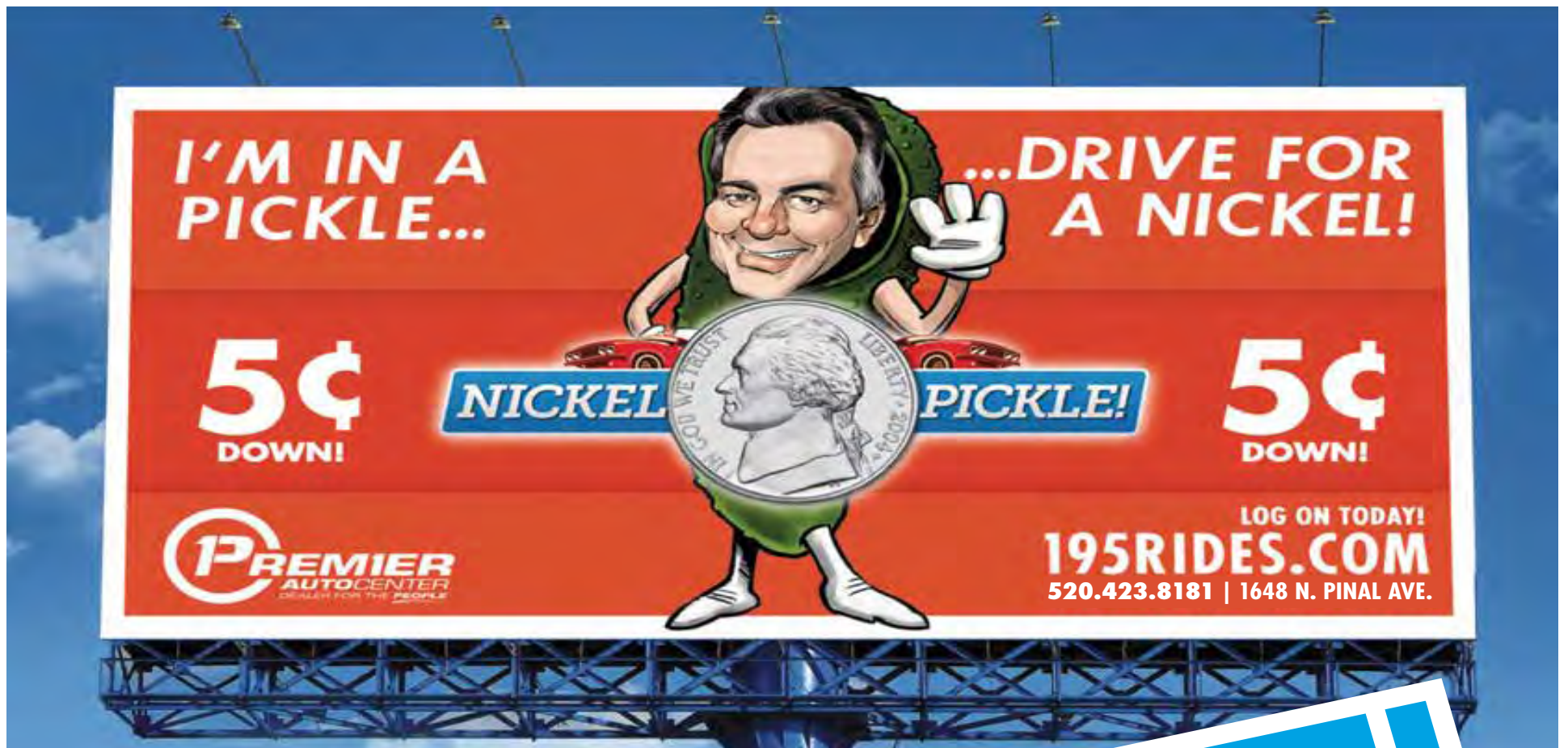
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