

## Water flows in newly completed 16-mile Casa Blanca Canal



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Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, center, looks on in District 5 at the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project's Casa Blanca canal on April 2.

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A small celebration was held in honor of the completed Casa Blanca canal in District 5 on April 2 by the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project. The 16-mile long canal was finished in a little under a year, starting in the spring of 2017.

With farmers from Districts 3 and 5 in mind, P-MIP set out to get the project completed as

quickly as possible. The original timeframe was 3 years for construction.

"Good to see the project completed here on this main stem," said Lt. Gov. Robert Stone. "We got one more to go in San Tan. I've seen all of this growth here during my time here. This will really help District 5 with major areas of farming."

Representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation and United States Division of Agriculture

spoke to the small crowd recognizing the joint efforts with P-MIP to complete the project. To date, construction costs have been close to \$50 million. The USDA has contributed \$8.5 million to the project.

"USDA is very happy to be the newest person, newest unit at the table," said Keisha Tatum. "I know that Gila River Indian Community and Bureau of Reclamation have a very long relationship. We have worked tradition-

ally with GRIC with individual farmers, that is where we have primarily worked, helping to address their irrigation or natural resource issues."

With special authority in the farm bill, available to Native American tribes, the USDA was able to work on a large-scale project. GRIC is the first tribe to utilize this part of the farm bill and the national office is paying close

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## Arrival Experience completed at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

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Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital completed renovations and officially re-opened the main lobby on March 26 after a year of construction. The Arrival Experience project dates back to 2014 when the original plans to renovate started.

The renovations added 3,000 square feet including a much larger lobby, moving the transportation to the front of the hospital and relocating primary care right off the lobby.

"The intent of Gila River Health Care is to ensure quick access to quality care and that is what we were trying to achieve and add upon," said Derrick Glum, Chief Operating Officer. "Our patients come first and that's what drove the design with this facility and this space."

According to Robert Ball, Director of Planning Design and



GRHC Photo

The renovations to the main lobby of the Hu Hu kam Memorial Hospital were completed on March 26.

Construction, the project started as a simple renovation of the lobby in 2014. However, after a patient-flow study was conducted

in 2015 the hospital realized that their transportation department was not in an ideal location.

An additional 300 square feet

was added to the main lobby and

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# GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

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## HU HU KAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL GRAND RE-OPENING

March 26, 2018, GRHC celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of the Arrival Experience at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

- The new circular drive has created a safe traffic flow for patients and visitors.
- Customer Service and Transportation staff are now located in the main lobby.
- The temporary lobby is also now closed.



## PHARMACY / PHN DELIVERY

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## LIFE CENTER PATIENT HIGHLIGHT

Recently, Linda Nish shared her appreciation and positive experience with the Life Center. She stated, "I think it would be good for everybody to come to the Life Center to learn about all your eating habits. It really helped me out." Linda also mentioned the Keeping Track Booklet has helped her keep track of the fat grams, protein, and calories she eats.

For more information about the Life Center, please call:  
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## NEW MEDICARE CARDS



- Medicare will mail new cards between April 2018 - April 2019.
- New cards will not include Social Security numbers. Instead, each person will get a new, unique, Medicare number.
- Medicare will never call and ask for personal information before sending new cards, so don't share your Medicare number or other personal information if someone calls and asks for it.
- Once you have received your new Medicare card, please bring it to the Patient Registration Department or Benefits Coordination on your next visit.

If you have any questions, please contact Patient Registration at (520) 271-1287.

## GRIC HIRES

GRIC Member Employment Highlights: Several Community members, GRHC's newest employees, began working in the following departments: EVS, RTC, Primary Care, HIM, Facilities, Transportation, Optometry, and The Caring House.

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# Vacant seats filled after special election



**Lawrence White Sr. is sworn in by Chief Judge Donna-Kisto Jones on March 21.**

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
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The winners of the March 1 Special Election were sworn in during a Community Council meeting in Sacaton on March

21. The swearing in ceremony fills the vacant seats for District 5 Council representative and associate judge. Chief Judge Donna Kisto-Jones swore in Lawrence White Sr., who won the District 5 race, and Associate Judge Janice



**Anthony J. Hill was sworn in by Associate Judge Janice Breckenridge on March 21.**

Breckenridge swore in Anthony J. Hill, who will serve in the GRIC Court as associate judge.

White joins Franklin Pablo Sr., Marlin R. Dixon and Janice Stewart on council for District 5. White previously worked for

Gila River Emergency Medical Service.

Hill returns to the GRIC bench after previously serving as Chief Judge.

A brief reception was held following the oath of office.

## Komatke Teams play for championships in Phoenix

### Two of three Boys and Girls Club teams win titles at Talking Stick Resort Arena

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The Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley – Gila River Komatke Branch had three teams compete for a championship against teams from the Chandler and Gilbert clubs at Talking Stick Resort Arena on March 15. Komatke claimed two championships on the night.

The Middies, ages seven through nine, competed in a tight battle with the Chandler Club. The Juniors, ages 10-11, competed against the Gilbert Club. The Seniors, ages 12-14, competed against the Chandler Club.

The Middies defeated Chandler, 11-10, in a close game that was tied throughout. The score was tied at 2 at the end of the first, 6-6 at halftime, 10-all at the end of the third quarter. The Komatke Middies scored the lone basket in the fourth quarter for the win.

In the Juniors game, Komatke had to rally in the second half. They held a slim 9-6 lead after the first quarter and led 13-11 at halftime. However, Gilbert started to score and took a one-point, 20-19, lead going into the final quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Komatke Juniors played tough defense, frustrating and outscoring the Gilbert Club, 12-2, to take a 31-22 win. Two of Gilbert's top players fouled out allowing Komatke to take advantage.

In the final game of the day, Komatke Seniors battled the Chandler Seniors in an exciting game that went down to the final seconds.

Komatke led 12-6 after one quarter, 16-11 at halftime and 25-19 heading into the final quarter of the game. However, Chandler started to increase their defensive pressure and cut the lead down to just two points, 27-25, with 2:15 left in the game.

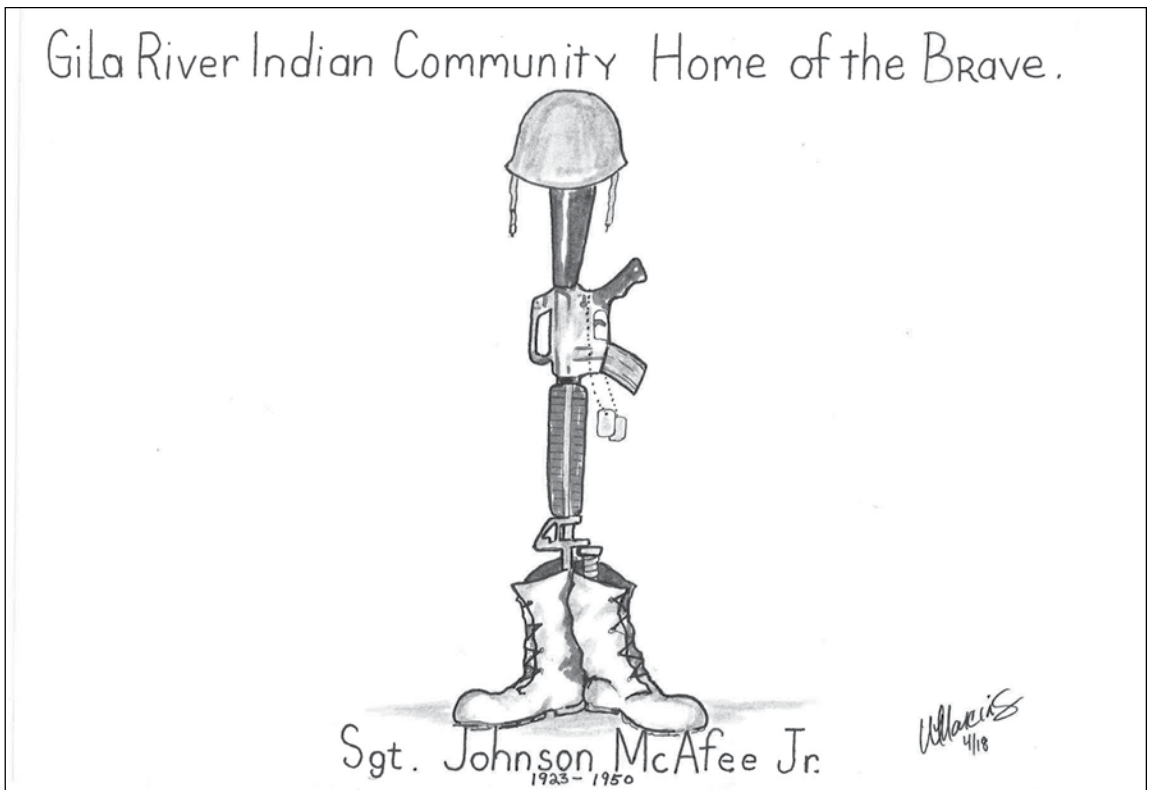


**The Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley - Gila River Komatke Branch sent three teams to compete at the Talking Stick Resort Arena on March 15.**

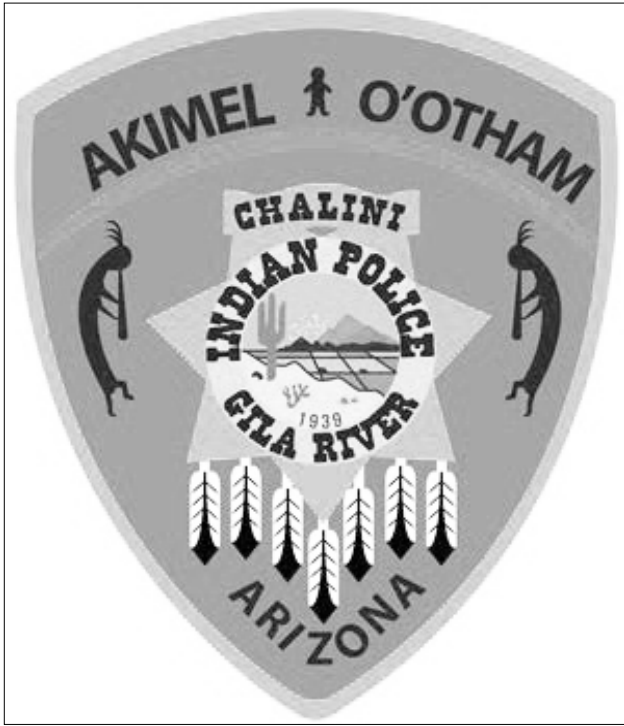
Chandler managed to tie the game and took the lead in the final seconds, 29-27, with 8.2 seconds left. Komatke had a chance

to win but missed a field goal at the buzzer. The last two minutes of the game time was crucial with each team fighting to get shots.

The teams are coached by volunteer coaches Regan Thomas, Marie Molina and Amanda Vasquez.



# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs



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

Incident Log  
March 11 - 17, 2018

Calls for services this week: 643  
Arrest made: 48

District One (Blackwater):  
No Incidents involving Part I Crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats):  
No Incidents involving Part I Crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault (DV) – Officers were dispatched to a fight in progress. The suspect was in a verbal altercation with the victim. The suspect then went after the victim with a knife and the suspect's mother sustained a minor laceration while wrestling the knife away. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival but attempts to locate are still being conducted.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a burglary. The victim reported that upon returning home it was observed that the back door to the residence was left open as well as a back window being broken. The victim observed the residence was ransacked with property and personal items being removed.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapon – The Police Department responded to a possible carjacking in District three area. The victim's vehicle was approached by the suspect vehicle whose occupants brandished a shotgun. The victim then sped away to safety at the Police Department.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

No Incident Involving part I crime

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft (Shoplifting) – The suspect entered a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet and took a pair of sweatpants without paying for them. The suspect was located by mall security and escorted back to the store. The pants were returned to the store and the suspect was released to his parents. Charges are being forwarded to Maricopa County Prosecutors Office.

Status: Charges forwarded for the juvenile male suspect

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault (DV) – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to the victim stating she was head butted and strangled during an altercation with her boyfriend. The victim stated the suspect came home intoxicated and began to argue and accuse the victim of infidelity. The victim was then grabbed by the neck with both hands of the suspect and was squeezed tightly. The victim was able to break free and leave the residence to call 911.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Auto Theft – Officers responded to Vee Quiva Casino in reference to an auto theft report. Investigation revealed the victim had his vehicle stolen by a male subject while on the casino property. The casino footage confirmed the vehicle was taken by the suspect shortly after the victim arrived at the casino. The vehicle was entered into NCIS as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary– A subject entered a secured area and

stole tools from a vehicle belonging to Gila Crossing Community School. The subject caused damage to a chain link fence and a vehicle window. During the investigation a subject was identified as a possible lead. A second subject was also located and admitted to assisting the suspect in the desert and bringing the belongings out of the desert.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft –It was reported that a burglary occurred at the Komatke Tower Yard. The suspect took proofing gear valued at a significant valued amount. During the investigation the stolen item was located approximately one quarter to half a mile from the area. Shoe impressions were photographed and submitted into evidence. Other evidence is still being acquired to further the case.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapon – Officers were dispatched in reference to the victim calling stating a juvenile male shot her dog with a BB gun. The suspect was located and while conducting the arrest the suspect continued to resist. The gun was located and upon observation the orange parts of the weapon were colored black. No injury was observed to the dog or anyone in the area.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to the victim being assaulted by his half brother. During the investigation it was learned the victim possibly had a broken finger on his right hand after his hand being slammed in the door during the verbal altercation. GREMS was dispatched and the medical unit advised that the victim will possibly have to have surgery on his finger to repair the damage.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – A male suspect committed aggravated assault by shooting the victim in the right thigh with a shotgun loaded with a small gauge birdshot. The suspect fled on foot around the residence and left the area in a white vehicle. The shotgun shell was located and the victim was transported to the West Valley Hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – A suspect(s) took a green hand truck from the front yard of the

residence. The victim stated he noticed the truck missing as he watered his yard which he does on a daily basis.

Status: Under Investigation

Incident Log  
March 18 - 24, 2018  
Calls for services this week: 530  
Arrest made: 32

District One (Blackwater):

No Incidents involving Part I Crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No Incidents involving part I crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The victim reported while walking from a family member's home she was assaulted by the suspect coming up from behind. The suspect placed their hands around the victims neck and began to squeeze. The victim stated to scream and the suspect then ran north in the dirt area. The victim was evaluated on scene and was released with no further treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – The victim reported that her vehicle was stolen by the suspect, who was her juvenile son while she was asleep. The victim stated the suspect did not have permission to take the vehicle. The vehicle was entered into the stolen vehicle database as stolen. A couple of hours later the vehicle was reported to have been in a pursuit with Casa Grande Police Department resulting in a rollover accident.

Status: The juvenile was booked into JDRS

Burglary – The victim reported that her residence had been broken into and was missing a washer, a three wheeler, and other home items. The victim stated she observed her back gate open and her belongings sitting by the gate. When looking in the back yard, the washer was observed to be missing. A witness stated a male was observed at the residence earlier in the day. A follow up will be conducted with the person of interest.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched in reference to a call for shoplifting. Contact was made with the store supervisor who explained two male subjects walked into the 76 store and stole some items. Video footage was reviewed and two males are observed running out of

the store with merchandise from the shelves.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Auto Theft – The victim called dispatch requesting an officer in reference to an auto theft. Investigation revealed a subject took a 2005 white ford F450 diesel flatbed truck. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Auto Theft – While at the Wild Horse Pass Casino, the victim reported he had lost his key to his vehicle and advised security he would return later with a spare key. A couple of hours later the victim was called and asked if he picked up his vehicle. The victim stated he had not and he was informed the vehicle had just left the property. The victim then called the police requesting to file a stolen vehicle report. The vehicle was entered into the stolen vehicle database as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – A male suspect stole a man's style wallet from the Coach Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers responded to the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a shoplifting which occurred at one of the stores. The investigation revealed a male suspect entered the store and went to a specific area. The suspect grabbed a purse, placed it in a bag from another store and then immediately walked out of the store.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – A shoplifting at Calvin Klein was reported to have taken a white shirt without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft– Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet where a store was wishing to report shoplifting. Upon speaking with the store manager, the investigation revealed the suspect took a pair of swimming trunks and placed them in a bag before walking out of the store. The store alarms sounded and the suspect blamed another customer. Contact was made with the suspect who denied taking any merchandise. His bags and vehicle were searched with no items located.

Upon returning to the store the merchandise was located on top of the tire under the wheel well. The suspect then admitted to taking the merchandise and requested to pay for the item which was declined.

Status: Suspect was cited for his crime

Theft– The victim called dispatch requesting to file a report for stolen medication. During contact with the victim it was learned that the victim's wife, left the residence unsecured and his medication was taken by someone. The victim stated in order to receive more medication from the doctor a report needed to be provided.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault (DV) – The suspect was involved in an aggravated assault when he was told he was not welcome at the residence. The suspect struck the victim multiple times with an unknown object causing injuries to the victim. The victim was later transported to a nearby hospital for further medical evaluation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – The victim and suspect were engaged in a verbal domestic at their residence. The suspect then assaulted the victim by punching her and then choked her when they were in the bedroom. The suspect was located at the scene and admitted to the crime. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital for further medical treatment. The suspect was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

Burglary– The reporting party from the Gila Crossing School called dispatch to report a theft. During the course of the investigation, it was learned how entry was made along with discovering what items had been removed.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Theft – The victim reported that his license plate was taken from his vehicle while it was parked near the river bottom. The victim went on to say that he was driving when he had a tire blow out. The vehicle was left locked and secured while a spare was obtained. Upon returning the victim observed his license plate was taken off of his vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation



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Lt. Gov. Robert Stone speaks at the canal opening.

## Casa Blanca Canal

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attention because the model could potentially be the blueprint for other Native American communities.

Ron Padilla of Hunter Contracting, which worked on the lining of the canal, discussed the honor of enhancing and extending the history of the canal, which was constructed by the

O'otham.

He also discussed the undertaking of such a challenging project and the pride of undertaking a project that would be extremely beneficial and functional to the Community where the project exists.

The siphons of the canal were contracted by TNT Construction and were completed before the lining of the canal took place.

"This is another his-

toric day for the Community and in particular for District 5," said P-MIP Director David DeJong. "The Casa Blanca area and all the land that you see has long been the breadbasket of Arizona. In the 19th century, these lands here were supplying all of the food for Arizona territory until the Community was deprived of its water by upstream diversions."

There are wells that still need to be connected

and earthwork to be completed among other miscellaneous work but the lining was completed well before the original timeline. DeJong thanked all of the workers who gave up family time, working 7-days-a-week to finish the project.

Following the speeches and recognition, Lt. Gov. Stone, Tatum and Leslie Meyer (B.O.R.) did a ceremonial opening of the canal gate.

## Arrival Experience

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the transportation department was moved, adding more comfortable space to wait. Another addition to the renovated lobby was new, updated furniture for patients and their families.

Another important feature is the new roundabout which added space to provides a quick pick-up and drop-off access point and can accommodate more vehicles in line.

"I'm excited that we finally have the new lobby open after so many years to provide a beautiful entrance the Community deserves," said Scott Gemberling, Chief Executive Officer. "We learned a great deal when we set up the temporary lobby including the use of patient flow studies and incorporated that into

the design."

Triage is available right in front of the lobby because the nursing station is now located in the lobby, another important new key. Having the nurses' station upfront along with the new open floorplan, eyes are always able to be on patients as they wait.

Dr. Viji Murugavel said that having the nursing station in the lobby provides better monitoring from a clinical standpoint. Patient conditions can change rapidly, especially in pediatric care, having the nurses able to see that a patient's condition changed gives staff the ability to address the patient's needs.

She also likes the roomy feel of the new lobby, which is much more



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New roomy lobby unveiled at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital in District 3.

open and easy to maneuver around wheelchair.

Convenience was an integral part in design efforts. As soon as you enter the hospital, the customer service front desk is available to provide informa-

tion and direction. The new design makes it a lot easier for elderly patients to move around the hospital, shortening walks down long hallways, which was the case with the temporary lobby.

The convenience for

elders is something that longtime customer service employee Joyce Soto appreciates.

"We had been waiting for years," said Soto. "All of the patients were excited and wondering when the front was going to open.

The elderly are so excited because transportation is closer. I am so glad for them because some of them can barely walk. You can look outside and see the beautiful mountains, the atmosphere is so wonderful."

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1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles Giiahl Galang Stories	Samaqan Water Stories Fraser River Part 2	Ravens and Eagles Defining Haida Art	Samaqan Water Stories Fish Lake Part 1	Ravens and Eagles	Wild Kitchen	
1:30pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening Seed Saving	Vitality Gardening Nanoose First Nation	Vitality Gardening Northern Garden Update	Vitality Gardening The Spring Fest	Vitality Gardening Gardening Therapy	Working It Out Together Ready, Set, Go	
2:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Vitality Health Fitness Day	2018 INAUGURATION Governor Stephen R. Lewis and Lieutenant Robert Stone	Vitality Health Spirituality	Vitality Health Nutrition Day	Vitality Health Health/Stress Mgmt	Sivummut	
2:30pm	Urban Native Girl Should I Stay or Go?	From The Spirit Roy Henry Vickers		From The Spirit Archie Beaulieu	From The Spirit Joane Cardinal-Schubert	From The Spirit Jim Hart	People of the Pines American California	
3:00pm	2018 MUL CHU THA PARADE	Working It Out Together Taking The Challenge		On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders Introducing some of the quirkiest locations and heart-warming characters.	Storytellers in Motion	Making Regalia Bustles w/D.Whitebuffalo	
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4:00pm	American Outrage The US has spent millions prosecuting two elderly women for desert lands.	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	First Talk	The New Zealanders Introducing some of the quirkiest locations and heart-warming characters.
4:30pm		Behind The Brush	People of the Pines Reservation and Survival	Making Regalia Bustles w/D.Whitebuffalo	People of the Pines Crossroads	Native Report	
5:00pm	More Than A Word Analyzes the Washington football team and use of derogatory term R*dskins.	Main Street Wyoming Photography of S.Wiles	Native Planet - Ecuador A tribe waging an intr'n'l fight to keep oil companies gov't off their territory.	Song of the Drum: Petroglyphs of Maine Carved images in stone from 3,000 years ago.	2018 MUL CHU THA PARADE Sacaton, AZ	Planet Doc Tribes show us how they live, their ancestral rituals and cultures.	Indigenous Focus Living Service
5:30pm		FNX Now Block					Dabiyiyuu First Steps
6:00pm	Native Voice TV Robin La Due	Democracy Now! Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.	Democracy Now! Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.	Democracy Now! Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.	Democracy Now! Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.	Democracy Now! Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People
6:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report						Wild Archeology Turtle Island
7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures Crab Fishing	Wapos Bay Patients	Wapos Bay A Time for Pride	Wapos Bay Breakin Too	Wapos Bay It Came From Out There	Wapos Bay A Mother's Earth	Hit The Ice All or Nothing
7:30pm	Toa Hunter Gatherer	Fish Out of Water Xa:Ytem	Fish Out of Water Bluesky Expeditions	Fish Out of Water Sunchild First Nation	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Fish Out of Water Saskatchewan Cultural	Fish Out of Water Xa:Ytem
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9:00pm	The Aux	Back to Pikangikum Suicide has brought down the communities happiness and cast a grief.	Romance of a Vanishing Race 3 historic movies of American Indians life-style in the early 1900s.	The Hazda: Last of the First In Africa's Rift Valley, one of the world's oldest hunter-gatherer groups.	The Tundra Book A rare glimpse into a community determined to preserve it's ancient cultures and traditions.	First Nations Comedy Experience Miguel Fierro, Will Spottedbear, Laura Hayden	The Activist Suspicious circumstances surround the arrest and imprisonment of two American Indian activists.
9:30pm	Whaledreamers Heartfelt story of the return of aboriginal whale dreaming tribe from extinction and the equally long journey of the whales.	Mohawk Girls A surprising inside look at 3 girls lives, Native youth culture in the 21st century.	Our Spirits Don't Speak English Indian Boarding Schools	Australia's Shame Leaders unwilling to acknowledge dark history and debt to the aboriginals.		Oreland C. Joe	
10:00pm							
10:30pm							Rez
11:00pm	Voices Of Hope	Voices Of Opportunity	Voices Of Leadership	Voices Of Tribute to Beautiful People	First People of Kumeyaay They live on and off these reservations and share a heritage that goes back, "to the beginning of time."	2018 INAUGURATION Governor Stephen R. Lewis and Lieutenant Robert Stone	Unshackled The majestic Earth Mother that is rapidly being harmed and desecrated by the human hand.
11:30pm	Animal Songs	Main Street Wyoming Mystery of Horse Creek Girl	Lived History: The Story of Wind River Virtual Museum	Treading Water			

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# Crews continue to remove salt cedar and reduce fire risk in District 6

A fuels crew removed with chainsaws invasive plant species out of fire risk area of the Community.

With the dry heat of summer just around the corner, the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Department of Environmental Quality Fuels and Restoration Crew was hard at work creating a firebreak in the middle of a mesquite thicket in the Santa Cruz area of District 6.

The project is a unique combination of vegetation restoration and reduces the risk of a wildfire.

DEQ Senior Wildlife Biologist Russell Benford says the project serves two purposes and is a win-win situation for the Community and residents of District 6.

In 2008, the Ethan Fire demonstrated how fast the flames can travel when given enough fuel to feed the flames.

Ten years after the fire, efforts are underway to reduce the risk of a fire spreading farther and faster in short time.

“Their fundamental mission is to remove invasive plants that create risk to ecological/cultural human assets,” said Benford, “They are also associated with a local fire risk, so they are removing the bad stuff and putting the good stuff in.”

In January, when the most opportune time of the year to plant cottonwood and willow has ended, the clearing of invasive vegetation continues on in the Community.

The problem lies with the overgrowth of salt cedar that competes for resources like water and sunlight, which native vegetation like cottonwood and willow need to survive.

Benford said the removal of invasive species will continue to be a year-round project, due to the maintenance and overgrowth of salt cedar in areas of the Community, have the fuels crew working into the summer time.

Benford sees the planting of cottonwood and willow project continuing along for the foreseeable future to sustain the growth of native vegetation.

“The crew is there facilitating that process, the native vegetation is stronger and better adapted for those conditions,” said Benford.

With the restoration underway the cottonwood and willow have a chance to fight back against the invasive species, said Benford.

### Clearing the way

Pointing to a map mounted to the wall of the District 6 area, Benford said the river bottom and areas surrounding it have



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

A member of the DEQ Fuels Crew removes salt cedar in the Village of Santa Cruz on March 22.

grown even more dense with salt cedar since the Ethan Fire.

“There’s a mix of salt cedar and mesquite that could carry a fire quite well, if a fire were to start there,” said Benford.

Called the Wildland Urban Interface, Benford said several homes within the Santa Cruz and St. Johns area, are in close proximity to the dense overgrowth and require the use of the fuels crew to cut fire breaks to protect the villages.

He said, “We want to do all we can do protect them, so we need to clear out breaks around them... we have two lines of defense where we would get some equipment in there to stop the fires.”

Not only do the firebreaks reduce the risk to life and home of Community members, but also of the firefighters that may have to respond to fight the fire.

Fuels crew supervisor Steven Poolheco, said clearing of invasive and potentially hazardous vegetation allows the fire personnel to have a better chance of extinguishing a blaze.

As part of the BIA Pima Agency side of fire-fighting, Poolheco’s experience in fighting fires as a Sawyer/Squad Boss trainee, has taken him to some of the biggest infernos along the west coast.

“If worst came to worst, there’s a line there, which could be used as a line of defense by fire crews,” said Poolheco, “With those lines in, [we] don’t have to be playing catch up...especially given the conditions you might find out [there].”



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# A'AGA

## Something to be told or talked about



by Billy Allen

Earth Day is celebrated this Kwi Hiosik or Mesquite Flowers Month (April) – a reminder that we should be caretakers of the jeved. Heki hu or long ago, Hohokam took an active hand in using and re-

shaping nature. This may have led them to believe they ruled the earth. But according to our origin stories, nature retaliated with extremes: droughts, floods, freezing, hot weather, etc. O'otham and Piipaash began to seek a balanced way of life, getting along with nature, somewhat like "if we do this, then this will happen." They also noticed life coming from and returning to the jeved giving rise to the idea of Mother Earth and realized we were not the rulers of nature, but a partner. Rituals for good weather – plenty of sunshine and rain to raise plenty of food

–came forth. We began to realize our himdag or culture walks in a circle. If and when our O'otham and Piipaash ancestors had to take from or change nature, they asked to be forgiven.

On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day was celebrated in New York City. Today Earth Day is celebrated worldwide in over 192 countries. The slogan "Reduce-Reuse-Recycle" came about, but for O'otham and Piipaash it was a way of life. The 3 Rs fit the mindset of himdag – let's practice it. During my childhood certain things were hardly ever thrown away. Big flour containers

were prized when empty, which was rare. Food was stored in whatever container was available, giving rise to the term O'otham Tupperware. Working outside, baling and barbed wire was wound up and kept for later use, and gallon glass bottles became water jugs. The jars were wrapped with burlap and moistened to cool the water. Our clothes were recycled among family and cousins. Sometimes discarded clothing was woven into colorful rugs. Yards or personal family areas were swept clean using tree branches with elders telling the young what to do. (It would not be good if vosk or ka:k tripped.)

Over twenty years ago, GRIC government began to address environmental concerns and enacted a Solid Waste Ordinance. Two open dump landfills were closed, waste pickup service was begun, and a solid waste transfer station was opened. A full-scale recycling program was also introduced, but complete

buy-in from the community has been a challenge. The Waste Management Program is working to improve recycling opportunities throughout the Gila River Indian Community. GRIC departments hold events throughout the year where GRICsters can grab a t-shirt or a water bottle. Plastic pollution is a growing worry for our environment. Some GRIC events such as the Earth Day and Winter Bird Count Events – there may be others – strive for a zero waste standard by providing recycling and composting bins, but the response from participants seems hit and miss. All tribal departments should make their events zero waste. They can contact the Department of Environmental Quality for assistance. I have to get in a Sun Devil comment. For Earth Day last year the ASU community held a restoration event at Oidbađ Do'ag, Dead or Abandoned Fields Mountain. Most people call it "A Mountain," but the official

name is Hayden Butte Preserve. It is the only nature preserve in Tempe, and it has Hohokam water petroglyphs created when the river ran during their time. The restoration was done to make the preserve clean, safe, and respectable. Here in our community, it would be great if we became better caretakers of our jeved. Visible trash along our roads and against chain link fences surround our "public areas" and shouldn't be acceptable, and shouldn't be the new normal. It is a form of pollution – it hurts our eyes and hearts. We need a fourth "R": Respect.

Information was taken from the following sites; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth_Day); <http://pantheonchemical.com/reduce-reuse-recycle/>; <https://asunow.asu.edu/20170421-sun-devil-life-mountain-restored-earth-day> and from the author's memory.

## Employee retires following 18 years with the Community, will devote time to grandkids



GRIC Photo

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, left, congratulates Merlin Blackwater, right, for 18 years of service.

Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

If it has four wheels, a steering wheel and bed for hauling things, Merlin "Powie" Blackwater probably has driven it.

After 18 years of service working in the Community, Blackwater can now hang up his keys as he looks forward to spending time with his wife and family.

"I started as a bus driver for the school district in San Carlos, and then I worked in forestry driving heavy equipment and then

in Pino Valley working in one of the copper mines there," said Blackwater.

Blackwater, who lives in San Carlos, said it took him two hours to and from his home to Sacaton and now that he retired, it is a welcome change in pace.

He said, after work he would spend time visiting his mother until she passed away, but that it was good to have those moments with his family before the long-haul home.

Blackwater's wife, said now that he is retired, he will have time to spend

with their 7 grandchildren.

His wife, Adrienne, said, "We've been wanting to do some work around the home and probably let him enjoy himself and take a break."

She said now that he is officially retired, they both would like to turn their attention towards their home and Merlin can focus on one his favorite pastimes, fishing.

Most of all is devoting time to their seven grandchildren, Adrienne said will be happy to see their grandpa.

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# GRIC FIT NEWS

## EVENTS

MCT- The Elder's companion walk, 2mi walk, 5k run, relay, 1/2 marathon. Was a successful event with a total of 284 participants in this year's 2018 MCT run.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Be GRIC FIT Tour in D6- On April 10th.

## CLASSES

- Next quarter class begin on April 2nd – New calendars are out

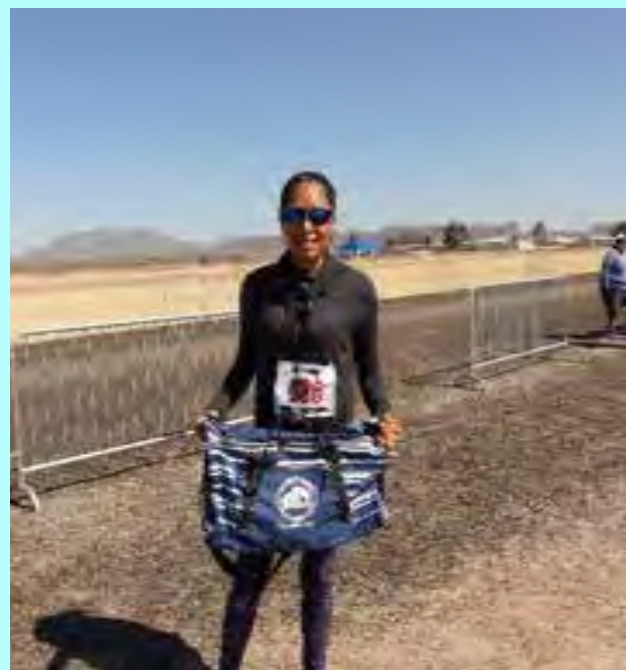
## SPORTS

- Leadership Tournament – winners :  
1st place CCSO. 2nd place Sapo! Sapo!, 3rd Extreme Team, 4th place Tadai from T.O

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## Three Precious Miracles brings Easter celebration to Sacaton

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

Three Precious Miracles held an Easter Celebration for Community families on March 24 at the Sacaton Ballpark. The Easter Celebration was in collaboration with Arizona Department of Child Safety's efforts to prevent child abuse and bring awareness to the Community.

"We wanted to have a family engagement with grandparents that are raising grandchildren," said Three Precious Miracles founder, Elisia Manuel. "We wanted to have a celebration but in a family setting because it's to bring awareness."

There were many activities that took place for the children including arts and crafts, egg coloring, an egg toss, a bunny hop contest and an Easter egg hunt to end the event. The Easter Bunny also made an appearance and took pictures with the children. A lunch was also provided to the families.

A photo booth with the Easter Bunny was something Manuel was happy to provide for free because a lot of those families in attendance don't have the resources to travel to popular Easter Bunny photo booths



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

The Easter bunny greets children in Sacaton for an Easter celebration held by Three Precious Miracles in collaboration with Arizona Department of Child Safety on March 24. The family oriented event included arts and crafts, egg coloring, egg toss and an Easter egg hunt.

in places like shopping malls.

Over 80 Easterbaskets were given out to Community youth that came out to the event, which were full of candy goodies as well as books and other fun activities.

The goal of Three Precious Miracles is to provide support and services to Native American foster families and to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

"I'm a grandparent and have custody of my grand-

kids and I think we need more resources like this," said Marilyn Nanez, who was present at the family outing. "I was worried (about Easter) because I am retired on a fixed income. My grandkids are excited and enjoying their

baskets. This is something they didn't expect, maybe just a little bit of candy but nothing like a little gathering where they can enjoy themselves for the day."

Volunteers from Voyager and Compass Churches, were on hand at the

event. Local businesses like Sacaton Supermart, Coolidge Glass and Mirror, Garrett Motors, Dreamline Motors, Brown's Cooler, Furniture and Appliance, Lee's Foodland Market, Shope's IGA and Kia Air Conditioning were just a few of those that donated to the event. Another 'thank you' to the Ortega Family.

Manuel said the event was a success and hopes to continue to bring child abuse aware-

ness to the Community through family functions, especially because some children are vulnerable in certain circumstances. She also thanked those volunteers that made the event possible as well as the many donors.

# Executive Office Headlines

Lt. Governor Robert Stone



Governor Stephen Roe Lewis

*"Putting Our People First"*

## Gov. Lewis provides keynote address at the 'Business of Water' Conference

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The art of managing water through a myriad of political lines and jurisdictions, while providing service to populations in time of drought conditions was up for discussion at a recent water conference.

Down in the "Old Pueblo," Tucson, the University of Arizona Water Research Review Center held their annual conference at the student union on March 28.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was present to give the keynote address about how the Community is using its water settlement for a variety of uses and how it falls in line with the conference's theme "The Business of Water."

The U of A President Dr. Robert C. Robbins introduced Gov. Lewis, who was on the search committee that helped select Robbins as the new U of A president.

Robbins said it is part of the universities responsibility to work with surrounding governments and businesses on developing a strategic plan on how to manage water resources from an academic perspective.

"Water is a major opportunity and major necessity for all of us to be thinking of...those are going to be some of the themes and pillars of our strategic



**Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis speaks before a large audience of attendees at the annual Water Research Review Center conference on March 28.**

plan," said Robbins on the management of water resources.

The conference invites individuals from local governments, consulting agencies and universities to talk about the common idea of water management during drought conditions.

It covers the topic of how water conservation and business can go hand-in-hand to satisfy the needs of customers and local municipalities and the environment.

The understanding is, the Southwest is an intersecting point of tribal, state and local governments, that requires coming together to find solutions around a common interest related to water.

From the Communi-

ty's perspective Gov. Lewis said, water and agriculture have been the center of GRIC's history from the time of the Huhugam, who are the ancestor of the Akimel O'otham.

He talked about the building of infrastructure to build canals that will take water from one end of the Community to the other.

"For Indian tribes and the Community, it is so critical for those tribes to be a part of [this], a part of this important era that we find ourselves," said Gov. Lewis on the importance of tribes in water discussions.

The conference encourages attendees to be engaged and offer their ideas on how water can be used to benefit everyone, while not letting to tap run

dry. "In the current state of drought and climate change, the Community considers ourselves as a Moral Compass to the protection and stewardship of Water," said Lewis.

Robbins talked about the universities strategic plan, that will call upon the school's many academic disciplines to lead the academic part of adapting to the current state of water resources.

"This is not a futuristic discussion. It's simply the convergence of biological, digital and physical sciences and [you] to be a world expert around water," said Robbins.

Gov. Lewis said for tribes there's another side of the coin that must be understood around water,



**Dr. Robert Robbins and Gov. Lewis were part of the keynote speaker session at the WRRR conference.**

because it is an integral part of the traditions, cultural teaching and way of life.

"I am honored to be following in the footsteps of my father, Rod Lewis, in his advocacy for the protection of Indian Water Rights and ongoing stewardship of water throughout Arizona and all of the Southwest," Lewis said.

He said, "Water plays a meaningful role within our traditions, our own value systems and even today to the point of self-determination."

Part of Gov. Lewis' presentation covered water

marketing, long-term storage credits, and how tribes like the Community look to using their water rights on their traditional lands.

Through the use of water credits and banking, it enables the Community to use its water right claims, allows them to sustain their water infrastructure and agricultural heritage.

One development Gov. Lewis touched on was the opening of a newly built lined Casa Blanca canal, which he said is one example of how water is brought to the heart of the Community.

## Senate approves Ashlyne Mike Amber Alert in Indian Country Act

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

Lt. Governor Robert Stone joined state and tribal leaders at the Rose Garden of the State Capitol for the announcement that U.S. Senate had passed the Ashlyne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act.

The act will expand the emergency announcement framework into Native American communities, that are often times in very rural areas. This comes nearly two years after the abduction, sexual assault and murder of Mike on the Navajo Indian Reservation.

The bi-partisan effort spearheaded by Senator John McCain and Congressman Andy Biggs was passed unanimously and was sent to President Donald Trump to be signed into

law.

Once signed, tribal communities will have access to funding to fully implement an Amber Alert if faced with another kidnapping or abduction. Navajo Indian tribal officers, with limited resources, weren't able to enact an Amber Alert until roughly 10 hours after the abduction and took almost six hours just to notify the public.

A Department of Justice pilot program would provide Amber Alert training to Native Communities and make it a staple resource. It would also allow the Department of Justice to review and assess Amber Alerts on reservations, across the country.

The tragedy brought awareness to a loophole in the system. Before this, it was not known that Native



**Supporters, including Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, convene at the Arizona State Capitol, in support of the Ashlyne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act.**

American communities did not have the same access to the alert system. Mike's mother, Pamela Foster, took it upon herself to advocate for change so that

no other parents have to go through the same painful situation as she.

"There was a hole in our Amber Alert system," said Rep. Biggs. "This bill

fills that hole and that is critical. We wish we didn't have to have to discover that hole in such a tragic way but my respect and my thanks go to the parents of

Ashlyne Mike who fought so hard and advocated for the passage of this legislation."

Mike's parents were also in attendance and spoke during the conference.

"It's always hard advocating, this is not easy, I still can't get over the loss," said Foster. "I still have nights I can't sleep...I just want to say 'thank you' to Sen. McCain, to Congressman Biggs, to Sen. Udall (D-N.M.) and to Congressman Heitkamp (D-N.D.) for all the work they have done to make this happen. This is monumental."

Stone was also joined by leaders from the Pascua Yaqui, Navajo Indian Tribe and Ak-Chin Indian Community.

# 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, March 21, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:12 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Pamela Johnson

## ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg (9:57); 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. (9:57), Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:16)

Council Members Absent:

D6-Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER AND ASSOCIATE JUDGE

District 5 – Lawrence White, Sr.

Presenter: Chief Judge Donna Kisto-Jones

CHIEF JUDGE DONNA KISTO-JONES PROVIDED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO MR. LAWRENCE WHITE, SR.

Associate Judge – Anthony J. Hill

Presenter: Associate Judge Janice Breckenridge

ASSOCIATE JUDGE JANICE BRECKENRIDGE PROVIDED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO MR. ANTHONY J. HILL

(15-minute reception to follow)

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 9:57 A.M.]

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

### REPORTS

\*1. Tribal Allocation Quarter 1 Report: Gila Crossing Community School

Presenter: Jim Mosely

REPORT HEARD

\*2. Tribal Allocation Quarter 1 Report: Maricopa Village Community School

Presenter: Larisa Quijano

REPORT HEARD

3. Tribal Allocation Quarter 1 Report: Skyline Gila River School

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

REPORT HEARD

4. Pee-Posh Veteran's Association

Presenter: Arnie Bread

REPORT HEARD

5. Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51

Presenter: Allison Anderson

REPORT HEARD

6. 2017 Annual Report Gila River Voter Registration Board

Presenter: Zuzette Kisto

REPORT HEARD

7. Renewable And Low Emission Feasibility Study

Presenters: Mark Boyle, Leonard Gold, John Lewis

REPORT HEARD

8. GRICUA's FY17 Financial Audit Report Presenters:

Adam Cavin, Leonard Gold, John Lewis

REPORT HEARD

9. GRICUA's FY18 1st Quarter Report Presenters: Leonard

Gold, John Lewis

REPORT HEARD

10. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending February (Executive Session) Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Suzanne Johns

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

## RESOLUTIONS

\*1. A Resolution Granting A Transportation And Utility Corridor Right Of Way Easement To The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority For The Purposes Of Constructing,

Operating, And Maintaining Roadway Access And Utility Services For The Sacaton 2 Electric Substation Located On Community Trust Land In District Three And Designated As Drawing No. 40316-0891-EA (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Kathy Galloway

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2017 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Keller-Bliesner Engineering, LLC (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Mutual Termination Of Business Lease No.B-GR-48-2 Between The Gila River Farms And The Lone Butte Development, L.L.C. (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Gila River Farms, Javier G. Ramos

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila Crossing School Construction Owners Team To Seek Financing For A New Gila Crossing School And For Other Purposes (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Michael Carter

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Interests Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (A) (Allotments 2333, 2334, 2135, 2138) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Interests Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 2100) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Interests Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 2136) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Interests Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (B) (Allotments 2333, 2334, 2135, 2138) (G&MSC motioned to forward Resolutions 6 and 9 with recommendation for approval and to distinguish the difference inserting letter (A) for Resolution #5 and Letter (B) for Resolution #8; NRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

9. 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 forward to Council with one correction)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Kathy Galloway

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. A Resolution Approving The Removal Of Terri Maureen Lamore From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval to include corrected information)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Sharon Lee Bitsoi Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED

12. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Membership of Kristen Maureen Sanderson Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with additional supporting documents)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED

## ORDINANCES

### 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

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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, and with Barnaby Lewis of THPO assisting in the application process; CRSC concurs)

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. GRHC Board of Directors Notice of (1) Vacancy (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation to declare (1) vacancy and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Myron Schurz

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND ADVERTISE FOR 60-DAYS

4. FCC Native Nations Communications Task Force (EDSC forwards to Council under New Business to request a nomination for a task force member and place Belinda Nelson as an alternate)

Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOMINATE

COUNCILMAN JOEY WHITMAN

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SELECT

BELINDA NELSON AS AN ALTERNATE

5. NAFOA 36th Annual Conference April 23-24, 2018, New Orleans, Louisiana (EDSC forwards to Council to open to any interested Council Member to attend under Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

COUNCIL TRAVEL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND

THE RULES TO ADD GRICUA'S FY17

FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT UNDER NEW

BUSINESS

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

6. GRICUA's FY17 Financial Audit Report

Presenters: Adam Cavin, Leonard Gold, John Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

AND TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY'S OVERALL

ANNUAL AUDIT

## MINUTES

1. January 3, 2018 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

WITH CORRECTIONS

2. March 7, 2018 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. March 8, 2018 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> ESC ON TRAVEL FOR RIVERSIDE INDIAN SCHOOL VISIT, MARCH 22- 24, 2018

>G&M/EDSC JOINT MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018

>NICK HARRISON, COOLIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SELECTED TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN INVITATIONAL, FUNDRAISER

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE UNITY RUNNERS

## ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:39am

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

**COURT NOTICE**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
 STATE OF ARIZONA  
 CASE Number: CV-2017-0334-MO  
 CIVIL SUMMONS  
 PINAL COUNTY CREDIT UNION  
 Petitioner/Plaintiff  
 vs.  
 ALBERT RAYMOND CRUZ ET AL.  
 Respondent/Defendant  
 TO: ALBERT RAYMOND CRUZ  
 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: Monday, April 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 1,  
 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, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.  
 If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demand -ed in the complaint or petition.  
 GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

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 THE CASA BLANCA MIDDLE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES (D-5, BAPCHULE) is looking for a P/T Administrative Secretary (4-6 hrs. week). Must be detail-oriented and able to work independently. Duties include recording and transcribing monthly Board meeting minutes; Bill-pay, cor-

respondence, and general secretarial/administrative duties. Must have own transportation. Hourly salary: DOE - Mail Resume to: Casa Blanca Middle School - P.O. Box 10885 Bapchule, AZ 85121 Or contact: jilind-say @qilinet.net

**COURT NOTICE**

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
 COURT DATE NOTICE  
 In Re Case: Karry J. Marrietta vs. RODRICK\*\* MARRIETTA  
 Docket Number: CV-2003-0141-ZDM  
 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 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 ordered.

Motion Hearing  
 AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,  
 721 West Seed Farm Road,  
 Sacaton, AZ 85147  
 7th day of May, 2018 at 1:30 PM  
 in Courtroom 1 before the Honorable Janice F. Breckenridge

**THANK YOU**

Lucius Kyitian and family would like to thank Geraldine White, the Mathachina Dance Group, St. Peter Rosary Group, the Sisters of St. Peter Indian Mission, and the numerous friends and relatives who supported us as we prepared to bury our son Ryan. We also thank the individuals who offered words of encouragement and prayers. To Bryson Hall and his singers who sang traditional songs throughout the night and the drum group who Ryan used to sing with, thank you. Also, to Adrianne Rivera who provided inspirational songs at a moment's notice, thank you very

much.  
 We say thank you to the District 5 Service Center, Tribal Social Services, and J. Warren Funeral Services for their assistance in this time of sorrow.  
 All donations such as food, water, meal preparation, grave digging, chumath making, helping the elderly, and cleaning is also greatly appreciated.  
 And in closing, a sincere apology to the Setoyant family for the obituary omission.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

In Loving Memory of Mercedes Moreno  
 We gather together this day in remembrance of Mercedes place  
 To honor my daughter with prayer and be strengthened by God's grace  
 "Let not your hearts be troubled", Creator tells us this day  
 And gives to us a message clear through it the Saviour seems to say

I am the way that you may steep, the greatest mountain heights I am the way through the valley deep  
 I am eternal life I am the truth that fills each part  
 Of on who trusts and prays I'm the healer of the broken heart  
 I am the living way I am the life which to the grave  
 Carried the key; I am He who came to save that blinded eyes may see  
 I made life that you might know, what death really gives; I made death a conquered foe  
 If you cannot understand the journey this ones trod  
 Best look up the road a piece and see if the end of your life is God  
 Creator lift us up and in our face, reflect the image of your grace  
 And by that grace lead us to ve through [sic] death to life- Eternally  
 At death, Creators people don't say goodbye, but we'll see you 'laters'

**NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY**

Ordinance GR 10-09 requires the Finance Department to publish official notice in the Gila River Indian Newspaper and on the official web site for the Gila River Indian Community before disposing of unclaimed money, payroll checks, re-funds of employee benefits,

or other checks. The following list contains the names of individuals and other parties with outstanding checks recorded as of September 30, 2014. In accordance with Escheat Ordinance GR 10-09 the Community will publish a biannual schedule

or as deemed necessary by the Community Treasurer, the Escheat Public Notice. Public notice of unclaimed checks will be published in the Gila River Indian Newspaper and GRIC's official web site. If the last known owner is known to be a Community member, the

department, program, or entity shall also post notice at all District Service Centers. In order to claim the check, the owner must claim it in person within 30 days of publication or posting. In addition, to make claim, the person must provide the department, program, or entity

with positive identification, including photo identification showing the person claiming the check is the last known owner. If the check is unclaimed for 60 days after publication, it shall escheat and title thereof shall vest in the Community, or as applicable, the Federal, State, or

other agency that provided the funding. If you are the recipient of unclaimed property, please contact the Finance Department at (520) 562-9621 for further instructions.

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- ANGLE WARREN  
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ANTHONY JAMES HILL  
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EMMANUEL ANTELO  
ENOS , LEONARDINE L  
ESCHIEF , GERALDINE F  
ESCHIEF , WILDA (LEWIS)  
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FRANCISCO , ANTHONY  
FREEHOLD CHANDLER TRUST LLC  
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- VALENZUELA , PHYLISS N

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- GRAJEDA, FEDENCIA M  
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DRS GOODMAN & PARTRIDGE OB/GYN  
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EMERGENCY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE  
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# HHC looking for information from GRIC veterans for new exhibit

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community veterans will be on display in a new Huhugam Heritage Center exhibit of their pictures and biographies, which will be a tap and swipe away.

Huhugam Heritage Center Records Specialists/ Exhibits Project Manager, Leland Thomas said new things are in the works at the center.

He said a unique method of display for the veteran's exhibit is one of the planned additions to the centers expansion projects.

"It really goes back to recognizing our veterans and knowing some of them have a story to tell, and doing it in a unique way" said Thomas.

Thomas said the incorporation of a display table with a large touch screen surface will allow visitors to bring up information on veterans.

In a previous overview with HHC Museum Director Shirley Jackson, veterans' meetings were held to help guide the direction of what to include with the veterans' exhibit.

The veterans' recommendations to the HHC, asked them to expand the amount of display cases



Photo courtesy of Huhugam Heritage Center

**An example provided to the Huhugam Heritage Center by the manufacture Digiscura, based out of California depicts what the veterans display table will look like.**

and what kind of memorabilia would be on display inside them.

"We are also working with Darrell Whitman, he's been helping us do the research with not only the exhibit portion, but also with the veterans' meetings, a memorial had been mentioned as well," said Jackson.

Jackson said, "We are getting into trying to come up what will the memorial look like and eventually more ideas will be discussed, including content."

The idea for the veter-

an's memorial is a way of telling the story of those, who were killed in combat that were from the Community.

Whitman helped facilitate the listening meetings that in the past, through two sessions, gathered over 40 veterans to talk about an exhibit at the heritage center.

HHC Museum Technician I Donald Sabori, has also assisted with the undertaking to work with Community veterans' posts to gather information, that will help develop the ex-

hibit.

The goal of the veterans' exhibit is to immerse visitors into the first-person view of veterans and the many experiences they underwent in a place that was very far and different from home. He said the plan is to invite Community veterans to share information about themselves and provide photos of their service and any commendations they have received.

"We'd really hope that when people read this, and they know a family member, who is a veteran,

they can let them know and reach out to us," said Thomas."

The important part is the content, which the HHC is asking the Community to provide when they learn about the display project.

Thomas emphasized that it is important to get information from families of deceased veterans.

For a deceased veteran, a family member can visit the center and provide the information of that person from their time of service in the military.

The goal is to make the

exhibit more than a contribution of information and photos, but a project involving the Community by the Community.

The HHC would like to include video interviews, that will be included along with their photos and service commendations.

Thomas said they want to create short interviews that are around three minutes long from the perspective of a veteran, which he says offers the best possible way of hearing what it was like to be in the military.

Among the planned accessible features of the display, will include information about a member of the veteran's family that are currently serving in the military.

Included with the veteran's biography and information, visitors will be able to see how far veterans traveled from the Community and where they went, if they were deployed overseas.

"I think it's really cool to see how far they traveled during their time of service, up until they returned back to the Community," said Thomas, "I think it would be beneficial for the youth to understand that was a lot of experiences the veterans went through along the way."

## LETTER TO OUR SON - MACKYL DWAYNE ORTEGA

Dearest Son,  
We write this letter to you acknowledging your greatest accomplishments yet. You did it son, you graduated!! ASU Preparatory High School CLASS OF 2017 in Casa Grande. As you read this you should know words are an inadequate way to express the depth of our love and admiration for you. But let me try to share with you how Dad and I see you and feel about you. We want you to know how extremely proud we are of you. Let it be known that your claim to AWESOMENESS is an understatement!!  
You charismatic nature shines through

in everything you do. You have proven there are no limit to Courage through your bravery and unselfish commitment to enlist in the United States NAVY. You have become a remarkable young man - literally "Causing Great Wonder & Amazement" in the lives of everyone around you. We anticipate that you will never cease to AMAZE.

We are overjoyed for you. Your kindness, leadership and ability to adapt to the changing world around you has taught you to have a big heart. Regardless of the circumstances, you manage to stay grounded. With lead-

ership comes responsibility. You are blessed with natural charisma. Others around you are drawn to follow you once you discover the depth of your personal power. I know you have only scratched the surface so far, yet it has always been apparent. It has been such fun to watch you develop your glorious, silly presence. You have talent and charm. A potent combination. When combined with confidence and a passion to make the world a better place in many ways, personal power can be a very positive force. Our wish for you is that you stay grounded through faith in the strength

and vision you have and don't let insecurity or fear distract you. Stretch your intellectual muscles, open your mind and explore cultural diversity, educational opportunities, limitless abilities; life's purpose will surely present itself. STAY POSITIVE ALWAYS. Everyone needs your warmth and leadership, even when they can't ask for it. You are unconsciously preparing your mind and body to fulfill your unspoken dreams.

Soon you will be in Northern Chicago adapting to the chill against your face as you endure eight weeks of rigorous physical training and limited written communication from loved ones. For us it will be extremely difficult in this day of instant communication, I have been in constant contact with you every day of your life. We will be saddened to let you go. I know, You ARE READY, but I AM NOT. We have encouraged your decision and we will support you as we have always done. We commend you on an unbelievable sacrifice. We are confident this is the right decision for you and we will miss

you immensely. There is no greater gift that a parent could give the world than that of an ambitious child. Your passion for learning, art, theatre, music and video games suits you. We are so very, very proud of how your thought processes are developing and, I confess, I as your mother am truly delighted that you choose to study medicine. You can do anything. Anything. Advancing technology is the engine of our world now and it is going to change every aspect of human life in ways we cannot yet imagine. We live in an incredibly exciting time and you will, in some way, be the dramatic change we need in this world.

Really corny I know, but true. So be kind to everyone and when you meet that one person who makes you really happy more than half the time - hang on to her. Be loyal to your friends, they'll save your life more than once! By We look forward to your life in the Navy, as you graduate from college, and to dance at your wedding, or kiss your first child, and help you plant your

first garden, or fly kites aboard with you, and climb ruins with you in exotic places. I know, I can see you rolling your eyes, but one day you'll feel the same way about someone and it is a wonderful feeling. When you were born and I held you for the first time I knew you were AMAZING!! Congratulations you have grown into a fine, honorable young man with such a bright future. Enjoy it. Celebrate it with your friends. And most of all - BE HAPPY!!

As we plan our travels to see you graduate from Navy Bootcamp, we look forward to hearing your name called, "MACKYL ORTEGA". We will be the parents that jump to their feet to give you a standing ovation and shouting you home! Recognizing the courage and sacrifice you are making to serve as a U.S. Navy. Although we have anxiety about your ventures out into the world on your own. We will make due knowing you are a reflection of us and all others whom have inspired you. LOVE Mom & Dad

## District 5 youth earns blue belt



Tavaris Wright, 11 years of Casa Blanca is now a blue belt. Tavaris has been in karate now for 2 years, he joined in February 2016. He enjoys going to

karate class. His grandmother Esther Hoover had told him that she wanted to see him earn his black belt one day, however, Tavaris lost his grandma last year in June 2017. When he had testing she was there for every one of them and there would be times when she would go just to watch him practice. For awhile he had stopped going to karate but eventually he got back right in there. I told Tavaris that his grandma would still want him to go on and make her proud. When he returned to class he gave it all he could and in November 2017 he was up for testing, which earned him the blue belt with his family there to support him!

On March 2nd and 3rd 2018 he attended karate camp n Mesa. He enjoyed it and learned new things from

the many different instructors.

On March 10, 2018 the karate group was in the Mul-Chu-Tha parade and they placed 3rd in the marching category.

I would like to thank Jenifer Tull-Gaugher for taking her time to come out and teach the kids and also the other instructors from Mesa as well. Also thank you to my family from Gila River an Salt River. Thank you for your love, support and also for your prayers!

To my son Tavaris, I'm so proud of you. You'll be faced with many challenges in life but just do your very best and never give up.

I love you Son!  
Mom, Darla Hoover

## Gila River Hotels & Casinos wins four regional awards for "2018 Best of Dining & Nightlife" from Casino Player magazine

CHANDLER, ARIZONA (April 2, 2018) – Gila River Hotels & Casinos at Vee Quiva received four "2018 Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards" in the southwest region from Casino Player magazine. Every year, Casino Player magazine asks its readers to vote online for their favorite casinos around the country in a variety of categories, and Vee Quiva was a player favorite in multiple instances.

The "2018 Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards" recognize casinos beyond the slots and table games, awarding

top-performing casinos in categories including steakhouses, bulets, nightclubs, shows, lounges, and more.

Vee Quiva secured first place in the following categories:

- Best Service
  - Best Place to People Watch: Square Bar
  - Best Late Night Dining: Coffee Shop 24/7
  - Best Coffee Shop: Coffee Shop 24/7
- "Vee Quiva is an incredible property with premier gaming, dining and

entertainment options," said Carolyn Thompson, General Manager of Vee Quiva. "We are thrilled to be recognized by Casino Player magazine."

Open 24/7, Vee Quiva is home to more than 950 slots machines, poker, and blackjack. The property is also an AAA Four Diamond-awarded hotel with 90 boutique rooms, fitness center, pristine pool, and poolside suites. Vee Quiva offers a wide variety of dining options, including Ditka's Restaurant, Coffee Shop 24/7, and a food court.

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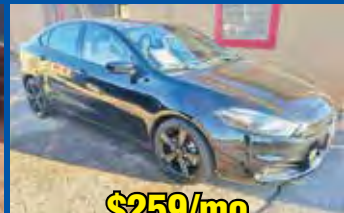
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