



Water Rights celebration recognizes 'Water Warriors'



Corrine Escalante, center, carries a gourd of water to begin the 2018 Water Rights celebration. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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December 10 will always be a day to remember in the Gila River Indian Community. On that day, in 2004, President George W. Bush signed the Arizona Water Settlement Act after a decades-long battle to secure GRIC's water rights.

Every year on that date, the Community reflects on that historic achievement and looks ahead at the future of maintaining the hard-fought claim to the most vital of resources: Water.

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Siyanna Antone, second grade, St. Peter Indian Mission School, stands next to her picture. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

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WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE FIGHTING FOR OUR WATER, WE ARE NOT GOING TO GIVE UP. WE ARE GOING TO REMAIN WHO WE ARE AS THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis



U.S. flag flown over the USS Arizona is unfolded at the Huhugam Heritage Center on Dec. 6. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

GRIC veterans and honor guards participate in Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

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A commemorative ceremony was held to remember the lives of sailors, Marines, and soldiers killed during the attacks on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 77 years ago, as President Franklin D. Roosevelt would call, "A date which will live in infamy."

Despite the overcast skies and light drizzle through the air, the Huhugam Heritage Center staff, members of veterans groups across the Community and elsewhere gathered for the Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony on Dec. 6.

For the state of Arizona, the attacks on Pearl Harbor holds a special significance, in connection with the battleship USS Arizona, which was sunk after being bombed by Imperial Japanese



Roland Enos, Jr. lays down the U.S. flag at the Huhugam Heritage Center. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Navy bombers, taking the lives of 1,777 sailors and Marines.

To commemorate the event a delivery of an American flag, that was flown over the USS Arizona memorial at Pearl Harbor was

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Annual River of Lights brightens Sacaton with Christmas in Toyland theme



Christmas themed floats rode down Casa Blanca for the River of Lights. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Santa Claus visits the with local children ahead of the Christmas holiday. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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Letter to readers: GRIN Newsperson says hello




Emma Hughes is the newest GRIN staff member. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Hello Readers! My name is Emma Hughes and I am very excited to introduce myself as the newest member of the Gila River Indian News as a Community Newsperson. I am a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation, from the Baboquivari District. My maternal grandparents are the late Luther & Lillian Hughes, my mother is Lucinda Hughes-Juan who is also a writer.

For the past few years I've been employed with the Tohono O'odham Nation radio station, O'odham Hewel Ni'ok also better known as "KOHN," where I worked in their Multimedia department filming and producing videos, which is where my background and interest is primarily focused.

I attended Pima Community College for Digital Video Production and some of my professional experience includes working with the Tohono O'odham Nation Cul-



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tural Center and Museum, where I was an intern working closely with the curator of collections. These previous jobs have brought me out to visit the Gila River Indian Community on few occasions but I am still getting familiar with

the Community and culture.

I believe it is important for us as Native Americans to have a voice and I have chosen career interests and opportunities that have allowed me to develop mine. Serving as a newsperson

for the GRIN is a great opportunity to further my experience in media and I look forward to being out in the Community learning as much as I can, meeting new people, and sharing stories to keep you all informed.



Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

Gila River Police Department reserves the right to restrict the release of certain reports which may not be available or are currently under investigation.

Incident Log November 11, 2018 – November 17, 2018

Gila River Police officers made 26 arrests.

District One:

No Incidents Regarding Part 1 Crime.

District Two:

No Incidents Regarding Part 1 Crime.

District Three:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect shot the victim in the arm while out target shooting with friends. The victim was transported to a local hospital by other members of the group. The suspect was startled when he discharged his weapon at the victim. Hospital staff contacted Gila River Police Department to report the shooting victim. The victim's gunshot wound was non-life threatening.

Status: Under investigation.

Aggravated Assault – The suspect physically blocked and assaulted the victim with his hands. The suspect stated to law enforcement his intent was to stab the victim with a pencil he had concealed on his person prior to the unprovoked attack. The victim was able to fend off the suspect until help arrived and suffered no serious injuries.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail.

Shoplifting – Suspect's entered the Sacaton Super Mart, filled a shopping basket with merchandise and then walked out without paying for the merchandise. Employees contacted the Gila River Police Department and officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspects fled the area in a vehicle prior to police arrival.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole money from the residence of a family member where they were reportedly visiting. There were a total of three victims in this incident as the suspect stole money from each while at the house. The Gila River Police Department is currently conducting follow up on the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) entered a construction area by damaging the chain link fence used to secure the victim's equipment. The suspect(s) then damaged and defaced the equipment before stealing the battery out of a front loader. The reporting party, an employ-

ee of the company, contacted the Gila River Police Department and officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

District Four: (Stotonic Area)

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) attacked the victim while he was walking to a friend's residence at the District 4 Elderly Complex. The victim suffered blunt force trauma to his head, chest and stomach from a weapon used by the suspect(s). The victim was able to get to safety away from the assailants and the Police Department was contacted. Officers and Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded to the incident. The victim was transported to a local hospital for further medical care.

Status: Under investigation.

District Four: (Lone Butte / WHP Area)

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered a store located at the Phoenix Premium Outlets and concealed several items on their person. They then left the store without paying for the merchandise. The suspects fled the area in a vehicle prior to the officer's arrival. Store employees contacted Outlet Security and the Police Department to report the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – The suspect stole the victim's iPad from an unsecured locker at the charging station. Gila River Police Department was contacted by Lone Butte Casino Security regarding the theft. Through surveillance footage it was determined the suspect had left the property prior to police arrival.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – The suspect stole the victim's truck while it was parked at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino parking garage. The victim discovered his vehicle was missing and notified casino security along with the Police Department. Officers responded and searched the area for the suspect and stolen truck with negative results.

Status: Under investigation.

District Five:

Auto Theft – The suspect stole the victim's vehicle after acquiring the keys from another family member. The suspect then left the residence in the vehicle without the victim's knowledge or consent. Officers also responded to a



suspicious vehicle driving recklessly that matched the stolen vehicle description. The vehicle was later recovered abandoned and unoccupied.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's vehicle from the side of the Casa Blanca Road and Arizona State Route 347. The victim reported leaving the vehicle on the side of the road as it had become disabled the night before. The following morning, when she returned with a tow truck, the vehicle was no longer there.

Status: Under investigation.

District Six:

Theft – Suspect(s) stole a ladder from the victim's residential property. The ladder had been padlocked to a water spigot outside of the house. When the victim went to get the ladder he realized it was missing but did not know when it had been taken. Officers searched the area for the missing ladder but had negative results.

Status: Under investigation

District Seven:

No Incidents Regarding Part 1 Crime.

Incident Log

November 18 -24, 2018

Calls for services this week: 681

Arrest made: 43

District One (Blackwater):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the Sacaton Post Office to meet with the victim of domestic violence. The victim stated that the suspect had assaulted her by pushing her down to the ground and strangling her. The suspect then pulled out a knife and stated that he would "kill her" if she called police. The suspect had put pres-

sure on her chest with his knee as he wrapped both hands around the victim's neck. Police arrived at the residence where the suspect was located and arrested.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the HuHuKam Memorial Hospital in reference to a juvenile victim that had been shot with a BB gun. The investigation revealed that the suspect had called the victim's name, then shot him in the chest as he walked into the room. Their father came into the room, checked the victim's injuries and transported him to the hospital.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a burglary. Upon arrival at the residence the victim stated he returned home from the store and found the back door of the home broken and several items missing. The victim stated the suspect had removed electronics and some personal belongings.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a disturbance. Upon the officer's arrival the reporting party advised the suspect had left the residence. The Officers were then allowed into the residence and lead to a bedroom where the victim was laying. The victim advised the suspect had begun making remarks to the victim, though the victim tried to ignore them. The suspect followed the victim into the bedroom where he began to assault them. The suspect bit the victim in the arm and would not release as they fought on the ground. The skin was broken and the victim was in pain where the fresh teeth marks had penetrated the skin. The victim also sustained other injuries to his face where the suspect repeatedly hit and kicked the victim. The victim was transported to a near-by hospital for further medical attention.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to a theft. The reporting party stated he arrived alone in his work truck and parked near his friend's vehicle. When he went back to his work truck he observed one of the black metal rails on the company vehicle missing. He then noticed some tools also appeared to be missing. Video surveillance footage was reviewed showing two males stopping by the work truck.

Status: Under investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a juvenile who had been caught shoplifting. Upon arrival at the store, contact was made with the store employee and two other males. The store employee stated the juvenile attempted to leave the store without paying for an item and set off the alarm. The suspect's bag was checked and clothing was located but no receipt could be produced.

Status: Juvenile male was cited for the incident

Theft – Officers were dispatched to Wild Horse Pass Casino in reference to a theft that occurred on the property. Contact was made with the victim, who stated they had been walking into the casino when an unknown individual came up behind her and grabbed her purse. The suspect then ran to a vehicle and exited the premises. During a vehicle license plate check the license plate came back as stolen out of Phoenix PD.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a shoplifter. Contact was made with the store employee and the suspect. The employee stated the suspect had taken clothing into the fitting room. When leaving the fitting room the suspect did not have all of the items which had been taken in. The suspect proceeded to the counter to pay for her merchandise. While walking out of the store the alarms began to sound and the suspect was asked to come back into the store. Other clothing was located which had not been paid for during the transaction.

Status: Suspect was cited for the incident.

Theft (Shoplifting) – 181119-0003 Officers were dispatched to Phoenix Premium Outlets in reference to a shoplifting that occurred. Contact was made with store employee, who stated two pairs of shoes had been taken from the

store. The reporting party went on to say that the same unidentified male was also responsible for two other thefts in the store. While the suspect was in the store he refused assistance from employees. The suspect then grabbed the shoes and then left without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a shoplifting. Store employee stated that the suspect was detained and waiting in the back office.

In reviewing the video footage, the suspect was in the corner of the store where clothing was pulled from the rack. The suspect then walked behind another merchandise shelf and placed the merchandise into his shopping bag and proceeds to the exit. While walking towards the exit the suspect pulled the items from his bag and removed the tags, proceeding past all points of sale. The suspect was stopped outside the store and asked to return.

Status: Juvenile was cited for the incident

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a female getting hit in the head. The investigation revealed that two females and a male subject knocked on the door. When the victim opened the door the male pointed the gun and said he was going to shoot the victim. The three suspects fled the scene prior to law enforcement's arrival. The victim was transported to a local Hospital to be treated for the injuries sustained during the altercation.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a burglary. The victim reported, that her son had called stating someone knocked loudly at their residence. The victim's son then observed his bedroom window slide open, and a hand appeared inside of his room moving the curtain. The victim's son yelled and the subject left the area.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (from a vehicle) – Officers were dispatched to Vee Quiva Casino in reference to theft from a vehicle. Upon officer arriv-

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al, the victim stated when he returned to his vehicle, he observed the radio was now missing. The trim panel around the radio opening was also out of place and the front left outside door handle was damaged.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a theft. Upon the officer's arrival the victim stated that some clothing from the house was now missing. The victim believed the clothes were stolen from the residence but did not know who would have taken the items.

Status: Under Investigation

Incident Log November 25, 2018 – December 01, 2018

Gila River Police officers responded to 603 calls for service and made 35 arrests.

District One:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect choked the victim with his arm. Officers responded to the residence for the domestic fight in progress. The suspect was located hiding inside of a locked storage room by officers. The victim had no visible injuries and refused medical attention.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

Shoplifting – The suspect(s) entered the store, proceeded to walk up to a display and removed merchandise. The suspect(s) continued walking around the store while removing several other items from the displays. The suspect(s) eventually walked up to the register and paid for some of the items. Additional items were returned to the displays, however, the suspect was observed on surveillance footage placing an item in their pocket. The suspect then departed the store, without paying for the item.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two:

No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

District Three:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal altercation when it became physical, after the victim told the suspect they were leaving. At which time the suspect struck the victim with his hands, pulled them to the ground and continued to strike them. As the victim attempted to kick the assailant off, the suspect

used a sharp weapon which caused a severe laceration to the victim's leg. The victim arrived at the local hospital for treatment of their injury as it had become infected. Hospital employees were made aware of the assault and contacted law enforcement. Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Burglary – Suspect(s) forced entry into the victim's residence and stole personal items and electronics. There was a smiley face spray painted on the back door, and the window screens had been slashed. Upon returning home the victim noticed the door was open and contacted law enforcement. Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) entered an unsecured vehicle belonging to the victim while it was parked in front of their residence. A neighbor witnessed the crime during the late evening hours during while the victim was away from their home. Once the victim returned home they checked their vehicle and found certain documents had been taken. The victim then contacted law enforcement to report the theft.

Status: Under investigation.

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Theft – Suspect(s) walked onto the victim's property and stole a small white and brown puppy. The victim upon realizing the animal was missing contacted police to report the theft.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – The suspect entered the victim's residence and took electronic equipment. The victim had delayed in reporting the incident to law enforcement as he had hoped the suspect would return the property. Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

District Four (Lone Butte / WHP Area):

Burglary – Suspect(s) entered the victim's unsecured vehicle while it was parked at the Phoenix Premium Outlets. While the victim was shopping the individual stole personal items which had been left in the car. Upon the victims' return to their vehicle the items were noted as missing. The victim contacted law enforcement and officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting – Sus-

pect(s) entered a store, located within the Phoenix Premium Outlets, concealed several items in a separate shopping bag and then left the store without paying. The theft tag alarm was triggered as the suspect was exiting the premises but were not uncovered. Upon review of security footage of the incident the manager discovered the theft and contacted law enforcement. The subjects left the area prior to police arrival.

Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting - Suspect(s) entered a store, located within the Phoenix Premium Outlets, concealed several items in a separate shopping bag and then left the store without paying. The theft tag alarm was triggered on their way out but the suspect(s) ran in opposite directions when an employee attempted to stop them. The manager contacted law enforcement to report the theft and officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

District Five:

No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

District Six:

Theft – Suspect(s) caused criminal damage to a fire hydrant after forcefully removing and stealing a water meter belonging to the Gila River Indian Community. Gila River employee's reported the theft and damage to law enforcement.

Status: Under investigation.

District Seven:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and the victim were involved in a verbal altercation that escalated and became physical. The suspect struck the victim in the head with a shovel and also broke the front and back windshields on a vehicle. The suspect(s) then struck them in the back of the head with an unknown blunt object. Suspect(s) finally threatened the victim with a knife and also tried to stab them multiple times. The victim refused medical attention.

Status: Charges have been forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

Theft – Suspect(s) entered the storage yard R and P Companies are using to store their work tools and materials without consent or knowledge by the company. Several tools, car parts and accessories, and materials were stolen from three work trucks being stored on the lot. Employees noticed the damage and missing items upon arrival to work and made law enforcement notification. Of-

ficers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Burglary – Suspect(s) stole piping on a brand new air conditioning unit and electrical wiring from the house electrical box of two new homes under construction. Employees noticed the damage and missing items upon arrival to work and made law enforcement notification. Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Incident Log

December 2 – 8, 2018

Calls for services this week: 721

Arrest made: 40

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence where a subject was causing a disturbance. Contact was made with a subject matching the description walking along Skousen Rd. Officers also made contact with the reporting parties were advised the suspect had come to their residence asking for a ride. When the family was unable to give them a ride they became angry and started yelling. When the suspect was asked to leave, the suspect refused, and grabbed a pair of scissors. The suspect then ran towards the victim with the scissors raised in the air causing the victim to believe the suspect was going to stab them. During the contact the suspect was still in possession of the weapon. The suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Status: Suspect was booked into DRS

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to the victim having her vehicle being broken into. The Officer made contact with the victim and was informed that the night before the vehicle was locked and secured at approximately 9:30 p.m. When the victim was going to leave for work things were observed to be out of the place in the vehicle. Upon further inspection the ignition was noticed to be damaged, rendering the vehicle inoperable. The vehicle was inventoried by the victim and found money to be missing as well. Evidence was located and collected and is being sent off for analysis.

Status: Under Investigation

District Three (Sacaton):

No Incidents Involving Part I Crime

District Four (Stotonic

Area)

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a work site in reference to stolen fence panels. The investigation revealed a vehicle backed up to the fence line, attached to the fence and dragged the panels to the area away from their original location. It appeared the suspect repeated the process until multiple panels had been taken. Several items located at the scene were impounded into evidence and will be examined.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to stolen fence panels. Upon arrival contact was made with an employee who stated fence panels had been stolen. Two sections of the fencing were located sitting west of the residence. The reporting party stated this was the second time an incident of this type had occurred.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft – Officers were dispatched in reference to a theft at the Wild Horse Pass Casino. The investigation revealed that the victim was playing a slot machine when he thought he had won a hand pay out. While waiting for an attendant the victim had his back to the machine and an unknown subject walked up to the machine and cashed out the voucher.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five- (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon the officer's arrival contact was made with the victim. The victim stated the suspect was involved in physical altercation where the suspect had choked the victim. The suspect left prior to officer arrival. During the altercation the victim told the suspect to leave at which time he refused. The suspect climbed on top of the victim and used force with his arm on the victim throat to block their airway. The victim sustained minor injuries and photos were taken for evidence. The suspect was later located and taken into custody.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a man down near the bus stop on 51st Ave and Komatke Ln. Officers located the victim lying in the dirt with blood on their face, shirt and head. The

investigation revealed the victim and the suspect were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical. The suspect admitted to throwing a small statue at the victim's head which caused it to bleed. The suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a theft. While enroute dispatched broadcasted the suspect was walking in the area of the circles. A male was located and were able to identify him as the suspect. The suspect was detained and was found to have a in his possession the items taken. The suspect admitted the items were not his and he had taken them from the victim. The suspect was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a report of a theft of license plate. Upon contact with the victim, Officers were advised her boyfriend had assaulted her earlier in the day at a store off of the Community. While waiting for Phoenix PD to respond her license plate was taken but later returned. Sometime during the night her license plate was again taken and the air was released from her tires. The license plate was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers responded to Vee Quiva Casino in reference to a jackpot that was stolen. The investigation revealed the victim was the actual winner of the jackpot but did not have a valid identification. The suspect then agreed to receive the payout for the victim. Security advised after the suspect was given the money she asked to be escorted to her vehicle and left with a male subject. The victim then came back to find the suspect but did not locate her and security told the victim they had left the premises.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a theft. Upon the officer's arrival contact was made with the reporting party who stated the house has been vacant and was being prepared for renovations. When the victim went to look at the house, he noticed the air conditioner had been damaged.

Status: Under Investigation



S-ko:mag Mashath

S-ko:mag Mashath means the “gray, foggy, unclear month” in our Akimel O’otham Ñeok, and refers to the desert plants that go dormant during the winter

months and the fog that comes and goes making our mountain scenery unclear. This annual occurrence leaves our jeved various shades of s-ko:mag, (gray, foggy, and unclear)...Not

this year! October 2018 went down as one of the wettest ever recorded in our Sonoran Desert. Due to the added rainfall we received from Tropical Storms Rosa and Sergio we get to witness a remarkable occurrence in nature. Desert plants that normally bloom in spring and summer are now in bloom. Two plants, Thoavsh (White Brittlebush) and Kuavol (Wolfberry) have been observed by many Community members to be in full bloom. In earlier articles we have written about both plants and their importance to Akimel O’otham and Pee-Posh. Thoavsh provides us with chewing gum and the resin can also be used as a sealer. Thoavsh is the alternate name for Ban (Coyote) as mentioned in our Creation Story. The other plant Kuavol has already flowered and now many plants throughout the community have produced berries. This is a real treat for wildlife and the birds that spend the winter in our community.

During this month we also observe the Winter Solstice and watch the sun take its most southerly



Thoavsh photo/Robert Johnson



Kuavol Photo Robert Johnson

Klishmas Kwi – Match the O’otham word with the correct picture!

Klishmas O’hodag

Kakalsi:tha

Ma:kigdag

Hu’u

Sio’ov-pap’pan

Kak’kampañ

Kakanjel



travel before turning back north. It’s during this time of year that we appreciate our Creation Stories that reminds us of our strong ties to our natural environment and our Himthag. Another day we all look forward to is Jiosh Alithag Ma:sig Thash (The Birth of God’s

Son) as we gather together to spend time with family and friends. Vechij Aithag (New Year), normally our O’otham New Year starts in the month of June. O’otham have come to accept and celebrate the Western Society New Year on January first. This month’s word

match will focus on items found during the Klishmas season, especially those around the Klishmas Kwi. From all of our families here at your Huhugam Heritage Center, we wish everyone a S-he:kig Jiosh Alithag Ma:sig Thash ch heg Vechij Aithag!

FROM THE FRONT PAGE



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis discusses the flag’s significance at the Governance Center. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

brought out and unfolded by Community veterans to honor the fallen.

Prior to the day of the ceremony, the flag made its way through each of the Community’s districts for members and veterans to view before it returned back to the Huhugam Ki museum on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, where a similar ceremony took place on Dec. 7.

At the Governance Center on Nov. 16, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said it was a true honor to recognize the many service men and women, who lost their life at Pearl Harbor.

“This flag means a whole lot to our veterans and those, who made the ultimate sacrifice. It means so many things to so many different people, it unites us and binds us as a nation and tribal community,” said

Lewis.

Lewis highlighted the large numbers of Native servicemen and women, that answered the call to serve in the military during WWII, up to current conflicts around the globe.

“This is hallowed ground here and I hope that each of us think about what connection they have to this flag, because it just shows that we never forget those sacrifices made



Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 performs a salute at the Huhugam Heritage Center. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

by those service men and women 77 years ago.”

At the Remembrance Day event, American Legion Post 114 “Bushmasters” Commander Richard Dumas said the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association made one simple request, that the flag be flown and taken out and pointed in four directions for all the ones, who didn’t make it.

When the flag was brought back, there was a

special ceremony to honor those who lie there today.

“We come from different battles, but we understand one thing, to recognize and don’t forget what happened that day so many years ago, it’s something we must honor,” said Dumas.

The flag was carried by veteran Roland Enos Jr., who led the military honors of unfolding and refolding the flag.

Shirley Jackson thanked the veterans for attending and participating in the morning ceremony. She said the flag is very significant and that they are thankful for the assistance of the Post 114 and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Huhugam Ki for allowing the Heritage Center to honor.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis visits the water rights art exhibit during the Water Rights Day celebration. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

The Water Rights Day celebration was held Dec. 10 at Rawhide Event Center and the hundreds in attendance heard remarks from current and past leaders, and were treated to a video presentation, lunch and musical entertainment.

Corrine Escalante, District 1 elder, carried a

gourd filled with water collected the day before at the confluence of the Gila and Salt river and delivered to the celebration by a group of youth runners.

A traditional song and dance presentation followed the delivery of the water.

The 2018 Water Rights

Day convened under the theme, "Water Warriors: The Beginning, Now & the Future." Each speaker emphasized the efforts of past leaders, the importance of upholding the settlement, and the need for future water protectors.

"You, future leaders, always protect our water and our land," Cecil Antone, former lieutenant governor, told the crowd.

Donald Antone, former governor, echoed Cecil Antone's sentiments and told the younger Community members in the audience that, "the future lies with your hands."

Richard Narcia, former governor, recognized past legal and water experts and past leadership including the late Dana Norris, former governor.

"[Norris] led us in the right direction and I think without him and his perseverance we would not be here today," Narcia said.

Gov. Lewis spoke after a video was played, and mentioned his father, the late Rodney Lewis, and the legacy the "water warriors," left behind in the fight for GRIC's water rights.

"My father always use to say 'the fight is never over,'" Gov. Lewis said.

Lewis mentioned Arizona's severe drought conditions and the decisions that are looming should Lake Mead's water level continue to drop.

"We are going to continue fighting for our water, we are not going to give up. We are going to remain who we are as the Gila River Indian Community. We are going to be tenacious, we are going to protect our history as farmers and agriculturists, now and into the future," said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis also presented gifts to past leaders and special guests. A large display at the opposite end



Former Gov. Richard Narcia thanks David Romero, one of the water runners, following the opening ceremony. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

of the venue contained artwork and exhibits made by GRIC school children about the importance of water to the Community. Runners: Anthony Escalante Jr., Kaylyn Escalante, Antonio Escalante, Lee Nasewytewa, Henry Nasewytewa, Damian Walker, Daniel Lewis, Isaac Harrison, Sineca Jackson, Sayuri Jack-

son, Nickolas Harrison, Lawrence Milda, Burrito Lewis, Janayah Mendivil, Myrian Burnett, Jazmyn Burnett, Sylvia Norris Burnett, Rita Mendivil, Juan Mendivil II, Juan Mendivil III

Drivers: Steven Nasewytewa, Danny Harrison, Carolyn Escalante, James Burrell, Jaime & Arlanna Jackson

Skateboarders ride to Sacaton for Christmas skate competition

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Festive skaters from

around the Community converged upon the District 3 Skate Park for the Christmas skateboard contest on

Dec. 1. The event was hosted by Seven Layer Army, with the assistance of the Communications & Public

Affairs Office, District 3, Jessup Griptape and Cowtown Skateboards.

Over 20 glory bound

skaters signed up to participate in the contest, ranging in ages of 7-10, 11-15 and 16 and up.

All the competitors gave their best in an attempt to grab a custom skateboard deck designed by Maricopa Colony artist and Seven Layer Army co-founder Paul Molina.

"We had some limited-edition decks, we tried to step it up more and more for the kids, being that it is nearing Christmas, we wanted everyone to come away with something," said event organizer and Seven Layer Army co-founder Reuben Ringlero.

Molina and Ringlero said the Christmas skate comp brought out spectators and families to watch the competition. The custom designed decks depict a traditionally clothed O'otham woman, with pottery on her head.

"Back in November, we held a little voting competition on three different designs," said Molina, "Out of all three, we chose [this] one, which was given to the first-place winner in their age group."

Ringlero said the kids get excited at the sight of the skate decks, because

of the unique designs, all wanting a piece of custom artwork to shred and grind their way around their local skate park.

"The skateboards were made by a California-based company, which we've had a good relationship with," said Ringlero, "This is our fourth time using them, the kids like the quality of the skateboard."

Molina said, "The designs themselves are about promoting the aspect of being strong and powerful, something that relates to culture and skateboarding."

The skateboard competitions also promote awareness on topics, like domestic violence and other issues.

Next year, the duo has more events lined up, in February and March with the "Shred in the Name of Love" and Mul-Chu-Tha skate competition.

Seven Layer Army would like to thank Cowtown Skateboards, Jessup Griptape, Skate After-school and CPAO for providing assistance.

For more information on the custom skate decks, log on to www.paulmolinadesigns.com.

2018-2019 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

SKYLINE GILA RIVER MUSTANGS

11/27	ARROWHEAD	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM	1/14	TRI CITY CHRISTIAN	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM
12/3	AZ COMPASS	@ AZ COMPASS	5PM	1/16	MADISON HIGHLAND	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM
12/5	JAMES MADISON	@ JAMES MADISON	5:30PM	1/18	ORME	@ ORME	6PM
12/11	AZ COMPASS	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	4:30PM	1/22	LINCOLN PREP	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM
12/13	TRI CITY CHRISTIAN	@ TRI CITY CHRISTIAN	5:30PM	1/24	THUNDERBIRD	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM
12/19	SAN TAN CHARTER	@ SAN TAN CHARTER	5:30PM	1/29	PARADISE VALLEY PREP	@ PARADISE VALLEY PREP	4PM
1/8	SAN TAN CHARTER	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM				

2018-2019 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

SKYLINE GILA RIVER MUSTANGS

11/15	PARAGON SCIENCE	@ PARAGON SCIENCE	6PM	1/11	LINCOLN PREP	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM
11/29	BASIS MESA	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	7PM	1/18	MADISON HIGHLAND PREP	@ MADISON HIGHLAND	7PM
12/5	JAMES MADISON	@ JAMES MADISON	7PM	1/18	ORME	@ ORME	7:30PM
12/7	INTEGRITY PREP	@ INTEGRITY PREP	5PM	1/22	AMBASSADOR CHRISTIAN	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	8:30PM
12/10	SALT RIVER	@ SALT RIVER	7:30PM	1/24	THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	7PM
12/14	AMBASSADOR CHRISTIAN	@ AMBASSADOR	8:30PM	1/28	GILA BEND	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM
12/18	BASIS MESA	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	8:30PM	1/30	TELESIS PREP	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM
12/21	VILLE DE MARIE	@ VILLE DE MARIE	7PM	2/1	INTEGRITY PREP	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM
1/8	A.C.P.	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM				



Skaters received prizes and promotional items for competing in the skate competition. Photo by Reuben Ringlero







HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE

"Putting Our People First"



Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lt. Governor

COMMUNITY APPROVES WATER DEAL TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY'S LONGTERM WATER SUPPLY

**Communications & Public
Affairs Office**
Gila River Indian
Community

SACATON, AZ. – The Community Council approved two agreements today that will provide up to 33,185 acre-feet of water to the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGR) each year for 25 years beginning in 2020. These agreements are an important component of the proposed Lower Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plan, or DCP, and will be signed once the Arizona Legislature approves the DCP implementation plan that is supported by Governor Doug Ducey.

Because the DCP will impose cuts that will eliminate the water source that CAGR has relied on in the past, certain CAGR members, which include developers and homebuilders, have raised concerns regarding the DCP and its impact on the state's economy.

Governor Stephen R. Lewis applauded the Council's decision

today, stating, "While these agreements are beneficial to the Community's long term water interests, the Community had been very concerned that DCP might not happen and was re-examining whether these agreements were the best use of our water supplies in times of shortage. As a result, we had been waiting to see whether DCP was a realistic possibility or whether we should wait and perhaps move in a different direction. Governor Ducey's plan, including the funding he has provided, were a significant boost for the Community's confidence in a final DCP being adopted and were the catalyst for today's Council approvals. We believe our action today helps build momentum to have Arizona approve DCP and protect Lake Mead, but at the same time ensure that water supplies are available for an important sector of Arizona's economy. We appreciate Governor Ducey's strong support for an Arizona DCP that works and take this action today in order to further support his efforts and bring more certainty to the ultimate conclusion."

UNITED STATES SENATE PASSES GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY HOMELANDS LEGISLATION

**Communications & Public
Affairs Office**
Gila River Indian
Community

SACATON, AZ. - Last evening the United States Senate unanimously passed H.R. 4032, the Gila River Indian Community Federal Rights-of-Way, Easements and Boundary Clarification Act. The passage of this legislation comes after the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held a legislative hearing on November 14, 2018, followed by a bi-partisan Committee vote on November 29th. The legislation had already passed the House of Representatives on July 17, 2018, so the next step is for the President to sign the bill into law.

The legislation fully implements a prior settlement agreement with the federal government which settles a trust accounting suit brought by the Community and requires re-creation of all federal rights-of-way on the Reservation. The legislation also

clarifies a section of the Community Reservation boundary that will avoid a title dispute with the City of Phoenix. In exchange for the lands at issue in the disputed area along the Northwest boundary of the Reservation, the bill allows the Community to add approximately 3,400 acres of culturally important lands in the Estrella Mountains to its Reservation. The Community is in the process of purchasing this culturally significant land from the Bureau of Land Management.

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis expressed his appreciation of the Senate action on this legislation in the remaining weeks of this Congress, stating "On behalf of the Gila River Indian Community, I want to thank the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the United States Senate for making this legislation a priority. This bill is of critical importance to the Community's effort to build housing, manage our water resourc-

es, and acquire culturally significant lands. We look forward to the President's signature on this bill so it can become law and we can begin the implementation process."

Governor Lewis also extended his appreciation to Congressman Tom O'Halleran for sponsoring the legislation, along with co-sponsors Congressmen Biggs, Gallego, Gosar, and Schweikert. Governor Lewis also applauded the efforts of Congressman Grijalva, Ranking Member on the House Natural Resources Committee and Senator Kyl, member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs who were instrumental in helping move this bill through the Congress.

Congressman Tom O'Halleran, the bill's sponsor in the House of Rep-

resentatives, stated "I am pleased to see the Senate take up this important legislation and fulfill its obligation to the Gila River Indian Community. Once signed into law, this bipartisan measure will allow the Community to provide greater opportunities for their people and allow them to continue to grow and thrive. I look forward to working with Governor Lewis and state and federal officials to implement the provisions of this law."

Congressman Biggs of Arizona, one of the original supporters of the bill in the House, offered his congratulations, saying, "I congratulate Governor Stephen Roe Lewis and the Tribal Council for championing this legislative victory. I was honored to join

the Arizona Congressional delegation in support of this bill which is critical for the Gila River Indian Community. I look forward to continue working with Governor Lewis and the Gila River Indian Community on future endeavors."

Congressman Gallego, also of Arizona, added, "I'm pleased to see my Senate colleagues have advanced this legislation to bring mutually-beneficial clarity to the Gila River Indian Community, City of Phoenix, and the federal government. Formalizing this agreement will allow the Community to make new progress on critical development efforts and continue stewardship for cultural lands."

Congressman David Schweikert of Arizona had

the following to say, "This legislation has brought members of the Arizona delegation together to support the Gila River Indian Community and to create more than a land settlement agreement. The legislation will ensure access to all federal rights-of-way, along with adding close to 3,400 acres of culturally appropriate federal land benefits the Community rightfully deserves. I am very pleased to see H.R. 4032 be passed, as it will directly support the tribal Community."

The President is expected to sign this legislation within the next ten days at which point the legislation will become law.

Happy Holidays
From:
the Gila River Indian Community



Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor

Robert Stone, Lt. Governor

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • December 5, 2018

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. 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, December 5, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:27 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Terrance Evans

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson (10:00); D4-Monica Antone, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr., Thomas White; D6-Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evan; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D1- Joey Whitman; D4- Jennifer Allison; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.

APPROVAL OF A GENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

REPORTS

1. August 2018 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Lori Stinson

REPORT HEARD

2. K-12 Quarter I Report SY2018-2019

Presenter: Jeffery Thornburg Trina Hart

REPORT HEARD

3. Culture And Language Curriculum Plan

Presenter: Jarrod Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

4. GRHC FY 2015 – FY 2019 Operating & Capital Budgets

Presenter: Judith Roth

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:49 A.M.]

5. GRHC Strategic Planning and Continuous Im-

provements

Presenters: Scott Gemberling, Derrick Glum

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 1-HOUR LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:15 P.M.]

6. Judicial Department FY18 Annual Report

Presenter: Donna Kisto-Jones

REPORT HEARD

7. Office Of The Prosecutor's July 2018- September 2018(Fourth Quarterly Report)

Presenter: M. Lando Voyles

REPORT HEARD

8. Office Of The Prosecutor FY2018 Annual Report (October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018)

Presenter: M. Lando Voyles

REPORT HEARD

9. Gila River Police Department FY2018 Annual Report (October 2017-September 30, 2018)

Presenter: Kathleen Elliott

REPORT HEARD

10. Department Of Rehabilitation And Supervision FY 2018 Annual Report (October 17, 2018-September 30, 2018)

Presenter: Ron Lopez

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11. FY 2018 Annual Report (October 1, 2017 - September, 2018) – Cultural Resource Management Program

Presenter: Kyle Woodson

REPORT HEARD

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving The Lease Agreement For CAP Water Between Central Arizona Water Conservation District And The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason T. Hauter

APPROVED SUBJECT TO GOVERNOR DUCEY'S DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

*2. A Resolution Approving The Stored Water Recovery And Central Arizona Project Water Exchange Agreement And Contributed Funds Agreement Between The Central Arizona Water Conservation District And The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason T. Hauter

APPROVED SUBJECT TO GOVERNOR DUCEY'S

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code By Rescinding Ordinance GR-10-13 (Taxation) And Replacing It With The 2018 Taxation Ordinance, To Be Codified At Title 13 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, LSC concurs)

Presenters: Linda Sauer, Mark Graham

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Housing Advisory Appointment – District Four (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: William Picotte

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY APPOINTMENT OF MS. SHARON LEWIS

2. District Five Letter of Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY APPOINTMENT OF MS. BRENDA KYITAN

3. Community-At-Large Position(s) Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT ARIZE HOGG TO G&MSC

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT DEVIN REDBIRD TO NRSC

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR. TO CRSC

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT DEVIN REDBIRD TO EDSC

MINUTES

1. November 21, 2018 (Regular)

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> COLORADO RIVER WATER USERS ASSOCIATION NEXT WEEK

>H&SSC SPECIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 6, 2018, 9AM

>G&MSC SPECIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 7, 2018, 9AM

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:45 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Notice of Unclaimed Property

The Gila River Health Care (GRHC) Finance Department has been asked to publish official notice in the Gila River Indian Newspaper, on the official web site for the Gila River Indian Community & on the official web site for Gila River Health Care before disposing of unclaimed money, payroll checks, refunds of employee benefits, or other checks. Therefore, we are requesting Community Public Affairs Office (CPAO) to publish the following message in the Gila River Indian Newspaper & Gila River Health Care's official web site for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of publication.

The following list contains the names of individuals & other parties with outstanding checks recorded as of September 30, 2018. Public notice of unclaimed checks will be published in the Gila River Indian Newspaper & Gila River Health Care's official web site.

In order to claim the check, the owner must submit a claim form in person & bring in a current W-9 within 30 days of publication or posting. In addition, 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 & title thereof shall vest in Gila River Health Care, or as applicable, the Federal, State, or other agency that provided

the funding. If you are the recipient of unclaimed property, please e-mail APVENDOR@grhc.org for further instructions.

A1 Golf Carts Inc.
Abdominal Surgeons Ltd
Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers of Phoenix LLC
Accredited Cardiology LLC
Adult Medicine Association
Advanced Care Internal Medicine PLLC
Advanced Center For Root
Advanced Ortho & Sports Med-Cg
Aetna
Affiliated Cardiologists
Ajo Ambulance Inc.
AKDHC LLC
Allan L Markus
Allergy & Asthma Center Of AZ, Plc
Alsham Endocrinology
American Current Care Of AZ
American Physicians Inc.
Amjad Shehadeh
Anatomical Pathology Cons
Andrea Haider
Andrew Janae
Anel Tapiz
Angel Chavez
Angela Ann Munoz
Angelina Ramirez
Angels Care Health
Anna Pacheco
Anne L Ferrel MD
Antonia Joan Sanchez
Anthony John Brandt
Anthony P Benick MD
Aris Radiology Professionals
Arizona Center For Digestive Health

Arizona DHS State Laboratory
Arizona Nephrology Associates
Arizona Neurosurgery & Spine
Arizona Priority Care Plus
Arizona Sun Family Medicine
Arizonans For Prevention
Arlene R Vavages
Arminda Suor
Artisan Prosthetics LLC
Assured Anesthesia PLLC
Audrey Chambers
Aurelio Serna
AZ Kidney Disease Hypertension
AZ Prosthetics & Orthotics
AZ Renal Disease Management Pc
AZ-Tech Radiology & Open MRI PLLC
Banner Baywood
Banner Cancer Center Specialist LLC
Banner Good Samaritan Behavioral Health Ct
Banner Good Samaritan Surgical
Banner Physician Super Specialists
Arizona LLC
Banner Psychological Services
Barbara Zazueta
Barrow Neurology Clinic
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
Benjamin L Stradling
Berman Medical
Bob L Payne
Boojum Obstetrics & Gynecology
Brandi Whisler
Bradley L Newswander DPM
Brian Joseph Weinberg
Brianna Withrow
Burkhart Dental
Candy Braby
CAHMD, LLC
Cancer Treatment Services AZ

Canyon State Anesthesiologists
Caos C/O Glenn Miner, Od
Cardiovascular Consultants Ltd
Carl T Hayden VA Medical Center
Carmen Juarez Amaya
Casa Grande Regional Medical Center
Casey Podiatry
CDT Kids
Cecilio Huerta
Cecilio Huerta, Jr
Celeste Amy Cruz
Center For Dermatology Pc
Central Valley Surgeons Pc
Chandler Regional Hospital
Chandler Emergency Medical Group
Chandler Emergency Medical Group Plc
Chandler Radiology Associates
Charles Farrell
Charles Hewitt
Charles Mosley
Cherie L Kemper
Cheryl A Smith
Cheryl Cuyler
Children & Adult Psychological Services
Christina Marie Ludwig
Christine Tymczyna Do
Claudette Antone
Cochran Charles
Coester Cares Therapy Services LLC
Comprehensive Family Care
Comprehensive Interventional
Comprehensive Women's Healthcare
Connie Gigous
Connie Teague
Cottonwood Medical Center Ltd
Creative Communications

Crescendo Bioscience Inc.
Critical Care Consultants LLC
Cornelius & Colette Tanyi
Crookston, Pamela G
Damon Scoggin
Daniel Cox
Daniel J Christiano, Ph.D
Daniel J Dowswell, Do Pc
Daniel Martin
Danielle D Fragnito Lpc
Darcy Jones
David A Fife Do
David Heath
David Manjarres
David Painter
Davita Shiprock
Deanna Corder
Deedra Espinoza
Dennis Martinez
Derek Colmenero
Dermatology & Skin Surgery
Desert Horizon Medical Group, Inc.
Desert Valley Ent Pc
Desert Valley Radiology Plc
Desert Vista Chapter, Attn: Jenny Ball
Donald A Kraut Managing DDS
Dona C Morrison
Donald J Fruchtman
Donna Marrietta
Douglas H Hassenpflug
Dr. Comfort
DSI Las Vegas LLC
Desert Vista Chap
Dydra Espino
East Valley Allergy & Asthma Center
East Valley Dermatology Center
East Valley Diabetes
East Valley Primary Care Physicians, Plc

East Valley Pulmonary Associates
East Valley Surgical Solutions
Eduardo Zapata
Emergency Professional Service
Emil Slovák Jr MD
Emily Levkowitz
Empower Emergency Physicians
Endocrinology Association
Entech
Estella Manuel
Esoterix Genetic Laboratories LLC
Fertility Treatment Center
Fertility Treatment Center Pc
Florence Community Health
Foundation For Medical Care
Frank Ruelas
Functional Performance Ct
Gaddiel D Rios
Gastroenterology Anesthesia Consultants
GE Healthcare Company
Gentiva Health Service
George R Reiss, MD Pc
George Wang, MD LLC
Gigi Navarro
Gila River Indian Community
Gilbert Neurology LLC
Gilbert Neurology Par
Ginger L Martin
Gino Tuteria MD
Global Protection Corp
Good Night Sleep Wellness Center
Graham Sean
Gretchen Friedland
GRIC/Ameriben IEC Group
GRIC/Sightcare Inc.
Gwynn Simpson

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Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics
Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics West Inc.
Hansen Natasha
Harold J Carey Do
Harry Youngkin
Hearl Museum
Heart & Rhythm Solutions LLC
Heidi Macklin
Helms Patrick
Herlinda Cuella
High Grade Rentals & Sales
Holdings, Inc. American Caresource
Home Depot
Home Health Insight
Hopkins Medical Products
Hospitals of Arizona Inc.
Innovative Claim Concepts LLC
Innovative Inpatient Service
Inter Tribal Council of AZ Inc.
Iselena Aguirre
Jacobsen James
Jacquie B Jense
Jaimee C Huseman
James Jacobsen
James R Nichols MD
Jamie E Feltman CFA
Jan White
Jasselyn Huerta
Jeanette Redbird
Jenise Nicoya Johnson
Jennifer Harvey
Jigna Patel MD PLLC
John D Pham Dc
Joi-Ann Rose
Jon Slusar
Jones, Amber Lee
Joseph Chatham MD
Joseph Laguna

Joshua Ulrich
Joyce I Bonenberger MD
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First Things First Board Impressed by GRIC's Efforts

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A welcome from Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, a visit to a high quality early learning program, and a panel discussion on how to better support abused or neglected children were among the highlights of a December 4 visit to the Community by the statewide First Things First Board.

The meeting started with a brief presentation by the tribe's Cultural Director and a performance of a song about the Children's Shrine, followed by remarks from Governor Lewis.

"I am pleased to welcome you to the Gila River Indian Community, be-

cause we know how much First Things First has meant to our children," Governor Lewis said. "We are living in interesting times, filled with many opportunities. We are working to improve our schools, get our children educated and bring them back to our Community."

Governor Lewis pointed out various advances in education, including initiatives being considered by the new superintendent of schools and a new school campus being built. He also highlighted the Community's long-standing support for education, including the establishment of the GRIC Head Start program in the 1960s. That commitment to education and early learning has only been strengthened through

First Things First, Governor Lewis said.

First Things First is a statewide organization created by Arizona voters in 2006. It is funded through tobacco revenue and focuses on establishing or expanding programs that help children birth to age 5 prepare for success in kindergarten and beyond. Since its inception, FTF has invested more than \$5 million in efforts to strengthen families, improve the quality of early learning programs, give more children access to high quality child care and preschool, and expand the skills of those working with the youngest children in the Gila River Indian Community. Local oversight and guidance is provided by the Regional Partnership Council-

sisting of 11 local representatives. Chair Elisia Manual and several members of the GRIC Regional Partnership Council were on hand for the December 4 meeting.

The statewide Board meets in various locations throughout Arizona each year. The December 4 meeting at the Sacaton Head Start also included a presentation on the long-term impacts of childhood trauma – such as increased poverty, neglect, later family violence and even substance abuse. After the presentation, the Board heard from a panel of judges from across the state– including Gila River Indian Community Court Judge Kami Hart – on efforts courts have taken to ensure those working with abused or neglected children understand and address the unique needs of infants and toddlers.

Following the panel



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (center) attends the First Things First board meeting held in Sacaton on Dec. 4. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

and meeting, Isaac Salcido, Tribal Education Director and Lori Stinson, Head Start Education Coordinator, led a tour for the First Things First Board of the Sacaton Head Start which has been designated as high quality in First Things First's child care and preschool quality improvement and rating system, Quality First. The center serves more than 80 chil-

dren, including several who are able to attend with the help of a scholarship from First Things First.

FTF Board Chair Nadine Mathis Basha complimented the director and staff on the quality of early learning being provided to children at the Sacaton Head Start and on the center's on-going commitment to enhancing school readiness for young children.

Community Health Nutrition Program says give soup a chance

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

In a hurry, short on time and needing to prepare a meal for the whole family? The Community Health Nutrition Program has a convenient way of preparing home cooked meals. The program held soup cooking class at the District 6 Tribal Health Department building on Dec. 5.

The soup cooking class is one of many activities hosted by the Nutrition Coalition made up of various Community departments and entities who teach people how to prepare healthy meals.

The Nutrition Coalition has been around since April and is the result of a "Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country" five-year grant provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, that is administered through the



Reylynne Williams, left, and Talia Porter, right, prepare the recipes. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona.

The Nutrition Coalition educates Community members on healthy eating, and they conduct assessments, host health-related activities, and recruit GRIC members to join the coalition.

At the soup cooking class, Community Health Nutritionist Lynn Lane said, "We are providing recipes that are more to-

wards traditional foods, so squash is considered a traditional food among many Native American tribes."

On the menu, the soup cooking class prepared a roasted butternut squash, squash and apple with cranberry sauce and minestrone soups. The class encouraged the participants to get involved and help prepare the soups, to show how easy the recipes can be made.

The recipes are taken from a book created by an American Indian Chef Sean Sherman, a member of the Oglala Lakota tribe from the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota. He has established a reputation of cooking using traditional Native foods with a contemporary spin.

Other Nutrition Coalition members, who helped with the activity were, Gila River Health Care Life Center Youth Education Coordinator Taneesha Watson, Community Health Nutritionist Nicole Watson, Community Health Education Specialist Talia Porter.

Each coalition member shared their experiences with recipes and offered ways to add more ingredients to their liking. Participants also shared their experiences growing up in the Community, having their own garden and preparing foods taken from off of the

land.

Lane, said the cooking classes are about introducing individuals to recipes that can be prepared in an easy step-by-step process.

Taneesha said, "Even though we are the ones hosting it, we try it together, it's about going back to that sense of a Community."

For those calorie counters, no need to look any further, because each of the recipes requires very little ingredients and focuses on bringing out the natural sweetness, tartness, and flavor of the vegetables used to create the soup.

When it comes to broth, most people think there are only two choices, chicken or beef stock, but there's a third option, which is vegetable stock.

Before the soup cooking class, the coalition members made their own broth out of boiled vegeta-

bles. Some of the recipes used also included apple cider, sparkling cider, and apple cider vinegar.

The coalition encourages Community members to join the meetings and give their input on the services and activities.

Nicole, is developing an assessment on the availability of healthy foods in the Community and how much health and wellness is promoted in GRIC.

After the cooking class concluded, each participant was given a basket filled to the brim with vegetables, a set of bowls for the kitchen, apron and an assortment of healthy foods.

For anyone interested in joining the Nutrition Coalition or participating in future events, the next meeting is Jan. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the Tribal Health Building. For questions or more information, please call (520) 562-5100.

Wellness Center sees one more pick up game of basketball

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Gila River Indian News

Before the lights go out at one building in the Gila River Indian Community, there was still a bit of business to settle on the hardwood.

At the Gila River Wellness Center, members of the Executive Office staff and Community departments played a pick-up game of basketball on Nov. 30.

The Wellness Center's swan song featured the on-court action, but in a friendly way as ballers old

and new dribbled, passed and shot for a little bit of nostalgia.

The gymnasium has served more than its fair share of basketball games, schools plays and even a few scares during the annual Trail of Doom Halloween event.

"There's a bit of history here," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, "I grew up here, I think of all of [us] did."

Lewis said the game of basketball is indicative of the sought-after fun-filled atmosphere Community looked forward to both

during school and in the evenings when for a time, it was the Community's only indoor gymnasium.

Past school board member Willardene Pratt Lewis, said, "The Community got the funding to build [this] big building, so the school could have a gym and a space for the Community to use it in the evening."

Willardene said during her tenure on the school board, she and her colleagues had the foresight to build a place for the Community.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis calls together local ballers for one more game at the Wellness Center in Sacaton. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Pinal Partnership hosts breakfast and economic presentation at Rawhide

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Pinal Partnership hosted Elliot Pollack's 2019 Market Forecast on Dec. 7., at Rawhide Western Town. Civic and business leaders listened to Pollack's comprehensive economic outlook for Arizona and Pinal County.

"The rate of growth is going to slow in 2019, but it's still going to be a decent year," said Pollack, who is CEO of Elliott D. Pollack and Company, an economic and real estate consulting firm in Scottsdale.

Pinal County will soon be home to two electric ve-



Elliot Pollack, an Arizona economist, discusses the economic forecast for Pinal County at Rawhide Western Town on Dec. 7. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

hicle plants. Nikola Corp plans to develop a semi-truck plant in Coolidge and

Lucid Motors is moving toward building a plant in Casa Grande.

According to materials provided by Pinal Partnership, "Mr. Pollack is widely sought after as a speaker for economic, policy, fiscal and economic impact, and real estate issues. He is also sought after by local, regional and national news media as an expert source of economic and real estate matters."

Following his discussion, Pollack fielded questions regarding housing, the stock market and business opportunities.

David White, General Manager, Wild Horse Pass Development Authority, said Rawhide has hosted several Pinal Partnership

meetings. White, who is also a Pinal Partnership board member, sees opportunities for Pinal County and the Community to "work together."

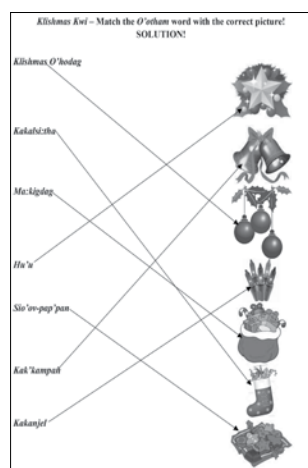
Pollack and White both see millennials having a positive impact for Pinal County and the Community. "The outlook for millennials is quite excellent financially," said Pollack.

White said there is potential for the Community in capturing the interest of millennials.

"[Millennials] come to our events at Rawhide, and we're seeing the impact and how they're changing

the market," said White.

Among the attendees at the breakfast were Casa Grande's mayor, Craig McFarland, and Coolidge's mayor, Jon Thompson.



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