



A crowd welcomes the arrival of a Huhugam petroglyph boulder returned to the Community. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Historic Huhugam petroglyph boulder returned to the Community after 84 years

Boulder sat on LDS Mesa Temple grounds before its return

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Arriving on the back of a large flatbed truck, a special delivery of a culturally significant object arrived at the District 2 Hashan Kehk Multipurpose Building, decades after being removed from the Community.

Weighing-in at around 9,000 lbs, or a little over four metric tons, a Huhugam petroglyph boulder, was delivered back to the Gila River Indian Community by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Nov. 10.

The boulder's return to the Community, comes as a bit of surprise, because its removal was unknown at the time in 1934. Now, with the delivery of such a significant object, it closes one chapter and opens another for the future of the Community.

Barnaby Lewis, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, said it is important to preserve the

religious and cultural integrity of the Community. Returning the boulder is one way educating Community members.

"We try to make an effort to educate them about cultural protocols, that are associated with situations of this matter," said Lewis.

For 84 years, the petroglyph boulder sat on the LDS Mesa Temple grounds, until a recent landscaping project created an opportunity for the church to return the object.

"To the best of my knowledge, the Community was not aware until the church administration reached out to them about returning the boulder," said Lewis.

Lewis said, in the 1930s the Pima Indian Agency superintendent A.H. Kneale had control of Community affairs and allowed the boulder to be removed.

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BLACKWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOL HOSTS GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



Henry Pino, center, offers remarks prior to the groundbreaking in District 1. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

New school in District 1 will replace current Blackwater Community School built in 1939

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Just five months after Gila Crossing Community School's groundbreaking ceremony, Blackwater Community School has officially started their new school construction project with a ground breaking ceremony of their own.

Before the real digging can begin, 17 gold-colored shovels marked the end of a long process to receive federal funding for a replacement school and the be-

ginning of a new era for Blackwater as they transition from the current school built in 1939. A new replacement school will serve approximately 400 kindergarten through fifth grade students, who will learn in state of the art classrooms and in a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building.

The ceremony was held Nov. 16 and Henry Pino, BWCS Board President welcomed all the guests to the school and presided over the historic affair.

Tribal dignitaries, former students and elders all offered their thoughts on the occasion and congratulated all the stakeholders for the work leading up to the groundbreaking.

"This is what happens when we pull together, when we work together," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

On Sept. 25, the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Tara Sweeney, announced that BWCS will receive \$30.1 million to con-

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Post 84 attends Native vets recognition event hosted by U.S. Coast Guard in San Pedro

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To close out the month of tributes to Native veterans, Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 was invited to a special ceremony held at a U.S. Coast Guard base in Southern California.

The U.S. Coast Guard Base and Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach Leadership Diversity Advisory Council hosted its annual

Native American veterans recognition event to honor them for their service in the military at the U.S. Coast Guard LA/LB base in San Pedro, Calif., on Nov. 29.

The base is situated on a small parcel of land called Terminal Island, overlooking the port of Los Angeles waterway towards the Pacific Ocean.

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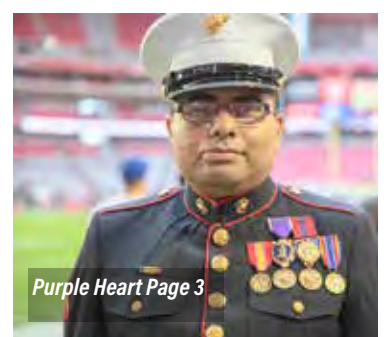
Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 joins Native American veterans in Southern California. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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NFL honors Purple Heart recipient at Salute to Service game

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

The Arizona Cardinals lost the football game but won the respect of service men and women, and veterans with their special Salute to Service presentations on Nov. 18 at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. The game against the Oakland Raiders featured two struggling teams in a 23-20 Raiders' victory, but both sides came together for the acknowledgment of military members and veterans.

League-wide the NFL held events and presentations in honor of their Salute to Service campaign, which raises donations for veteran resources and support for the military community. As with all NFL franchises, the Cardinals recognized veterans, highlighted their partnerships with the U.S. armed forces and awarded scholarships and paid tribute to Pat Tillman, the Arizona State University and Arizona Cardinals football player who died while fighting in Afghanistan. The NFL also fund raised for the league's military non-profit partners through the sale of official Salute to Service merchandise, the special camouflage apparel of NFL teams.

Prior to the game, Gary Rodriguez, a Community member retired from the United States Marine Corps, was joined on the field by Lt. Gov. Robert Stone for the filming of a video presentation that was played during a break in the game.

Rodriguez received a Purple Heart for fighting in Iraq where he was wounded by an improvised explosive device. He said he retired in 2006. "It's an honor to be here to represent the Community," said Rodriguez.

Rodriguez said he joined the Marines for the Community



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone shakes hands with Gary Rodriguez prior to kickoff. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

and he never envisioned "something like this," and appreciated the recognition from the Arizona Cardinals.

"I was in combat for three and a half months and I asked God if he just got me back to the Community that I would live my life in peace. And I've come back and I have a six-year-old daughter, a two-year-old son and a third son on the way, so I'm happy I made it back," said Rodriguez.

According to the Veterans and Family Services Office records, Rodriguez is one of eight living Community members with a Purple Heart (25 are deceased).

Lt. Gov. Stone praised Rodriguez's example. "We always want them to come back safely to the Community and we pray and love them dearly for their commitment to serve," said Lt. Gov. Stone.

Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post 51 joined in the



An estimated 300 Community members attended the game. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis poses with some fans in the stands. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

posting of the colors during the singing of the national anthem.

An estimated 300 Community members attended the game. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis greeted Community members seated in the south end zone.

Other highlights of the Sa-

lute to Service game included a flyover by the United States Air Force 56th Fighter Wing and a halftime performance by the USAF rock band while elite Air Force members repelled from the stadium roof.

Letter to readers: GRIN Newsperson says goodbye

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

Dear GRIN Readers:

It has been quite a year working for the Gila River Indian News and getting the opportunity to learn about the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh cultures, as well as, the many different annual events that paint a picture of the Gila River Indian Community.

It has been a rewarding year but when opportunities come knocking, it's hard not to answer. With that being said, I will be leaving the GRIN after the Thanksgiving holiday. It was not an easy decision to stop working for the Community but it was the next step in my career.

A few of my favorite events from the past year include the Miss Gila River Pageant, O'otham New Year, Mul-Chu-Tha and attending the Boys and Girls Club skate event at Gila River Arena.

Before working with the GRIN, I was primarily a sports reporter and one thing that I wanted to do was highlight the athletes from the Community and I feel like I managed to do that in the time I was here.

Aside from my work duties, I met some incredible people from the Community and learned about

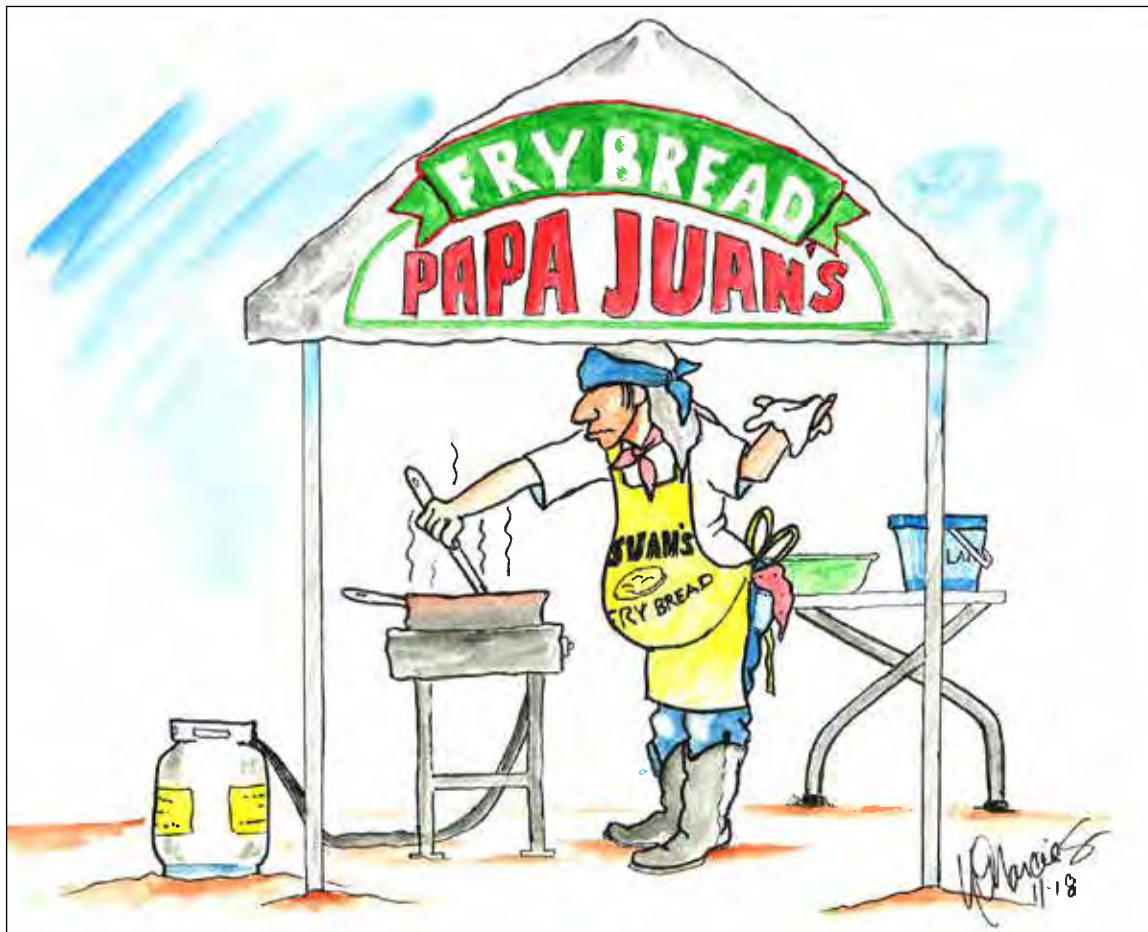
new cultures. Before I started working here, I did not know that there was a difference between the O'otham and Pee Posh, that they have distinctive languages and traditions. It's ironic because I think I know more O'otham

words than I do Apache words, which is the tribe I am.

I would like to thank everyone in the Community that welcomed me and that I worked with over the year. Most importantly, I want to thank the readers of the

Gila River Indian News and hope that the content I wrote exceeded your standards and was interesting to read.

Sincerely,
Aaron J. Tohtsoni





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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 4 -10, 2018

Calls for services this week: 672

Arrest made: 57

District One (Blackwater):

Auto Theft – Officers responded to an auto theft due to the victim reporting her vehicle being stolen from her driveway. The vehicle was later located crashed into a canal just north of Skousen Rd. The accident did not occur within the Gila River Indian Community thus Coolidge PD took disposition of the accident. Stolen vehicle still under investigation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect was arrested for kicking the officer and spitting while being detained. Officers were called to the area in reference to an assault that took place. Upon the Officer's arrival contact was made with the suspect who then attempted to run. While attempting to assist the suspect to his feet, the suspect kicked the officer in his right thigh. Once in the vehicle the suspect spat at the officer prior to being secured.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim got into a verbal argument which escalated into a physical altercation. During the altercation the suspect stabbed the victim in the right buttock with a large knife. The victim had to be transported to a hospital for further medical treatment. The suspect was located and arrested for aggravated assault.

Status: Suspect was booked into DRS

Aggravated Assault – It was reported to the police department a male subject was fighting a female in the dirt lot across from Ira Hayes Park. Upon police arrival they were able to contact the victim who reported she had been assaulted by her boyfriend. The suspect fled the scene prior to officer arrival.

Status: Under investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Theft – Officers re-

sponded to a call for service in reference to a theft. The victim stated he needed to report his wheelchair being stolen from the front of his residence. Officers searched the surroundings neighborhood in an attempt to locate, but had negative results.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft (Shoplifting) – The suspect stole an automated teller machine (ATM) from the Wildhorse Pass Motorsports Park.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim was at Lone Butte Casino playing the slot machines when a female subject took a cell phone which did not belong to them. The incident was reported by the victim and was captured on video surveillance. A follow up will be conducted for further information and charging.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to an aggravated assault. The investigation revealed the victim was bleeding and possibly had a broken arm. The victim stated while at his girlfriends house he was asked to leave. While he was attempting to leave a male dressed in all black began to physically assault him and two other males assisted. During the course of the assault the victim was struck in the head and shoulder with a hammer.

Status: Under Investigation

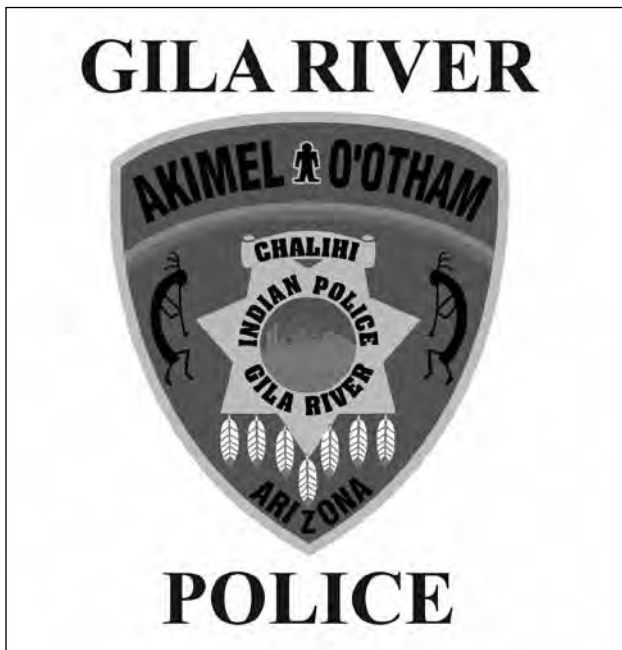
Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Vee Quiva Casino in reference to an auto theft. The victim stated her vehicle was parked on the third level of the parking garage. When she attempted to locate the vehicle it was not in the area. Video surveillance shows a subject entering the vehicle and driving off the property.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Theft – Officers responded to the residence in reference to a report of theft. Further investigation revealed the suspect stole a shotgun from the residence recently. There is an investigative lead regarding the theft and patrol will be conducting follow up.

Status: Under Investigation



Status: Under Investigation

Incident Log November 11, 2018 – November 17, 2018

Gila River Police officers responded to calls for service and 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 – Suspects 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 employee 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 investi-

gation.

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 pressure 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

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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 investi-

gation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlet 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 Investi-

gation

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 pas 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 arrival, 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

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By Billy Allen

Some time ago December was considered the middle of the year. O'otham farmers knew it was important to know when the sun begins its walk back for longer days. The days of preparing canals and fields were close by. (As an older GRICster, long, cold winter

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Something to be told or talked about

nights make me think back to good old summer heat.) Some of our southern cousins referred to December as "backbone month," others would have called it "big cold month." During Antonio Azul's time, two names were recorded for December; "gray" or Sko: mag and "big winter" or Ge'cho S-hehpigik.

The Huhugam Heritage Center passed along some early copies of the Gila River News. Since there is an outside chill, I decided to stay inside

and look at the 1964 December issue to see what issues and concerns were written about just over 50 years ago. General news, announcements, district news, an editorial, and sports page was the basic format for the paper.

The lead story was about the Sacaton Recreation Center - ground was finally broken after four years of planning meetings. Bulldozers were moving dirt to develop an earthen 5,000 seat outdoor amphitheater. The fairgrounds

complex would eventually have baseball and softball diamonds, a community hall and a swimming pool. A bigger exhibit area would be created along with expanding the rodeo grounds in anticipation of the Mul-Chu-Tha, scheduled for February 13-14, 1965.

The editorial page posed a question, "Will you fail your family during the holidays?" It addressed the abuse of alcohol and asked individuals to do some "wise thinking and no drinking."

4-H was a popular program for young people on Gila River. GRIC 4-H projects were in the fields of health, science, agriculture, citizenship. At the Pinal County Awards dinner of 1964, four Gila River members were recognized:

Wallace Jones and Jerry Ahmsaty of Casa Blanca, along with Ethelyn Jones and Lavena Marrietta of Sacaton.

Barbara Ahmsaty submitted an article for the December issue about a Gila River Youth Group attending a production of "West Side Story" at Arizona State University. Some donations helped, but a lot of cars got washed to pay for the pizza and tickets to the "West Side."

District 3 hosted a semi-formal dance for teenagers on December 26th at the Sacaton school dining room. The Lopez Music Makers played, but during their breaks, "Swim and Watusi" records kept people out on the floor.

News from Casa Blanca centered on the open-

ing of the new community building. A dinner was held at the Casa Blanca Day School dining room.

District 6, "Smoke Signals" reporter Eva Hill thanked the Gila River News Staff for sponsoring monthly writing contests for the youth. Today's youth need constant encouragement for life seems to be an uphill climb but "what you work for, you will appreciate," she would add.

Arthur Yaramatta and family hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for the "mud hens," with after dinner entertainment provided by gourd singers. The Presbyterian Church hosted a community dinner for which Nick Sunn donated pork barbeque. While over at the San Juan Feast area others gathered to eat. After dinner, a women's basket race was held with two groups of women running. Ruth Giff and Ester Shelde earned honors for the first group. The second group consisted of Pauline Oliver, Rosella Bilagody and Nadine Lewis. All the runners vowed to practice for next year's race.

The sports page highlighted young GRIC athletes. Robert Blackwater and Evelyn Antone wrote that Coolidge High School had 72 Native students enrolled, the highest number of Native students in school history. The basketball team listed Ardell Ruiz, Dale Blackwater, and Randy Ruiz on the roster. Other news reported was that two former Coolidge High graduates visited the school, Dudney Arlentino now enrolled at Haskell Institute and Murray Enas, attending Greer Technical, a heavy equipment school. Augustine Lopez and Everett Kisto placed third in steer roping at the Papago Rodeo last month. Jewel Whitman tied for second in steer riding at Florence Junior Parada. He won \$112, a bull rope and a watch.

Leon Armstrong was selected by the Sacaton Women's Club as student of the month. Leon played football at Casa Grande Union High School. Adult basketball teams were also in action on the reservation. The Sacaton Saberettes had a scrimmage against Lehi while the Sacaton Maidens dropped two games against Lehi and the Mesa Indians. On the men's side, the Sacaton A. C. played the Mesa Indians.

It is about that time for the sun to go down. I think I'll go out and watch it descend. Hopefully reading about our past brings a few warm memories, maybe a chuckle, smile, or even a GRIN.

Names were spelled as in the original document.

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	@ PARADISEVALLEY 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	1/16	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	6:30PM
12/10	SALT RIVER	@ SALT RIVER	7:30PM	1/24	THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	7PM
12/14	AMBASSADOR CHRISTIAN	@ AMBASSADOR	6:30PM	1/28	GILA BEND	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM
12/18	BASIS MESA	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	6:30PM	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
1/9	A.C.P.	@ SKYLINE GILA RIVER	5PM				

Gila Crossing students learn computer science with the Hour of Code



Jacob Barehand helps a student during the Hour of Code computer science event at Gila Crossing Community School. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

With the help of students from Cesar Chavez High School, students from Gila Crossing Community School kicked off Computer Science Education Week with a learning event that teaches the fundamentals of computer coding. The Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science which introduces the basics of coding, and takes place every year during Computer Science Education Week to “broaden participation in the field of computer science.”

Throughout the day, assisted by members of the Native American Code Writers Program at Cesar Chavez, the students at Gila Crossing participated in the Hour of Code on Nov. 30 by logging into video games and, “Instead of just playing the video game, they’re learning how to create it,” said Linda Coyle, Education Consultant to the Science Foundation Arizona.

The students learned about coding, which Coyle said could lead them down a career path in an ever-increasing high tech world. “If you look at the people who are in computer

science, you’re missing females, you’re missing underrepresented groups, specifically Native Americans,” said Coyle.

Isaac Salcido, Director, Tribal Education Department, was on hand for the event and observed the students interact with the high school students who are already learning computer science. “It just really opens up the world for them,” said Salcido.

One of those students Jacob Barehand, was among the four from Cesar Chavez to volunteer during the Hour of Code. Barehand started his computer



Linda Coyle, Education Consultant, answers questions about the coding activities. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

science courses as a freshman and plans to take them for all four years in high school.

All four students from Cesar Chavez, Barehand, Kayla Thompson, Damien Cawker and Jayden Goseyun, attended Gila Crossing.

“It feels good learning something in high school then coming back to my elementary school,” said Barehand.

“I always like coming back here and helping the kids,” said Cawker.

Computer Science Education Week is held annually in recognition of the



Students from Cesar Chavez introduce themselves to the Gila Crossing students. Standing from left Jayden Goseyun, Damien Cawker, Jacob Barehand and Kayla Thompson. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

birthday of computing pioneer Admiral Grace Murray Hopper. The students worked on devices provided through grant funds

from Salt River Project, and the event was organized by the Science Foundation Arizona, Code.org and others.

Birdwatchers observe GRIC’s feathered friends at the Winter Bird Count

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Volunteers and participants recently gathered for a morning adventure in the Community, connecting wildlife management with cultural traditions.

The Winter Bird Count, an event where Community members travel to different locations within the Community to identify, count, and record different species of birds, was held on Dec. 1.

Community members and their families and bird enthusiasts alike traveled to one of three meeting locations, where they were given a briefing by representatives from the Department of Environmental Quality.

Throughout the Community groups had a chance to meet-up at 7 a.m. in either District 5 at the Casa Blanca Shell Station, District 6 at the Komatke Chevron Station, and at District 7’s Service Center.

In O’otham and Pee Posh culture, birds are highly regarded and often serve a purpose within teachings and songs.

The winter bird count is an annual event, held in conjunction with the Audubon Society and DEQ and invites academics like David Pearson, professor at Arizona State University School of Life Sciences.



A bald eagle was spotted during the annual Winter Bird Count. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

One of the sites visited was the Managed Aquifer Recharge Site 5, where the bird watchers gathered to collect their bird field guide books and a pair of binoculars.

It wasn’t long before the group spotted a red tail hawk, a Harris hawk, and a prairie falcon.

Among other birds spotted at the MAR 5, were a group of Gila Woodpecker and ducks, that are often hard spot and blend in well with the environment.

Later, the same group traveled to the Sacaton lagoon, where an extraordinary site awaited them.

An adult bald eagle soared through the air above the lagoon looking for prey. After a few low-level passes to stir up

the ducks at the lagoon, the bald eagle landed atop a telephone pole, looking for the next opportunity to snatch its prey.

“At the Sacaton lagoons, we had the bald eagle come flying in, it was the first thing we saw as we drove up there,” Pearson said.

He said the eagle was there to roust the ducks, hoping to pick-off a wounded straggler among the water fowl at the lagoon.

After the bird watching, everyone made their way to the Huhugam Heritage Center for cultural performances and a meal.

At the HHC, basket dancers and singers sang a variety of songs and concluded their performance with a social round dance.

Several bird watcher groups reported on their experiences seeing birds. They saw a variety of birds, that are either traveling through or making a home in the Community.

It’s more than a rest stop for migratory birds.

“We see reddish egret from Mexico and orchard oriole from back East and mallard ducks,” said Pearson.

Among the different types of birds spotted in the Community are Lincoln’s Sparrow, which is outside of its year-round and migration area, which extends into the northern regions of North America.

Scanning the marsh at MAR 5, Pearson made a sound that he said was the equivalent to an alarm call,



Guides identify the local birds in the Community. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

to get their attention, which led to the marsh coming alive with the sounds of various birds calling to one another.

He said if the marsh at MAR 5 stays wet all year long, the birds that migrate through the Community could stay throughout the year and as well as the return of native species like the black-bellied whistling duck.

“When we get to the Sacaton lagoon we will see up to 14 species, when you do a weekly census, you start to see things that shouldn’t be here. You see more and more of these rare birds showing up,” he said.

Pearson said the Community is serving as a refuge during hunting season and stay here throughout the winter in locations like MAR 5 and the Sacaton lagoons. He said, it’s a matter of preference for the

birds, who make their home among the sprawling landscape of the Community.

In total, there were up to 213 species of birds that have been documented in the Community and 173 those have been over this year.

At the HHC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, “We are developing a very good record that we can use and charting exactly how our community’s natural wildlife is going to survive in the coming years.”

He said, the unique part of the bird count, “Reinforces, what we are doing in documenting the wildlife in the Community through the winter bird count, and how we as O’otham people have the responsibilities of protecting our lands, because they can’t survive without us taking care of the land, our water, the animals and flora and fauna.”



A large crowd gathered in District 1 to begin the celebration. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



Tribal leaders and guests participate in the ceremonial groundbreaking in Blackwater. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

struct a replacement school, and two months later, they came together for the groundbreaking.

cess to replace the nearly 80-year-old school.

“We’re holding hands as a community to continue our educational pursuit for our young children, that’s never going to disappear,” said Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

In addition to speakers Charisma Quiroz, Aries Williams, Community Council representatives and Oreen Johns, District 1 elder, representatives from the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Indian Affairs were on hand to share in the celebration.

“We’ve been looking forward to this for a long time,” said Daniel Galvan, division chief, Division of Facilities Management and Construction.

Other presentations included the Akimel O’otham Basket Dancers, BWCS Cheer Squad and the Salt River Senior Steppers. Principal Jagdish Sharma addressed the crowd following the groundbreaking and once again thanked everyone who attended and assisted in the long pro-

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 Tribal Health Department
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¹ GRIC PD Crash Data FY 2017



²GRIC IPP Seat Belt Observation Data FY 2017

Parents and children have fun at the Family Fall Festival in District 3



Children tested their skill in various games during the festival. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN



The event featured carnival style games, raffle drawings and live entertainment. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
 Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Health Initiative and District 3 recreation co-sponsored

the first-ever Family Fall Festival held on Nov. 17 at the Sacaton Middle School football field.

With a turnout of 200 participants, the two groups

hope to continue to host the event each year while improving on the first go-around.

“We wanted to do something that involved the

whole Community and not just District 3,” said Shayla Narcisco, recreation coordinator. “We reached out to Alie (Walking Badger) and put together a budget to make it a big event. It was just kind of talking between us.”

The event featured carnival style games, raffle drawings, live enter-

tainment from Midnight Rain, hayrides and a 1-mile fun walk and ½ mile elder walk. There was also an inflatable obstacle course, rock climbing wall and two mini-carnival rides.

“It was a test trial but I think it went pretty good,” said Walking Badger, Special Events Coordinator. “Now we know

what we need to work on for next year, where we can improve. I would like to keep it going as an annual event.”

Participants of the event said they enjoyed that there were activities available for the children and it gave them an opportunity of a fun family outing. Having the walks in the beginning gave everyone a jolt of energy for the rest of the occasion.

While there was a big turnout for the event, Narcisco said other events in the Community played a factor in participation of certain competitions that had been planned. Looking ahead, the pair said they might move the event date to a different time of the fall season but reiterated they want to continue growing the festival.

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The event observes Native American Heritage Month and includes Native veterans from across the country to represent their tribal communities.

Corylee Redhorse, USCG Petty Officer Third Class Yeoman, who is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, coordinated the day of activities, that included a series of cultural performances.

Members from Post 84 traveled to Terminal Island and toured the base and assisted in the opening ceremony and posting of the colors.

“Thank you all for traveling very far to be here and volunteering your time and your effort to represent

and honor Native people, Native veterans and our active duty folks here on base,” said Redhorse.

Redhorse also said the event highlights the diversity of the military and celebrates unity and the shared commitment to serve others.

The event was moved from the outside to inside the base’s warehouse due to weather conditions.

Base Commanding Officer William Winburn welcomed the Native veterans for traveling to the base and Redhorse, for helping organize the event.

“This is the first time an event like this has been held here at base LA-LB, and we couldn’t be more



Douglas Juan and Doreen Juan stands at attention during the ceremony in California. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

honored or blessed, it really means a whole lot to me,”

said Winburn.

He said many of the

veterans in attendance have served with honor and dis-

tingtion. San Carlos Veterans Association presented Winburn with a decorative blanket bearing the tribal symbol of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, a burden basket, and warrior staff.

O’otham Veterans Association member Douglas Juan was among the representatives from the Community.

“Not everybody thanks you enough for your service, but as Native veterans, we’re all brothers and sisters, we watch out for each other and we take care of each other, so this event just goes to show how important [you] are as well,” said Juan.

Juan welcomed the veterans’ posts in attendance and the USCG personnel to come out to the 75th Annual Iwo Jima landing celebration in February of next year.

“I thank you on behalf of our Community and appreciate the invitation for having us here, you do a lot to protect our country at home and around the world,” said Juan.

Elizabeth Perez, Deputy Secretary of Minority Veterans Affairs, and a member of the California Valley Miwok Tribes, discussed the importance of connecting with other Native military members.

“I never saw anything like this. I think it is really important to understand where we come from and think of the hardships that molded us into what we are doing today,” said Perez.

Perez described the historic trauma of her people, and how it was important to maintain a connection to her culture while in the Navy.

To close out the event, representatives from each of the veterans’ post provided a gourd dance and was joined by Winburn, who took part in the dance to honor the service members in attendance.

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FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2019
SACATON FAIR GOUNDS

<p>HOST <i>Northern Drum</i> <i>Mixed Company</i> <i>Shungopavi, Az</i></p> <p>MC <i>Chuck Benson</i> <i>Lakota</i></p> <p>HEADMAN DANCER <i>Karlis Beard</i> <i>Hopi/Zuni</i></p>	<p>HOST <i>Southern Drum</i> <i>Head Singer Paul Stewart</i> <i>Parker, Az</i></p> <p>ARENA DIRECTOR <i>Ryan Rumley</i> <i>Tohono Oodham Navajo</i></p> <p>HEAD LADY DANCER <i>Dawn Beard</i> <i>Apache/Navajo</i></p>
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HEAD GOURD
Southwest Gourd Society
Tucson, Az

<p>FRIDAY, 2-22-19 GOURD DANCE: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm GRAND ENTRY: 7:00 PM</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 2-23-19 GOURD DANCE: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm GRAND ENTRY: 6:30 pm</p>
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SUPPER BREAK: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

INFO: Marcus Sekayouma 520-610-9411
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Images from the 2018 Revolt Run held Nov. 17 in District 2



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN



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FROM THE FRONT PAGE



The boulder is returned to the Community by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Homecoming
Spiritual runners including Community member Jivik Siiki led the way as the large heavy-duty trucks brought the boulder to the site near the District 2 Multipurpose Building. Before the trucks came to a rest, the runners made several offerings of salt as they circled the boulder, with basket dancers and

singers, with gourds in hand, singing traditional Akimel O’otham songs. When the boulder was finally settled into place Marvin Thomas, District 2 elder, commented on the boulder’s return to the Community and how they prepared for its arrival. Thomas said they examined the boulder on the temple grounds before it

was returned. “It’s really special to have something like this to return back to its home,” said Thomas. Now that the boulder has been returned, Community members can visit the site and pay their respects in their own way, and view the intricate inscriptions, only those before us could explain.



Community Artisans will be selling holiday arts and crafts! Come support local artisans and cross items off your Christmas list!

Listen to Christmas Carols from the Head Start students and grab a bite to eat from food vendors on site!

Friday December 14, 2018
GRIC Governance Center – Patio
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday December 18, 2018
Komatke Boys and Girls Club
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Vendor applications can be picked up on the CPAO Office located in the Governance Center or email: Special.Events@gric.nsn.us

For more information, please contact Alie Walking Badger at (520) 562-9713 or Shannon Redbird at (520) 562-9859.





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Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lt. Governor

Gila River Indian Community Applauds Passage of Homelands Legislation by Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

On Nov. 26, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs passed H.R. 4032, the Gila River Indian Community Federal Rights-of-Way, Easements and Boundary Clarification Act,

with bipartisan support. 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.

When the legislation passed the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Gov-

ernor Stephen Roe Lewis remarked "I am pleased that H.R. 4032 passed the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs today, and can now be considered by the full Senate. I appreciate that Chairman Hoeven, Vice-Chair Udall and the members of the Committee prioritized this legislation

that is critical to the Community's efforts to manage our reservation lands, settle the reservation boundary and help the Community acquire lands that are culturally significant. We are hopeful this legislation can be passed by the full Senate before it adjourns in December."

Statement from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis on the sentencing of a former Blackwater Community School teacher

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

SACATON, AZ. - Tadashi Mitchell Harvey, 30, a former teacher at the Blackwater Community School was sentenced by U.S. District Judge David G. Campbell to 21 years in prison followed by lifetime supervised release. The sentence was delivered after Judge Campbell accepted Harvey's Plea Agree-

ment in which Harvey plead guilty to two of six counts of Abusive Sexual Contact of a Minor. Within 72 hours of release, Harvey will be required to register as a sex offender. Harvey may never be able to contact directly or indirectly the Victims or the Victims' families without advanced written permission. Moreover, as of August 27, 2018, Harvey was excluded indefinitely by Community Court Order from the Gila River Indian Community.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis has released the following statement concerning the sentencing on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, of Tadashi Mitchell Harvey:

"On behalf of our Community Council and every member of our Community, I am grateful that the federal district court has rendered what amounts

to a life sentence for acts Harvey committed against children of the Gila River Indian Community. Harvey abused a position of trust as a teacher at Blackwater Community School, and now he will never again work around children. It is my hope that this sentence will help our young people and families to heal."

While the Blackwater Community School is

operated independently of the Community, the school is sited on the Gila River Indian Reservation and it serves scores of Community children in grades K-5.

"My administration has closely monitored the progress of this case through the federal district court and in the Community Court. Although justice has now been achieved in the courts, we will contin-

ue to work to ensure that every single Gila River Indian Community child is protected as fully as possible from individuals who intend to do harm.

The children and families of the children harmed by Harvey continue to remain in my heart, and in my prayers. Thank you for your strength and patience throughout this ordeal."

The Gila River Indian Community mourns the loss of former U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor *Pastor was Arizona's first Hispanic member of Congress*

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

SACATON, ARIZ. - Former U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor passed away on Nov. 27 at the age of 75. Pastor retired in 2014 after serving 23 years in Congress as Arizona's first Hispanic congressman. He was an influential figure locally and in Washington, D.C., and a distinct role model for the Latino community.

"The Gila River Indian Community is deeply saddened by the passing of Congressman Ed Pastor. He leaves behind a legacy of public service to the State and the Nation that we honor and greatly appreciate," Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said. "His legislative accomplishments include playing a critical role in the Community's historic water settlement agreement in 2004, both in its development, enactment and implementation."

The Gila River Indian Community shares a border with Pastor's former

7th Congressional District. Komatke, District 6, and Maricopa Colony, District 7, run along the Community's northwestern boundary, within a short drive the Phoenix Metro Area. This close proximity gave Pastor a clear view and understanding of the Community's priorities, which included his strong support for the Community's Water Rights and the Arizona Water Settlements Act of 2004.

Pastor received a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry and a Juris Doctorate from Arizona State University and served in the United States House of Representatives from 1991-2014. He was a former high school teacher and also served as a staff member for the late Governor Raul Castro.

"The Community will forever be in his debt. In addition to his role as public servant, we came to appreciate Congressman Pastor as a genuine friend to all of us in the Community. We will all truly miss him and we want to express our deepest condolences to his family in the time of their loss," Gov. Lewis said.



Don't you DARE throw electronics in the trash!



You may now drop off old electronic items at the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality

- Computers & Monitors
- Phones (all types)
- Printers
- Power cords
- VCRs
- Stereo Equipment
- TVs (no projection televisions please)
- Small household batteries

We are located at 45 S. Church Street in Sacaton (520) 562-2234

For your convenience, you may still place larger items such as TVs & computers in the bulk trash. These items will be separated from the load and taken to a recycling facility



Chief Azul Day

A CELEBRATION DURING THE WINTER SOLSTICE

Saturday, December 22, 2018
7:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

**Celebration to begin at
North Lot across from Ira Hayes Park
Sacaton, AZ**

Sunrise Blessing

2 Mile Walk

5k Run

Registration starts at 7 a.m.

Run starts at 7:30 a.m.

***Memorial Procession at 9:00 a.m. to
West Cemetery - Chief Azul Gravesite
Ceremony and Military Honors***

Light breakfast immediately following on site

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • November 21, 2018

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. 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, November 21, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Robert Stone at 9:13 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Council

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (10:23)

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams (9:17), Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison (9:17), Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Thomas White; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evan; D7-Devin Redbird (9:28)

Council Members Absent:

D5- Lawrence White, Sr.

APPROVAL OF A GENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Introduction Of Trina Hart, K-12 Education Manager

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED MS. TRINA HART.

MS. HART PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER

BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS

AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED

WORDS OF WELCOME HOME AND THEIR EXPECTA-

TIONS FOR THE POSITION.

2. Introduction Of Ivy Cheater, Off Reservation Boarding

School Advisor

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED MS. IVY CHEAT-

ER. MS. CHEATER PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW

OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEM-

BERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EX-

EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

REPORTS

*1. Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post 51 FY18

3rd & 4th Quarter Report

Presenters: Virgil Brown, Avery White

REPORT HEARD

2. July 2018 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Lori Stinson

REPORT HEARD

3. Truancy Data Report

Presenters: Judge Jay Pedro, Judge Kami Hart

REPORT HEARD

4. GRIC Urban Members Association, Inc. Annual Report

Presenter: Anthony Newkirk

REPORT HEARD

5. FY 2018 Annual Report – Pension

Presenter: Sharon Harvier

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A

15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT

11:41 A.M.]

6. FY 2018 Annual Report – Property & Supply

Presenter: Lawrence Makil

REPORT HEARD

7. Winter Bird Count Summary and Invitation

Presenter: Russell Benford

REPORT HEARD

8. GRICUA FY18 Q3 Report

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A

1-HOUR LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECON-

VENED AT 2:14 P.M.]

9. GRTI Fourth Quarterly Report July 1 – September 30,

2018 GRIC Tribal Grant Award GRTI Board

Presenters: Jim Meyers, Clarice Chiago-Jones

REPORT HEARD

10. GRTI 3Q2018 Update

Presenters: Jim Meyers, Jennifer Burkhalter, GRTI Board of Directors

REPORT HEARD

*11. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for September 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #11 - #13

*12. Gaming Commission General Report to the Community Council For September 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Dale Enos, Courtney Moyah

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #11

13. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending October 31, 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Suzanne Johns

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #11

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

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*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

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*3. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-242-16 And Approving The Acquisition For Right Of Way For A Grant Of Easement For Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Project No. ROW_005.D1.08 Crossing Allotted And Community Land Parcels For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Roadway And Utility Corridor By The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Located In District 1 And As Shown In Drawing Number 40112-0492-EA, Page 1 And 2. (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

APPROVED

*4. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-233-16 And Approving The Acquisition For Right Of Way For A Grant Of Easement For Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Project No. ROW_0058.D7.09 Crossing Allotted Land Parcels For The Purpose

Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Roadway And Utility Corridor By The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Located In

District 7 And As Shown In Drawing Number 40712-0494-EA, Page 1 And 2. (NRSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

APPROVED

*5. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-122-16 And Approving The Acquisition For Right Of Way For A Grant Of Easement For Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Project No. ROW_0407.D5.10 Crossing Allotted And Community Land Parcels For The Purpose

Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Roadway And Utility Corridor By The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Located In

District 5 And As Shown In Drawing Number 40512-0130-EA, Page 1 And 2. (NRSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

APPROVED

*6. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-128-16 And Approving The Acquisition For Right Of Way For A Grant Of Easement For Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Project No. ROW_0499.D7.11 Crossing Allotted Land Parcels For The Purpose

Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Roadway And Utility Corridor By The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Located In Dis-

trict 7 And As Shown In Drawing Number 30712-0064-EA,

Page 1 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

APPROVED

7.A Resolution Approving A Temporary Construction Easement To The Department Of Transportation Of The Gila River Indian

Community On Two Parcels Of Community Trust Lands Located In District Six Of The Gila River

Indian Reservation Allowing The Reconstruction Of Pecos Road And Shown In Horrocks

Engineers Right Of Way For 2 Temporary

Construction Easements Of Pecos Road – B.I.A

Route 32 (NRSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Calvin Touchin

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Burial and General Assistance Transition from TSS to CSD (H&SSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business with additional information for discussion and action)

Presenter: Joanne Miles-Long

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Court of Appeals Community Judge – (1) Appointment

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

JOSEPH MANUAL, JR.

NEW BUSINESS

*1. Special Council Meeting Request – Housing Departments Update – NAHASHDA & RHIP (G&MSC forwards to Council)

Presenters: Governor Stephen Lewis, Lt. Governor Robert Stone, Treasurer Robert Keller

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. 2017 Wild Horse Pass Development Authority

Management Response Letter to External Audit

(G&MSC forwards to Council under New

Business)

Presenters: David White, WHPDA Board, REDW

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

3. MOU for Conservation of Bald Eagle in

Arizona (NRSC approves and forwards to

Council under New Business; CRSC concurs)

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO

FORWARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Chuckwalla Population Genetics (NRSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval of #1- B&C and #2; CRSC

concur)

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO

FORWARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Code Of Conduct Training (LSC motioned to

forward the Community Council Code of Conduct

Training list of non-compliance of the Community

2011 Code of Conduct GR-06-14 and further

recommend removal according to 1.502.A., 1,

b.)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR REMOVAL

OF THOSE ON THE LISTING

6. Gila River Indian Community Tribal

Consultation (ESC motioned to forward to

Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR

APPROVAL

7. Revenue Internal Audit FY 18 4th Quarter

Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to

Council under New Business in Executive

Session)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert

Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT #7

AND #8

8. Gaming Internal Audit FY 18 4th Quarter

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Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert

Keller
ACCEPTED AT NEW BUSINESS #7
MINUTES
ANNOUNCEMENTS
>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR LEILA (BRECKENRIDGE) INNIS FAMILY

>CALIFORNIA URBAN MEMBERS TRAVEL CONCERNS EXPRESSED

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:18 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

DEQ conducts jackrabbit surveys to determine population trends

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

In the Community, jackrabbits have been a food staple among the people and are a familiar sight among the underbrush, seeking shelter from predators.

In response to Community interest, the Department of Environmental Quality recently conducted a jackrabbit survey in two areas of the Community where jackrabbits have been known to be common.

The Oct. 25 survey was conducted in District 2 and District 6, and included a tally of numbers for the black tailed and antelope jackrabbits. It also included a tally of the cottontail rabbit, which is not a traditional game species in this Community.

"In recent decades jackrabbits have been in decline," said Dr. Russell Benford, DEQ Environmental Program Manager.

"Recently, [we] con-

ducted a survey, because jackrabbits have cultural and ecological importance [here] in the Community."

"This survey is about determining long-term population trends, and every year we are going to go back to these locations to see how the population fluctuates," said Woodrow Crumbo, DEQ Wildlife Biologist.

"For the District 2 survey, we had 20 observers and we ended up observing 20 black tailed jackrabbits. For the District 6 survey, we had 22 observers and eight black tailed jackrabbits, and one antelope jackrabbit was recorded there," said Crumbo.

He said there are a lot of different factors that play a role in their population dynamics, so a major thing to look into would be environmental factors like precipitation, which directly correlates to plant growth, as well as how grazing animals and predators affect the jackrabbit population.

The survey design was similar to other jackrabbit surveys in the region, but DEQ wanted to do one of their own to compare regional trends with those observed in the Community.

"The habitats have changed so much since the river has gone dry; this has changed the dynamics of the whole system" said Crumbo, "Another possible factor affecting jackrabbit populations is habitat conversion, such as turning the natural landscape into agricultural land."

A place in the desert

The Gila River Indian Community is located at the Northern boundary of the distribution of antelope jackrabbit, which could explain the sighting of the hare. The antelope jackrabbit's distribution stretches from desert grasslands in Southern Arizona to coastal regions of Central Mexico.

Where open grasslands are plentiful, the probability of spotting more antelope jackrabbits is great-

er. On the other hand, the black-tailed jackrabbit, can be found pouncing in a denser under story of desert shrubs and mesquite trees. This denser habitat is used primarily for shelter.

Benford said it is still unclear what is causing the decline of the jackrabbits, but he offered a few possibilities as to what might be contributing.

One possibility is that there could be less vegetation for the jackrabbits to feed on, which can be attributed to the lack of precipitation. This also could mean there is less under story or shrubbery to use as protection/shelter.

"The surveys will help us unravel the question of why the population is declining within the Community," he said, "We are also interested in talking with Community members about the historical and cultural importance of jackrabbits, and about how they have managed and would like to see DEQ manage



D2 Jackrabbit Survey- Photographer Ashton Lynch.

these species."

He said it's about consulting the constituents; soliciting input from their own traditions, experiences and observations; and calling to action Community members who wish to help conserve this resource.

DEQ conducts ongoing surveys of the Southwestern willow flycatcher, Western yellow-billed cuckoo, Ridgway's rail,

Bendire's thrasher, LeConte's thrasher and tamarisk beetles and weevils. Other wildlife species that DEQ is developing survey protocols for include tiger beetles, the Northern Mexican garter snake, Gambel's quail and mesquite mouse.

Anyone who would like to participate in the jack rabbit survey, please contact DEQ at (520) 562-2761.

Life Center Diabetes Prevention wraps up Just Move It season

Submitted by the Life Center

Gila River Health Care

In July of 2018, Life Center Diabetes Prevention began the planning and implementation of the 7th Annual Just Move It community-wide 1 and 3-mile fun walk/run events. Some of the objectives of these events are to expose everyone to physical activity. We would like to show that physical activity can be a family outing and that everyone can go out and walk since there is no special equipment needed.

We do use these events to recruit people to Diabetes Prevention or other Life Center Programs. These programs help so many people prevent diabetes,

prevent diabetes complications or help manage the stress that comes from having diabetes. Many people are unaware that such services are available to them.

During Just Move It season we do collaborate with the district service centers for each event. This is a great opportunity to foster or expand existing relationships. It is also a great opportunity to plan other events in the future.

Our goal is to hold the events throughout the seven districts within the Gila River Indian Community. The JMI events are open to the public and approximately 800 participants and a t-shirts for completing the walk/run. Participants are also provided diabetes health education and nutri-

tion information from Diabetes Prevention and other Life Center services.

Life Center Diabetes Prevention Manager Veronica Begaye has been at the Life Center for 10 years. She has seen the growth of this event. It has grown from 840 attendees to 1,370 last year. This year we didn't see quite the same numbers due to unforeseen cancellations.

Diabetes Prevention consists of five staff members and we could not coordinate this huge event without several volunteers from the Life Center staff as well as volunteers from the Gila River Indian Community Genesis Program. Gila River Health Care Public Relations department did a great job designing out



Volunteers assist during the Just Move It events. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

t-shirts and our flyers. This event is really a result of so many departments and their expertise.

During each event, volunteers were assigned tasks and duties and it all came together so smooth-

ly each time. We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful people to work with.

Sacaton Middle School Named an Arizona State Finalist in the \$2 Million* Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest

Sacaton Middle School in Sacaton, Arizona is among the nation's 250 state finalists in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest – a nationwide competition challenges students in grades 6-12 to apply STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to find creative solutions to real-world issues impacting their local communities.

Out of thousands of schools that entered the contest, the 250 state finalist classrooms – five from each state – were chosen based on their creative and strategic proposals to solve complicated issues that affect their communities by using STEM learning. All 250 teachers selected as state finalists will receive one Samsung tablet for their classrooms and have the

opportunity to advance through future phases of the contest to win additional prizes and educational opportunities.

"The Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest showcases the talents of student innovators who are identifying and addressing issues impacting their communities," said Ann Woo, Senior Director of Corporate Citizenship at Samsung Electronics America. "We are inspired by the desire of these students to ignite lasting change in their communities and look forward to seeing how their STEM projects unfold in the coming months."

With \$2 million* in technology on the line, the 250 state finalists will submit a lesson plan detailing how students will execute the proposed STEM project and how they address the identi-

fied community issue.

• Sacaton Middle School in Sacaton, Arizona was named one of five Arizona state finalists.

• Mr. Alberto Alaniz – a Middle School teacher – submitted the project idea and will be awarded a Samsung tablet for achieving state finalist status.

• In the months ahead, Mr. Alaniz and his students will work on a project to create a non-lethal rodent trap that can be mass-produced at a modest cost and distributed within the community to combat rodent damage. Gardening is an important aspect of life and a resource for healthy eating as well as, supplements nutritional needs for economically challenged families. Within our own Legacy Orchard Project, this will help mitigate

crop damage due to rodent infestations. Additionally, in keeping with our "no kill" ethics, this project is complementary to our communities' wellness.

• State winners: 50 state winners will be selected to submit a video of their project in action. For achieving state winner status, 40 of those schools will receive a \$20,000 Samsung technology package, including a Samsung video kit to produce their video. The other 10 will progress as a national finalist

• National finalists: 10 national finalists will be selected to attend a Pitch Event where they will present their project to a panel of judges. For achieving national finalist status, 7 schools will receive a \$50,000 Samsung technology package. The other three will progress to the national winner stage

• National grand prize winners: 3 national winners will be selected, and each will receive \$100,000 in classroom Samsung technology and supplies

• Community Choice Award: The general public will elect one winner from the 10 national finalists who will be eligible to win an additional \$10,000 Samsung technology package. For questions about the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest, please reach out to SamsungSFT@allisonpr.com. For questions about the school's project, please reach out to cpaul@sacatonschools.org. or call Superintendent Mrs. Cheryl Paul at 480-204-8577.

COURT DATE NOTICE

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

In Re Case: Savannah Jordan Howard vs. Angel Agustin Robles
Docket Number: F111-2018-0103-PT
This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or judgment may be ordered.

Answer/Response Hearing
Akimel O'otham Loditha Kud Ki
721 West Seed Farm Road,
Sacaton, AZ 85147

31st day of December 31, 2018 at 10:30 AM in Courtroom 1 before the Honorable Anthony J. Hill

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the issuance of the air quality operating permit for the following facility:
 Facility Name: Desert Ready Mix, LLC.
 Facility Address: 2425 N. Power Road, Highway SR 347 Maricopa, AZ 85239
 Air Contaminants Emitted: Particulate

Matter (PM)
 Particulate Matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM10)
 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)
 Public Notice Start Date: November 16, 2018
 Public Notice End Date: December 16, 2018
 Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and

respond to all the comments received. Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed

by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the

proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review at the DEQ Sacaton office (during normal business hours) and on the AQP website at: <http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education-outreach/public-notices>. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality Attn: Ryan Eberle

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147
 Physical Address: 45 S. Church St., Sacaton, AZ 85147
 For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 or visit our office located at 45 S. Church St., Sacaton, AZ 85147. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Press Release

RAWHIDE CELEBRATES ITS SIXTH ANNUAL RAWHIDE SNOWY CHRISTMAS AT WILD HORSE PASS

Rawhide Western Town has FREE admission every weekend for the holidays! Santa, Snow, Stunt Shows & More!
 CHANDLER, Ariz. – Rawhide Western Town and Event Center announces its sixth annual Rawhide Snowy Christmas kicking off Thanksgiving and running nightly every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Nov 23-Dec 23!
 Rawhide Western Town will be filled with holiday décor and over a million holiday lights nightly every weekend from Thanksgiving to December 23rd. Western Town opens every weekend night at 5:00pm and admission is FREE (\$5 parking fee may apply).
 Guests will be greeted upon opening at 5pm with the Arizona Rough Riders, our very own cowboy stunt men and they'll continue with shows throughout the evening. Santa will lead the official tree lighting ceremony around 6pm with story time followed by snowfall on Main Street. Drop off your letters to Santa at Rawhide's "Delivery to the SW Pole" Post Office and every child who sends Santa a letter will hear back from Ol' Saint Nick himself. Families can also get their holiday photos with Santa nightly. This year Rawhide is adding new and exciting activities for kids and adults alike! Come help Santa paint his Sleigh so it's ready for the big night. Kids can throw on a paint smock and add their personal touch to Santa's own sleigh. In addition, with the purchase of a Rawhide attraction wristband or ticket, you'll also get a gingerbread cookie to decorate yourself.

Try a delicious churro sundae or flavored kettle corn at the new Sonoran Snack Shack. Grab and go bar-b-que and other food options will be available at the Town Grill located on the Main Street and the Honky Tonk bar will be open for all your favorite adult libations.

This year Rawhide has added a dancing light show on the east end of the town – so enjoy all your favorite holiday music animated with sparkling lights.

Get all your holiday shopping done at Rawhide's General Store and Sweet Sallys. We have the perfect unique gifts and stocking stuffers you can't find anywhere else. Western themed gifts, Arizona memorabilia, jewelry, apparel, home décor, gag gifts, toys and more are all available.

Rawhide Steakhouse will only be open for two special nights this season – our Thanksgiving Buffet and the Rawhide Holiday Buffet on December 23rd. Call (480) 502-5600 today to book your reservation for the Holiday Buffet – space is filling up quickly. It's Rawhide's best menu yet with butter roasted lobster tails, open fire grilled top sirloin medallions, thyme-rubbed prime rib, roasted game hens and shrimp scampi. You can't pass up this amazing menu and deal for just \$28.95+ for adults and \$9.95+ for kids. Give yourself a break from the kitchen and let Rawhide entertain and feed all your family guests for the holidays! For more information visit us online at www.Rawhide.com, call (480) 502-5600, or email info@Rawhide.com. Like us on Facebook.

Alluvion Communications, Inc.

JOB TITLE: Associate Network Analyst
Reports To: Alluvion Manager
Department: NOC
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
JOB SUMMARY:
 Alluvion Communications is looking for an Associate Network Analyst to support our current Network Operations Center. This is an immediate full-time opening. The Associate Network Analyst monitors and maintains WAN/LANs and associated network nodes, responds to alarms and isolates network service faults. The Associate Network Analyst utilizes network monitoring and ticketing software to provide best in class service to customers throughout our network.
 The Associate Network Analyst reports directly to the Subsidiary Manager.
PRIMARY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:
 • The Associate Network Analyst is part of a highly technical team responsible for 24x7 support of optical networks containing networking devices that include switches, routers and firewalls.
 • The Associate Network Analyst will be tasked with alarm monitoring/response, any needed escalation and resolution of incidents.
 • The Associate Network Analyst will be expected to work as part of a team to solve simple networking issues in a time sensitive environment.
 • Knowledge of some network operations tools, servers and applications, e.g. Cisco, Extreme, Occular IP, Solarwinds.
 • Monitor the system for equipment failure or errors in performance.
 • Provide telephone support to customers and technicians.
 • Create and manipulate data and to produce reports.
 • The Associate Network Analyst position supports Alluvion with support as directed by the Subsidiary Manager.
SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES
 • Strong project management skills
 • Strong computer skills, including proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite
 • Effective written and verbal communication skills

- Demonstrated documentations skills
 - Demonstrated skill in documenting practices and procedures
 - Ability to create, implement and follow standard processes
 - Effective in communicating with IT associates and customers at all levels
 - Effective in listening to and understanding information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.
 - Able to read and understand information and ideas presented in writing.
 - Able to arrange things or actions in a certain order or pattern according to specific rule/set of rules (e.g., numbers, letters, words, pictures, mathematical operations).
 - Ability to work with frequent interruptions, pays close attention to detail, and has a high level of accuracy.
 - Alert to potential problems; has ability to tell when something is, or likely to go, wrong.
 - Ability to apply general rules to specific problems to produce solutions that make sense.
 - Consistently demonstrates a high degree of integrity and honesty.
 - Maintains strict confidentiality guidelines in accordance with company policy.
 - Able and willing to continue business and technical skill development
 - Coordinates and adjusts actions in relation to others' actions.
- EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**
 High School Diploma (or GED or High School Equivalence Certificate) is required.
 0 - 2 years of telecommunications, including Network surveillance experience is preferred.

Note: Any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience that would enable the applicant to satisfactorily perform and meet the duties required of the position may be considered in meeting the stated minimum requirements.
ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS
 The physical demands are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Must be able to use hands, to sit, lift up to 20 lbs., stoop, bend, reach with hands/arms.
 - Must be able to sit for extended periods of time.
 - Requires the ability to speak, read, write, see, and hear to perform essential duties of the job. Must communicate clearly in English.
 - Must be able to perform and complete multiple tasks.
 - Some shift work may be required.
 - Must be able to work 2nd or 3rd shift in 24 x 7 x 365 NOC operation
- ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**
 - Will be asked to provide 39 months driving record. Position requires insurability under GRTI insurer requirements.
 - Will be required to pass a pre-employment drug test and background check. As a matter of Company policy, all employment is on an at-will basis, meaning that employment shall last for so long as mutually agreeable. Either the employee or the Company may terminate the employment at any time with or without cause.
 Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified enrolled Gila River Community Members, other Indians, and non-Indian spouses of officially enrolled Community members in accordance with Tribal Employment Rights Office (T.E.R.O.) Ordinance (No. GR-02-09, Gila River Indian Community). Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer, subject to Indian Hiring Preference.

THANK YOU

Emaline Quimayousie
 July 12, 1957 – November 23, 2018

The family of the late Emaline Schurz Quimayousie, wish to extend our sincere thanks for your kindnesses, thoughts and prayers, condolences and support that we've received during our time of loss. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers and may Emaline's beautiful spirit live on through all of us.

God Bless,
 The Schurz & Quimayousie Family

Child and Adult Care Food Program

Media Release

(Non-Pricing Programs Only)

SACATON D/3

Today, SACATON D/3 (name of center) announced its sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program administered by the Arizona Department of Education, Community Nutrition Programs. Meals will be made available to enrolled participants at no separate charge without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Household income determines the amount of money institutions will be reimbursed to provide meals to enrolled participants. The income-eligibility guidelines listed below are used to determine the amount of reimbursement.

Household Size	FREE					REDUCED-PRICE				
	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 15,782	\$ 1,316	\$ 658	\$ 607	\$ 304	\$ 22,459	\$ 1,872	\$ 936	\$ 864	\$ 432
2	21,398	1,784	892	823	412	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	628	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	735	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
For each additional family member add:	+ 5,616	+ 468	+ 234	+ 216	+ 108	+ 7,992	+ 666	+ 333	+ 308	+ 154

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, fax: (202) 690-7442; or email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Meals will be provided at the site(s) listed below: (Attach additional pages if needed)

Center Name: SACATON D/3
 Street Address: 112 W SEED FARM RD
 City, Zip Code: SACATON, AZ 85147
 Phone Number: 520-562-6901



ROYA ZOJAJI, DDS, MS

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These students were selected for the month of November as the role models for living this pledge. Please congratulate them for setting the bar high for citizenship on the elementary campus.



Zhyana Lewis, Kindergarten
Ms. Lee, Teacher



Honey Galaz, 1st Grade
Ms. Clawson, Teacher



Zoey Blackwater, 2nd Grade
Mr. Utter, Teacher



Hailey Manuel, 3rd Grade
Ms. Brooks, Teacher



Malani Johnson, 4th Grade
Ms. Hensley, Teacher

The Sacaton Elementary School District Pledge

Today, I will be the best that I can be. I am valuable.
Today, I will do the best that I can do. I am capable.
Today, I will be kind. I will respect myself and others.
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**Contact Miss Gila River Autumn Cooper for more info
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