

## Stakeholders discuss direction of education at Summit



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The Governor's 3rd Annual Education Summit was held at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass on Feb. 10.



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Cecelia Mix, student at Casa Grande Union High School, participates in the town hall at the Education Summit.

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Gila River Indian News

According to research conducted by the Tribal Education Department, advocating for education opportunities in the Community goes as far back as the 1860s. At the time, the late Antonio Azul pleaded with the U.S. government to bring schools to the O'otham and Pee Posh. If you follow that timeline to 2018, the Gila River Indian Community is still making education a priority. "We knew education was important," said Anthony B. Gray, Culture Coordinator, Tribal Ed-

ucation, of the tribe's history regarding schools and education. Gray offered the story of education in the Community in a presentation at the Governor's 3rd Annual Education Summit held at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass on Feb. 10. From Charles H. Cook, to the day schools and to the establishment of the Tribal Education Department in 1973, Gray traced the history of schools in GRIC, which followed along the contours of GRIC's intricate past involving the Bureau of Indian Affairs, church organizations and various educators who worked in the Community since the 1800s.

With education stakeholders in attendance, such as students, parents, educators and tribal leadership, the 3rd Annual Education Summit built on the previous meetings, where in an open setting, comments from guests were encouraged regarding all of the educational needs in the Community. "The peoples' voices want to be heard," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

Following breakfast, a welcome by Gov. Lewis and Gray's presentation, a town hall meeting portion commenced with attendees outlining priorities for education to be used later by Tribal

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## Remains of fallen Marine from Korean War returning to Arizona

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The daughter of a Marine, who fell to enemy fire during one of the most grueling battles of the Korean War, plans to bring his remains home after 68 years.

Laverne McAfee, aged 74, talked about her father Sgt., Johnson McAfee Jr., who was killed in the Korean War during the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir on November 28, 1950.

Johnson was a member of the F Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, whose responsibility was to hold an outpost perched among the mountainous valley in a place called "Fox Hill."

McAfee said her father joined the Marines at the age of 23 and attended Tucson Indian Training School, graduating in the spring of 1942

Later that year, Johnson would also be given a certificate of admission into the University of Arizona College of Liberal Arts as a freshman for his academic merits, but a call to serve in the armed forces led him to the United States Marine Corps.

Military service wasn't new to the McAfees. Two of her uncles, Cameron and Wilmer, served in the armed forces.

This wasn't the only war

Johnson found himself fighting in, he previously served in World War II as a Marine in the Pacific Theater.

After WWII, Johnson served in the Marine reserve until he was called up to deploy to Korea.

"He was a Marine through and through and I was real proud, because he would carry me while we're in town and have his uniform on," said McAfee of her late father.

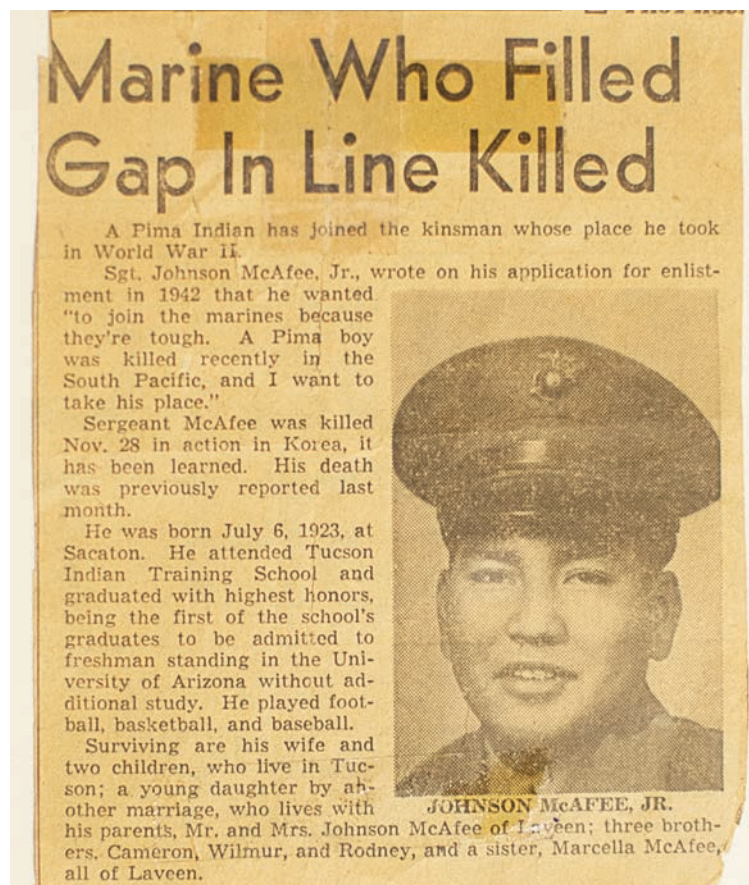
She said most of her childhood was spent living with her grandparents, while her dad was in the service, and that it was always a special moment to see her father while he was home.

McAfee said the day her father was killed in action was a day of many emotions, because it was also her birthday, which made the loss even more tragic.

Officially known as the Battle of the Chosin or (Changjin) Reservoir, it was one of many military campaigns between United Nations forces and the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers Force, over the region.

The CPVF offensive on the Chosin Reservoir was to drive the UN forces out of North Korea.

Johnson and his fellow Marines were tasked with holding an outpost known as "Fox Hill,"



Courtesy of Laverne McAfee

Johnson McAfee Jr.'s passing was announced in the local newspaper in 1950.

which was named after the company they were assigned to.

The Marines were responsible for protecting a crucial pass for friendly forces to make their way back to the North Korean coastal port of Hungnam.

Using the cover of darkness, the CPVF commenced their attack on the Marines, which was sprung in the early morning hours

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# Crown brings lessons for Jr. Miss Gila River



Photo courtesy of Haili Gonzales

**Jr. Miss Gila River Haili Gonzales (right)** is pictured with Miss Gila River and Miss Tohono O'odham Nation

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

Jr. Miss Gila River, Haili Gonzales, was honored to represent the Gila River Indian Community over the past year. The 15-year-old said that holding the title has helped her understand respect more so than in the past.

"It took a lot of dedication and it was an honor to represent our Community," said Gonzales, reflecting on the lessons she learned. "Listening and really understanding what it means to be respectful and to be respected. I never held a position like this before where people look at me and look up to me, it's just a good feeling to know I'm doing good."

An emphasis that Gonzales wanted to do during her reign was to attend as many events within in the Community. Some of the events that she attended were each of the districts' Fourth of July events, the Gila River Close Up, the Akimel O'odham Pee-Posh Youth Conference and the suicide prevention programs that took place in each of the districts.

The latter was her favorite because she wanted to be there as a support for those that had been affected by suicide. She was also extremely proud and surprised by the turnout of the Community's youth that showed up to the events.

"I did most of my events in the Community because I really wanted to be home and see all of our Community members and my hajun," Gonzales said.

She also had the chance to represent Gila River outside of the Community. She attended various events with the sister O'otham tribes such as the 31st annual Red Mountain Eagle Pow Wow held in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. In addition to statewide events, Gonzales traveled to the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque, N.M. and the United National Indian Tribal Youth Conference in Denver, Colo.

She was even approached by a California tribal leader to speak at one of their events but, unfortunately, was unable to attend.

"I did get a lot of unique and nice comments from elders, youth and other dignitaries from our sister tribes," said Gonzales. "I got comments that I was inspiring and that (people) liked that I was



Photo courtesy of Haili Gonzales

**Jr. Miss Haili Gonzales** is pictured with a fellow Arizona royalty member.

continuing on and teaching our language."

Just a freshman at Chandler Hamilton High School, now that her reign is ending and she will have more free-time, Gonzales will begin taking college courses as she starts her path to her dream career as an obstetrician and is planning to attend the University of Arizona.

She learned time management and different communication skills during her time as Jr. Miss Gila River. Gonzales feels that these skills will benefit her as she starts a new journey in life. As royalty with many different obligations, coupled with high school, Gonzales said it was challenging but really it helped her with time management.

Gonzales said that Lt. Gov.



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**District 4 member Haili Gonzales** spent the past year representing the Community as the 2017-2018 Jr. Miss Gila River.

Robert Stone was a big supporter during her reign and that she is thankful to him for helping with the O'otham language and prayers.

Speaking from experience, Gonzales admitted she was hesitant to run in the beginning but

said that the pageant committee was extremely welcoming and that if anyone is thinking of running for Jr. Miss or Miss Gila River that they should just give it a try and look forward to running and give it a shot.

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1:30pm	<i>El Caporal/Fiesta de Muertos</i>	<b>ALCOHOL -COCAINE - PAINKILLERS</b>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>Carrying on the Tradition</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>The New Masters</i>	Wild Kitchen																
2:00pm	Storytellers In Motion <i>It's A Spiritual Thing: R. Ross</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Argillite Carver</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Raised Garden Bed</i>	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Working It Out Together <i>It's About The Journey</i>																
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4:00pm	Trail of Tears <i>Presents the events leading up to, life and death on the Trail of Tears.</i>	Working It Out Together <i>It's About The Journey</i>	Indian Pride <i>Health &amp; Healing</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders: <i>Sulphur City Soul</i>	Storytellers in Motion <i>Modern Indigenous</i>	Making Regalia <i>Roach Spinners</i>																
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6:00pm	<b>JAMES AND ERNIE IN PASQUA YAQUI</b>	Cousins Across The Sea <i>Skeletons of New Zealand - The RedHeads</i>	From Badlands to Alcatraz <i>Dr. Nancy Iverson vowed to help restore the well-being of people in Pine Ridge.</i>	Mohawk Girls <i>A surprising look at Native youth culture in the 21st century.</i>	Holders of Wisdom <i>Elder wise women, the animals and Earth Mother, sharing their wisdom.</i>	Crying Earth Rise Up <i>Exposes the human cost of uranium mining and its impact on drinking water.</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Ollie &amp; Emma 6</i>																
6:30pm							Dabiyiyuu <i>Keeping Our Culture Alive</i>																
7:00pm	Native Voice TV	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People																
7:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>Billy Mills</i>						Native Report																
8:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Prawn Opening - Sidney</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Going for Gold</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Raven Power</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Lights, Camera, Action!</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Dance Dance</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Raiders of the Lost Art</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Go Fish</i>																
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9:00pm	Native Shorts <i>A Thousand Roads</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Urban Native Girl <i>Lisa vs. Lisa</i>	Kvcarts <i>Eyerie</i>	Native Shorts <i>A Thousand Roads</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Mixed Blessings <i>Boyfriends Back</i>																
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10:00pm	The Aux	The Price of Peace <i>The depth of animosity between the Maori people and New Zealand's authorities unfolds.</i>	Songcatchers: The Gathering <i>A 2017 Native American Music Special</i>	The Tundra Book <i>A rare glimpse into a community determined to preserve it's ancient cultures and traditions.</i>	The Lesser Blessed <i>A teen tries to rise above the drugs and violence that threaten to pull him down.</i>	Maina <i>Maina has to follow the trail of her enemies to retrieve Nipki, Matsii's 11-year-old son who has been captured by the Inuit. She is taken captive herself by Natak, the Inuit clan's leader, and forced to travel with them.</i>	Fractured Land <i>Caleb Behn, a young Indigenous law student fighting to protect his land and people from the ravages of neocolonialism.</i>																
10:30pm			Bound to Tradition				Yellow Fever																
11:00pm	Walela <i>12 beautiful and melodic songs created by Walela. An inspirational musical journey of the Spirit.</i>	Gold Fever	LaDonna Harris: Indian 101		Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand Creek																		
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# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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

Gila River Police Department

Incident Log  
January 7- 13, 2018

Calls for services this week: 577, Arrest made: 56

District One (Blackwater):

**Aggravated Assault –** The victim called dispatch regarding an assault which had taken place. The investigation revealed the victim was assaulted by approximately five suspects. The victim sustained injury to their eye and head area after being struck with a tire iron. The victim was transported to an area hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: On-going investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

**Shoplifting–** During the course of the investigation Officers discovered that a female suspect walked into the Sacaton 76, took miscellaneous items from the store and left without paying. Officers attempted to locate the suspect in the surrounding areas with negative results. Officers are following up on current leads.

Status: On-going investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

**Theft –** The victim called the Police to report a firearm being stolen. Contact was made with the victim who advised the weapon was stolen out of his vehicle while parked at a family members residence. The victim described the weapon as a black single barrel shot gun with a custom pistol grip.

Status: On-going investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

**Shoplifting –** Officers were dispatched to the Tommy Hilfiger Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a shoplifting. The investigation determined a male and female suspect took a shirt and concealed the item in a bag before leaving the store. Information regarding the suspects was obtained and follow-up investigations underway.

Status: On-going investigation

**Theft–** Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a theft. The victim stated he was shopping at the Store when he set a bag on the floor while trying on clothes. The victim walked away and left the bag on the floor which contained items he had already purchased. Upon realizing they had left their bag he returned to find the bag had been taken by someone else.

Status: On-going investigation

**Weapon –** Officers were called to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to subject with a weapon. Upon officer arrival contact

was made with the suspect. When asked if the suspect had any weapons he displayed a knife with a white handle. The suspect was then asked where the gun was which had been seen on the suspect. The suspect stated it was in his back waistband area. Officers took possession of the knife along with the gun and attempted to place the suspect into custody. When the suspect was going to be placed in handcuffs he began to resist.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

District Five (Casa Blanca):

**Auto Theft –** The victim called dispatch requesting an officer to a residence in reference to a vehicle being taken. Contact was made with the victim who stated she left her vehicle at her sister's residence and the suspect entered the residence, located the keys and took the truck without permission. The victim gave a name of the possible suspect who may have taken the vehicle. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as a stolen vehicle. The next day, the victim called dispatch stating she located the vehicle. There was damage to the steering column in front of the ignition. The vehicle was released to the victim and removed from NCIC as stolen.

Status: Vehicle recovered

**Theft –** The victim called dispatch in reference to a stolen license plate. Upon contact with the victim it was revealed that his license plate was taken off of his vehicle. The suspect did not know if it occurred at work (on the community) or at his residence (off the community). The victim stated he had noticed



his missing when he got off of work. A stolen affidavit form was going to be filled out and enter into NCIC as a stolen license plate.

Status: On-going investigation

**Theft –** The reporting party called dispatch to report a theft. Through further investigation it was discovered the suspect took several items without permission. The victim stated a verbal altercation occurred and that is when the suspect took the items and then left the residence. The suspect was later located and booked into DRS for the theft and drugs.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Six (Komatke):

**Auto Theft –** The victim reported that a vehicle had been taken by a friend and was not returned. The victim stated they met for drinks at the casino and the suspect drove the victim home. As the victim got out of the vehicle and the suspect then drove off. The victim stated the suspect did not have permission to leave with the vehicle. The victim wished to report the vehicle as stolen and it was entered into NCIC as stolen. The next day the victim called dispatch to inform the officer that the vehicle was returned and in good condition; no damages were done to the vehicle. The victim did not want to pursue charges against the victim any more. The vehicle was removed from NCIC as stolen.

Status: Closed

**Shoplifting –** Officers were dispatched to Komatke Market in reference to a shoplifting. Investigation revealed the suspect took two bags of chips and walked out of the store without paying. Video sur-

veillance was reviewed, the suspect was identified and the store is willing to press charges.

Status: On-going investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

**Theft –** Officers were dispatched in reference to a resident wishing to report the theft of a shotgun. A picture of the suspect's vehicle was given to the officer that had the weapon in it.

Status On-going investigation

**Weapon–** Officers were in the area on another call when shots fired were heard. Upon arrival to the location a suspect was contacted. The firearm was located and the information was run through databases which indicated the suspect was a prohibited possessor.

Status: On-going investigation

## Incident Log

January 14 - 20, 2018

Calls for services this week: 604, Arrest made: 45

District One (Blackwater):

**Aggravated Assault –** The victim was stabbed by the suspect causing serious physical injury to include a punctured lung. The victim was transported to the hospital and air lifted to another facility for further medical treatment. The suspect was also transported to a medical facility in reference to consuming a large quantity of prescribed medication.

Status: Charges are being forwarded due to medical needs

**Weapon –** Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a subject knocking on a window at a residence. Officers

were able to make contact with two subjects who stated they were in the desert at a family member's memorial site. One of the subjects was observed to have hand gun on their hip while being under the influence of alcohol. Evidence of 9mm casings, an empty box of 9mm ammunition and a pack of beer was located near the two subjects. The subject was also found to have a prior felony in 2011. The suspect was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

**Theft –** The victim reported items were taken from their vehicle while it was parked at the HuHu-Kam Memorial Hospital. Officers will review video surveillance for a possible positive identification of the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

**Theft (from a vehicle) –** The victim reported while at an event at the Rawhide Event Center, her vehicle was broken into and personal items were taken. The rear driver side window was not operational and was taped to hold it closed. While moving the vehicle closer to the entrance area, the victim noticed a black bag was missing from the vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation

**Theft (from a vehicle) –** The victim stated the suspect entered his vehicle that was parked in the second level of the garage at the Wild Horse Pass Casino. The suspect stole personal items to include a jar of prescription "sugar pills" belonging to the victim. Video surveillance captured the incident on camera and Officers are conducting follow up.

Status: Under Investigation

**Burglary –** Officers were dispatched to a business for a possible break in. Investigation revealed the suspect(s) took a safe that contained cash. Detec-

tives were contacted and responded to the scene to conduct their investigation.

Status: Under Investigation

**Theft–** Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a suspect taking merchandise from the store. The suspect's photo was given to officers as well as video footage of the incident.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

**Theft –** The victim reported that the suspect took her cell phone and refused to give it back. Contact was made with a witness who stated the victim and suspect were observed under the carport and the victim was asking the suspect for her cellular phone. The suspect refused to return the phone and walked off to an unknown location.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

**Aggravated Assault –** Officers were dispatched in reference to the suspect forcefully grabbing the victim by her arms and push her towards the ground after a verbal altercation. The suspect later strangled the victim as she told him she was going to leave the house. The suspect was located and placed into custody and was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

**Aggravated Assault –** The victim received a shotgun wound to the side of his right ankle. This incident is currently under investigation and leads are being followed up. The victim was transported to an area hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

**Auto Theft –** The victim called dispatch reporting that his Ford F150 was taken from his residence. Upon the officer arrival, the victim stated the vehicle was running with the windows down as he was watering his horses. As the victim walked away from the area he heard his truck door close. He observed a male driving away in his vehicle. The vehicle was later located after it crashed and was towed to a local tow yard.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incidents involving part 1 crime





## Auppa Hiosig Mashath

The name for this month references the blooming of the Cottonwood which produces pale green blossoms that hang from the branches. After pollination, these blossoms will develop into catkins, which will hang in grape-like bunches called auppa haupulthag and are easily recognized. This month several other plants start to produce fruits such as u'us chevathbad (Graythorn) which produces small purple-black berries that are about the size of a pony bead and contain a hard seed-pit inside. Another plant that produces berries is kua:vul (Wolfberry) which produces juicy red berries that are about the size of a dime. O'otham

named the area just north of St. Johns s-kua:vulik (place of many Wolfberries). When we were young we all helped Lulu'u (maternal Grandmother) gather the fruits of u'us chevathbad and kua:vul. Lulu'u always knew where the plants grew that produced the best berries. We traveled in a small group of young boys and girls with Lulu'u leading the way with her ever-present walking stick carved from a sturdy piece of va:pai (dried cactus rib). We each carried an item of importance such as vaso (bucket), vakuañ (canteen) and i:ks (square of canvas). When we collected berries we placed the i:ks under the bush and beat the branches with sticks and Lulu'u

would reach the higher branches with her longer va:pai. Once enough berries were shook lose we would gather up the i:ks by the corners and poured the berries into the vaso. We collected berries from four to six bushes, enough to fill the vaso to the brim. Once we had gotten home Lulu'u instructed our older sister to "Ha vapkuan heg u'us chevathbad i:bthaj!" (Wash the u'us chevathbad fruits!) Then we all went outside and sat under our tree and ate the fresh berries together. We spat out the hard seed-pits and ate only the soft sweet fruit pulp. When we went after kua:vul, Lulu'u always made kuavul hithod (Wolfberry pudding) out of the berries, which we

*Auppa Hiosig Mashath: Match the plants with its fruit or leaves.*

kuavul

U'us chevathbad

auppa haupulthag

hannam

onk i:vak

opoñ



often had for desert after dinner. She always reminded us not to eat too many raw berries because "Tho chuchko heg 'em thatham." (It would stain your teeth

black). Today many O'otham families still enjoy this practice and are transmitting this knowledge to the youth. This month our word match will feature

plants that that are edible, or produce fruits. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives.

## McAfee From page 1

of Nov. 28.

This battlefield tactic would prove common place as the Marines fought the bitter cold in blizzard conditions up to mid-December, as U.S. forces and their UN allies made their way to safety from the advancing CPVF.

McAfee said the Marines were in contact with her grandparents, who had been notified of his death and the field burial he was given.

After tensions eased on both sides with the signing of the Armistice Agreement in 1953, the following year negotiations were underway with UN officials, (primarily the U.S. government) to recover the remains of servicemen that were missing or unaccounted for.

Through Operation Glory, which lasted from August to November of 1954, in accordance with the Armistice agreement signed in 1953, both sides exchanged the remains of servicemen that were buried/recovered from their last known location.

All but one of the 848 recovered remains that were received from North Korea through Operation Glory were buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, with one interned at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Although the efforts to recover the remains from the battlefield were accomplished, for many decades the process of identifying the remains was a monumental effort in itself.

After Operation Glory other exchanges and recovery efforts for the remains of U.S. servicemen led to another 400 remains between 1990 to 1994 and 220 remains from 1996 to 2005.

Late last year the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency exhumed Johnson's remains and through a series of thorough forensic examination were able to identify him and others.

During a special meeting at the Wild Horse Pass Development Center, McAfee said a Hattie Johnson from DPAA and other representatives provided further information about her father's remains and compiled a book of material documenting the identification process.

McAfee was presented with a set of medals that included his service in WWII and the Korean War, including a Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation with one bronze star for the 1st Marine Division's actions in Korea on two different occasions.

McAfee was at a loss for words when she received the information, and was also a bit skeptical. But now she realizes that it is truly her father's remains and the mystery is now over.

"My father has been gone 68 years and that void has never been filled, because of the memories that I have of him," she said.

"I remember sometimes we would go to church and somebody would ask 'who is she' and my grandmother would say 'oh that's Johnson McAfee Jr.'s daughter,'" said McAfee.

She said her father had carried himself well and was respected by others for his service in Marines and was a very bright individual in his studies while attending school in Tucson.

"I never, I never thought in my wildest dreams that I would be the one, to bring him home, because I thought he was lost forever," said McAfee.

She is thankful for the support she received in identifying her father's remains, and without it the whole process would be overwhelming.

"I'm 74-years-old and I feel very honored and I feel blessed that I will be able to have this experience...I loved my father very much," said McAfee with a tinge of sadness and enthusiasm for what is to come.

She said, "I want my grandchildren to know the legacy that they have...I want my grandkids to look upon this experience and see learn about what their grandfather sacrificed."

McAfee said that when she brings his remains back to Arizona, that she would



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Pictured above are medals that were awarded to Johnson McAfee Jr., for his military service in World War II and the Korean War.**

like to have them buried at the National Military Cemetery of Arizona, located in North Phoenix.

There, Johnson will be given full military honors,

which will be carried out by a Marine honor guard to perform the ceremonies.

Looking back on all the other Community members that went off to serve in

the armed forces, she said their patriotism has shown through the selfless sacrifices that they have made to defend the Community and the nation.





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# Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 donates drones to Blackwater School

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

The Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 donated five drones to the Blackwater Community School, which were presented to the student body during an assembly on Jan. 31.

In a demonstration, second-grader Jeremiah Soke flew one of the drones around the courtyard and even had the drone do a few flips in the air to the awe of the other students, while it took pictures.

"Listen to your parents, listen to you teachers and learn," David Anderson of Post 51 said to the student body, reminding them to be good citizens.

The drones will be used by the Gifted and Talented Education (G.A.T.E.) afterschool program before being available to all students. The teachers and administration is excited to see how the students learn and interact with the drones before incorporating it into the curriculum so that all student have a chance to learn and use the drones.

Sacaton Middle School will be hosting a robotic challenge in the upcoming



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN  
**Second grader Jeremiah Soke is operating one of the drones with the assistance of teacher aide, Angel Mankel.**

"I don't think our students have done anything like this so it's going to be a learning experience," said Angel Mankel, G.A.T.E. teacher aide. "This area of G.A.T.E. focuses on robotics and computers; we will talk about how it works and the computer and software side of it. If its customizable, we will let the students do that."

The partnership between the two neighbors has been very positive and BWCS principal, Jagdish Sharma, said that he is extremely thankful for everything that Post 51 does for their school. They have helped sponsor the school's color guard and taught them mechanics of marching.

Vice Principal Misty Lopez was also extremely grateful of the donation from Post 51. Having been with school for seven years, Lopez said the partnership with Post 51 and Blackwater Community School has always been positive and was in full effect long before she started. The opportunity the students now have to learn new, innovative technology would not be possible without the



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN  
**One of the five drones donated to Blackwater Community School flies through the school's courtyard during a demonstration.**

generous donation.

She said that Post 51 is always willing to lend a hand to the school no matter what the event is. They have helped out with veteran and patriotic events. They come as guest speakers to the school and even have done a 21-gun salute at the school.

"This is an amazing experience and opportunity to learn and operate the drones while at school,"

said Lopez. "This unique technology opportunity is nice to start them young because with the technology movement, who knows what drones will be used for in the future?"

In a show of appreciation, the BWCS spirit line performed two cheers for the crowd and for the members of Post 51, thanking them for all that they do to support not just the school but the Community.

## New Blackwater school update

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

The construction on the new Blackwater Community School has moved into the second phase of the building process. With the planning phase, complete efforts are shifting over to the design phase. As reported in February 2016, BWCS was selected as one of 10 schools for new construction by the Bureau of Indian Education.

The planning phase concluded that the new school will be 70,646 square-feet and will house early childhood through third grade. The fourth and fifth grades are funded through the state of Ar-

izona as a charter school. Because of the split, the BIE authorized during the planning phase to accommodate common areas to fit all grades, regardless if funded by the BIE or State. The common areas will include the library, kitchen and cafeteria, gymnasium, stage and other administration office space.

The school has received financial support from the Gila River Indian Community in regards to expanding the school plans to include the fourth and fifth grades. Once the design phase is complete, the next phase will be the construction phase.

## Special Election candidates certified

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

The Community Council certified the qualifications for Associate Judge and District 5 Community Council representative candidates at the council meeting held on Feb. 7.

The candidates for associate judge are Marlo R. Schurz, La Quinta Allison, Anthony J. Hill, Melody Parsons, Garren Manuel and Joseph Manuel. Candidates for District

5 representative are Cheryl A. Jefferson, Brenda O. Kyyitan, Brian E. Davis, Sr., James De La Rosa, Lawrence White, Sr. and Anthony R. Stevens.

The special election will happen on March 1, 2018. Because of the short election timeline, absentee ballots will not be available.

For more information regarding voting dates/information call 520-562-9735 or 520-562-9758.

# SPECIAL ELECTION

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**DISTRICT #6 - District Six Learning Center, 5230 W. St. Johns Rd., Komatke**

**DISTRICT #7 - District Seven Multipurpose Bldg., 8035 S. 83rd. Ave., Maricopa Colony**

SPECIAL ELECTION

**Due to the short election timeline: ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL NOT be available**

Candidates for District



# GRIC FIT NEWS

In March we will be having a call out to all Tribal Leadership co-ed teams for a Tribal Wellness tournament against our sister tribes.

Wellness Events- The Be GRIC fit tour in the districts has stopped in D2 this week and it was a great turn out. Thank you to the community for attending the classes.



D2 Be Gric Fit Tour



Featured Classes- A new style of fitness offered is Zumba in the dark. This class is done in low lights or black lights. So that everyone feels comfortable in this class. Everyone is welcome come by and try it.

## Sports News

The Basketball league for the youth 13-15yr. old started on Feb 5th- with a total of 8 teams entered. Come watch them play on Friday and Saturdays. The 9 - 12-year-old youth basketball league has ended and had their awards banquet. These are the pictures of the winners. With 120 in attendance enjoying the activities and sharing food with each other. We look forward to the next season.



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**\*\*Main presentation \*6:00pm**  
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\*Body Shock  
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Participants must be a community member, spouse or child of a community member, or be employed by any Gila River entity such as Executive, Schools, Casino, Etc.

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Fitness Instructor Fabiola (Fabby) Perez- Fabby is a Fitness In-

structor for the Tribal Recreation & Wellness program and she teaches both adult and elder classes in the Community. She brings a 15 year background in dance. She has been dancing since she was 10-years-old. Her Zumba in the Dark and her chair Zumba to Cumbia music for elders have become very popular. She is an awesome certified Zumba & Rio instructor. Fabby brings her education in fitness, nutrition and health promotion along

with physical therapy to the Gila River Indian Community. She teaches Tabata classes every Tuesday & Thursday for the lunch hour fitness at the Wellness Center. The Community expresses how they enjoy her great smile, positive attitude and that she is a great motivator. She is available for one-on-one fitness. She enjoys helping others reach their personal fitness goals. Stop by and try her classes she is an awesome asset to the wellness team.



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# GRIC grant gives home to wildlife in need of rehabilitation



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**A bald eagle that is receiving care from Liberty Wildlife sits perched and will be re-released back into the wild.**

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

A local wildlife refuge is in full swing thanks in part to a little help from the Gila River Indian Community.

During a recent tour of the Liberty Wildlife facility, located minutes from downtown Phoenix, is treating birds and small mammals in need of care.

Liberty Wildlife's mission is to rehabilitate wildlife, but also to educate other about the natural history and conservation efforts through a lead by example approach.

According to a summary of the grant provided by Office of Special Funding Program Manager Cheryl Pablo, the Community provided a grant over three years for \$300,000 to their capital program to build the new facility.

These contributions helped build the new facility, such as a children's education classroom, that is just feet away from large raptors like bald eagles, golden eagle and red tail hawks.

These are just some of the birds housed at the facility that are undergoing treatment or are used for education purposes.

The education room is used for a variety of purposes from lectures, public meetings to potentially serving as a viewing room for the aviary.

Some will be re-released back into wild after

receiving treatment for an injury.

Cascalote Philanthropic Consulting founder Chris Sar, who assists Liberty Wildlife with capital campaigns, said with the generous contributions of local entities they are able to expand the facility to offer a variety of services to the local community and better serve the wildlife they care for.

"The idea being that helping out wildlife is one component, but that we really needed to take it to the next step of educating people why it is important to our mission," said Sar.

He said the facility incorporates sustainable materials like wood paneling that spans the entire length of the building, which was re-purposed from an old barn.

Taking a step further the facility also uses two large silver cisterns that collect roof/rain water that is used for landscaping.

Additionally, the electricity is provided through a collection of rooftop solar panels that provide over 85 percent of the power to the building, which allowed them to achieve the highest Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating possible.

"We are teaching people about the best practices in sustainability for living in the desert," said Sar.

"We're a LEED platinum certified facility, because we incorporated things like that to live with

a light footprint [here]."

Sar said that close coordination with the architect helped them incorporate different environmentally conscious elements that follow a "Practice what we preach" philosophy.

"These are different aspects of what we do and then we do conservation programs where we work with developers and with ADOT, SRP and APS to do mitigation work about what they are doing when they encounter wildlife," he said.

"This past year we



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**From L-R: Office of Special Funding Secretary III, Terri Enos, Program Manager Cheryl Pablo and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone stand outside of the education room that was named after the Community, which provided a grant to help build the facility.**

took in almost 8,000 animals and re-released the majority of them," said Liberty Wildlife Executive Director Megan Mosby.

"On the premises, we now have 58 education animals that are here year-round that we take to schools or to do education programs here," she said.

The facility is broken up into two wings, the east section dedicated to rehabilitation and medical care of birds, small mammals and reptiles.

On the west of the facility, there are rooms dedicated to educating the various groups of students from schools across the valley, which includes an area for large raptors that cannot be re-released into the wild.

"We have a couple of bald eagles that are over there, we have a golden eagle that is there right now," said Mosby about their feathered patients.

She said some of the biggest issues faced by birds, such as birds of prey are from the encroachment of urban development and

other more serious injuries sustained by other treats.

What can be determined by some of the birds they receive have been orphaned, shot by someone or suffering from lead poisoning, while others require a thorough examination to find the root cause of their injuries/illness.

"You get them in and you don't know what it was, because they are found by someone," said Mosby, "We get them...certain species are susceptible to something called Aspergillosis, which is protozoa that gets into their air sacks."

She said the other medical condition birds suffer from is a form of canker, which appears to be seasonal.

Mosby said, "Some years cankers are really, really bad and its in their water sources and they grow, it makes them grow this...it grows into their nasal cavities and into their brain...there's nothing pretty about it."

One of the unique services of Liberty Wild-

life includes a Non-Eagle Feather Repository, which allows Native Americans to legally obtain non-eagle feathers from federally regulated migratory birds.

The program allows individuals to fill out an application before receiving feathers from Liberty Wildlife's inventory.

In addition, each feather order is accompanied with a certificate of ownership documenting the legal transfer of feathers from NEFR.

Many of the feathers that are used could be for a variety of traditional purposes that are performed by tribal members.

Liberty Wildlife plans to expand their services even more as the new facility continues to move into the new year.

With the anticipation of a busy season when birds are in need of care, the staff are there to bring their feathered friends back into the air or to see that their small furry patients are able to thrive in this harsh environment.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Liberty Wildlife's new sprawling facility that is located just minutes from Downtown Phoenix. Liberty Wildlife recently opened their doors to rehabilitate local species of birds and small mammals and reptiles.**





Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis addresses the stakeholders at Governor's 3rd Annual Education Summit. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

# Casa Grande Pony Express Riders



Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia is pictured with the Casa Grande O'odham Tash Pony Express Riders who traveled through the Community on Feb. 9. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN



A timeline at the summit illustrated the key events and moments in GRIC education. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



Educators helped prioritize goals along with students and parents during town hall session. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

## Summit

From page 1

### "The peoples' voices want to be heard."

- Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

Education in an action plan.

Attendees also used this time to offer comments from their perspectives as educators, parents and students. Cecelia Mix, District 4, a junior at Casa Grande Union High School said she would like public schools outside the Community to include more Native Americans in lessons on U.S. history. "We learn about everything, but us," she said.

A panel discussion included representatives from Salt River Schools and the Native American Community Academy from Albuquerque, N.M. who explained their unique educational models for Native students. Arizona State University Assistant Vice President, Tribal Relations, Jacob Moore, was also on hand to delve into economics and job growth as it relates to education.

To close the event, Gov. Lewis, along with Tribal Education director Isaac Salcido, brought council representatives Arzie Hogg, District 1, Carol Schurz, District 2, and Bar-

ney Enos Jr., District 4 to offer remarks on the direction of education in GRIC.

Hogg, who is chairman of the Education Standing Committee, used the latest total GRIC membership to emphasize the large number of school-aged Community members.

There are 3,376 members aged 5-12, 2,089 aged 13-17 and 3,368 between the ages of 18 and 25. That's nearly 40 percent (8,833) of GRIC's total membership, which as of Dec. 31, 2017 was certified at 22,351.

"In order for us to progress to the future, we need to accept that change and move forward," said Hogg.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone was also among the final speakers before a raffle prize giveaway. Lt. Gov. Stone remarked on the positive movement in education in GRIC. "Let's keep that energy going," he said.

According to Tribal Education, 187 total attended the summit with 127 Community members in attendance.

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# Executive Office Headlines

Lt. Governor Robert Stone



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## Conference explores E-commerce opportunities for tribal business

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

A conference to bring together law and policy makers was held on the Gila River Indian Community, to promote E-commerce among Indian communities nationwide.

“E”, or electronic commerce is an emerging arena of business tribes everywhere are capitalizing on as their businesses make online transactions to keep the wheels of economic progress moving forward.

The Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law Indian Legal Program hosted a two-day conference at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino on Feb 1 and 2.

The conference brings together like-minded individuals on the issues of bringing e-commerce to Native communities on a wide-range of topics such as tribal gaming, technical infrastructure and the political influences that affect e-commerce within tribal

communities.

This was just a few of the topics covered at the conference, which has been held at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino for four years, which is also a model of economic development in Indian Country.

“This is a testament of having the ‘Wiring the Rez’ conference for the fourth straight year here in our Community at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis,

In speaking about the connectedness of tribes everywhere he said, “Broadband is critical for e-commerce, but it is also critical for people to increase their access to education and healthcare services.”

He said the accessibility of online services are important given the fast-paced nature of how much information is exchanged through various forms of devices and infrastructure that is needed to meet the demands of a rural popula-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**L-R: ASU law professor Robert Miller, Faculty Director Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone**

tion, such as the Community.

“Unfortunately, as we all know, tribal lands are the least served area in the country with approximately 68 percent of tribal lands lacking access to good broadband speed,” said Lewis.

About the conference, it is about creating business opportunities that are associated with e-commerce, which acknowledges the

disparities of tribal nations that strive to gain access to adequate internet infrastructure.

The conference is also geared towards opening dialog between tribal, academic and policy makers to discuss how they can work together to build infrastructure that will promote economic growth as the political landscape changes.

The college of law Dean, Douglas Sylvester

said the school and conference is about discussing within Native communities and the greater population, that may be lacking in essential services.

“The Indian Legal Program is the preemptive program in any law school in the country that engages students, engages our community, raises important issues at every level affecting individuals both here across the state and across the country,” said Sylvester.

He said conferences are ways of generating interest from stakeholders and to create opportunities for them and students to learn about economic development and current issues communities face from the individual to the highest level of government.

He said, “It’s about making a real difference in policy and progress throughout all of the communities that we reach out and how we interact with

them.”

In echoing Lewis’ comments, Sylvester said the hosting of the conference in its fourth year is an example of the progress that has been made by the Community to bolster the level of opportunities for its members and the opportunities for economic growth that expand into the area of e-commerce.

Delving into the conferences goals, it discussed updates from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, tribal regulation at the state and federal level, cyber security, online transaction in Indian Country and sustainable e-commerce.

In retrospect to the conferences objectives, Lewis said, “We owe it to our communities, those tribal members back on our reservation lands, our homelands that we come up with some innovative, perhaps provocative recommendations that we can bring to Indian Country.”

## Tribal leaders discuss history, land and voting on panel at ASU

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

Arizona State University’s American Indian Studies Association held their 19th annual conference on Feb. 1 and 2 at the Memorial Union at the Tempe Campus. The theme of this year’s conference was Unsettling American History: American Indian Studies in the Time of the Trump Administration, White Supremacy and Settler Nationalism.

The two-day conference featured roundtables, panel discussions and individual presentations that all focused on the outcome of the 2016 United States Presidential election that has rejuvenated life into white supremacy and nationalist movements and in what ways Native Americans are affected in this time in history.

Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis was joined on a tribal leaders’ panel by San Carlos Apache Tribal Chairman Terry Rambler. The pair answered questions from moderator Maria Dadgar, Executive Director of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, as well as field-

ed questions from the audience.

One common issue the two tribal leaders discussed was land impacts that affect their respective communities. Gov. Lewis discussed how the Community is against the building of the Loop 202 freeway construction that would cause destruction to South Mountain, which the Community holds as sacred.

Chairman Rambler discussed the same issues that the San Carlos Apache Tribe is fighting in regards to the Oak Flat area near Superior, Ariz. A foreign mining company wants to mine the area, which would have negative impacts on the environment. Chairman Rambler said many Apaches hold the area as sacred, stating that his own paternal family has its roots in the area.

“It’s important to acknowledge whose land this all began on,” said Gov. Lewis referencing modern day civilizations on traditional Native homelands. “It’s important that we continually don’t let the mainstream or those in power, administration, forget that moving forward. It’s important to not lose our-

selves to institutions.”

The two leaders discussed how in this day and age, with the new Presidential administration, it is important for Native Communities to cooperate with one another and stand together. The leaders joked that had it been 200 years ago, the two would not have been sitting on a panel together because traditionally, the Apaches were enemies of the Akimel O’otham.

“This is a process of decolonization in and of itself that tribal leaders engage in every day because it’s a critical avenue to take. When we stop talking, as tribal leaders, it works against all of us. It works against tribal unity and tribal unity is where our true strength comes from,” said Gov. Lewis.

According to Gov. Lewis, in the 2018 federal budget the Trump Administration slashed out 12 percent, which is an estimated 400 million dollars, from Indian Country. Also, pointing out that some court cases are reaching the Supreme Court in regards to the Indian Child Welfare Act, which gives Tribes a strong voice when it comes to child custody of Native



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

**From left: Dr. James Riding In, interim director of ASU American Indian Studies, Maria Dadgar, Executive Director of Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, San Carlos Apache Tribe Chairman Terry Rambler and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.**

children. Very rarely do Native Americans face well in Supreme Court cases.

Native voting numbers in the Presidential election were low during the 2016 election. Although Native voting has been low, Chairman Rambler said that even after voting takes place, tribal leaders have to take action on their end to speak with those in office.

“We all know that voting is important,” said Chairman Rambler. “Every few years change comes to the House of Representatives and you have to go

and educate them, whether they are Democrat or Republican. We have to go and educate them over and over (about Native concerns).”

In both cases, Gov. Lewis and Chairman Rambler agreed that the continued education of their youth is going to be key moving forward as Native communities.

San Carlos has recently developed their own local college to “grow our own,” and educate tribal members in order to fill positions at their hospital, gaming en-

terprises and jobs within their government. Chairman Rambler said the idea came from urging from elders wanting to have tribal members fill key positions within their community, rather than hire from the outside. Hiring within your own community cuts down on unemployment but also has key officials with an understanding of local communities and challenges Natives face.

Gov. Lewis reference a cohort that is allowing

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**Eligible students must meet the following:**

- US Citizen
- Full-time undergraduate or graduate college student during Spring 2018 (12 hours undergrad, 9 hours grad) at any tribal college, college or university
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Majoring in an environmental or related field like science, engineering, planning, policy, law, management, political science, anthropology, or health
- Interested in pursuing an environmental career after graduating
- Proficient verbal and written communication skills
- Strong interest in working with Native American tribes or topics

[nau.edu/itepinterns](http://nau.edu/itepinterns)

To apply, submit an online application plus additional materials that are described on the website. You can also provide your preferences for the host sites you find interesting.

**Deadline: February 28, 2018**

Questions? Contact Mansel Nelson at [Mansel.Nelson@nau.edu](mailto:Mansel.Nelson@nau.edu) or 928-523-1275



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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • February 7, 2018

## ACTION SHEET

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

## CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, February 7, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:13 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

## ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5-Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird (9:26)

Council Members Absent:

D5- Janice Stewart, VACANCY; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

## REPORTS

\*1. 2017 Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program Data Analysis

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

\*2. 2014-2016 Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program Data Analysis

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) Office Of Community Managers

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Presenter: Joanne Miles-Long

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) Communication & Public Affairs Office

Presenter: June Shorthair

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) Management Information Systems

Presenter: Michael Mercado

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) Youth Council Presenter: Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) Department Of Community Housing

Presenter: Kelly Gomez

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) Department Of Housing Development

Presenter: JoAnn Garcia

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) Department Of Public Works

Presenter: Kelly Gomez

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) Department Of Transportation

Presenter: Timothy Oliver

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) Facilities Maintenance Department

Presenter: John McVicker

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) Tribal Projects Development

Presenter: Kelly Gomez

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

14. Community Technology Center FY18 1st Quarter Report

Presenter: Connie Jackson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15. GRHC 2017 Annual Report

Presenters: Scott Gemberling, GRHC Representatives

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

16. GRTI Quarterly Report October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017 GRIC Tribal Grant Award Program

Presenters: Clarice Chiago Jones, Peter Quam, GRTI Board

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17. Head Start November 2017 & December 2017 Monthly Reports

Presenters: Lori Stinson, Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

18. Early Education Child Care Report

Presenter: Melissa Madrid

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

19. Travel Report 1st Quarter FY18

Presenter: Suzanne Johns

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20. Gila River Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report December 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

21. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community Council For December 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

22. Office Of The Gaming Commission FY2017 Annual Report October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23. FY18-1st Quarter Financial Report Capital Projects Review & Update 12/30/2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Suzanne Johns, Pamela Thompson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Establishing The Gila Crossing School Construction Owner's Team For The Purpose Of Overseeing The Planning, Financing And Construction Of A New Facility For The Gila Crossing Community School (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with the addition of the Treasurer Deputy to be added to the Owner's Team; NRSC & ESC concur)

Presenter: Michael Carter

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Certifying The Membership Count Of The Gila River Indian Community As Of December 31, 2017 (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Membership Of Nathan Anthony Spray Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Sheila Riley-White, Maria Daley, Mandy Cisneros

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Membership Of Dakota Grace Spray Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Sheila Riley-White, Maria Daley, Mandy Cisneros

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving The Amended Residential Housing Improvement Program (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Kelly Gomez, JoAnn Garcia

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving The Asset Management Policy

To Be Administered By The Department Of Housing Development (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Kelly Gomez, JoAnn Garcia

APPROVED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

7. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget Modification No. 1 For Fiscal Year 2018

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 41 To The Gila

River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For

Fiscal Years 2018 Through 2022

APPROVED

## ORDINANCES

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

\*1. Aerial Applications Summary Report (NRSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business for discussion and possible further action)

Presenters: Daniel Hoyt, Dale Ohnmeiss

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE AND GO THROUGH LSC

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:46 A.M.]

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Director - Declaration of Two (2) Vacancies (Advertise for 60 Days; Subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE FOR 60 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

2. Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference – April 9-11, 2018 Marina Del Rey California (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council for those interested in attending Utilizing Dues and Delegation line item)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE TRAVEL FOR INTERESTED COUNCIL

3. Early Childhood Special Services Change of Program Name (ESC forwards to Council under New Business, HSSC concurs)

Presenters: Joann Nelson, Isaac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. Kinder Morgan Lease Term Sheet for Sacaton Mountain (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

5. 2018 Special Election – Certification of Qualifications (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to certify candidates for: District Five Community Council Representative: Cheryl A. Jefferson, Brenda O. Kyytan, Brian E. Davis, Sr., James De La Rosa, Lawrence White, Sr., Anthony R. Stevens; Associate Judge: Marlo R. Schurz, La Quinta Allison, Anthony J. Hill, Melody Parsons, Garren Manuel, Joseph Manuel Eagleheart)

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT FIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE



**WHAT'S NEW AT GRICUA**

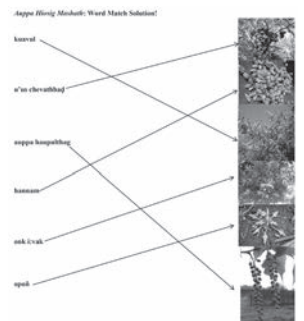
SCIP Customer Transfer Update

A second notification was sent in January to those customers that have not transferred to GRICUA. Customers who transfer to GRICUA before the transfer implementation date will be entered into a monthly raffle to win 1 of 5 \$25 VISA gift cards. To date, 25 gift cards have been awarded. If you know someone who has not transferred, please have them call GRICUA at (520) 796-0600 and we'll be happy to help them with the transfer process.



Casa Blanca Road Transmission Project

The SCIP owned Casa Blanca 69kV transmission line, located between the I-10 / Casa Blanca Rd. intersection and the Casa Blanca Substation, is the oldest transmission line in the Gila River Community. The SCIP owned 12kV distribution line from the Casa Blanca substation to the Casa Blanca Rd. / SR347 intersection is the oldest distribution line in the Gila River Community. GRICUA and SCIP have been working for the last ten years to fund and design a replacement project. Construction on a remote section of the project began on January 2nd, 2018 and is progressing as scheduled. New poles have been set between Power Line Road and AZ-347. Pole replacement work along Casa Blanca Road started in February. The crew is currently working in the right of way with no influence on traffic. When it becomes necessary to control traffic, motorists can expect brief delays for their own safety and the safety of the crews. When necessary, GRICUA will implement a professionally prepared traffic control



plan using GRICUA employees as supervisors and Community member flaggers. The location of specific construction areas will be available at the District 5 Community Center, and on the GRICUA Facebook and website. Drivers can use Nelson Road to avoid traffic delays.

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Reminders  
 GRICUA District Days 2018  
 GRICUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (433 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to 3pm.
 

- March 8
- April 5

 GRICUA will also be at District 1 and 2 Service Centers on the following days from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM:

WAPA Visits GRICUA

Last month, representatives from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) met with the GRICUA Board and Senior Management. WAPA is one of four power marketing administrations within the U.S. Department of Energy whose role is to market and transmit wholesale electricity from multi-use water projects. They sell their power to preference customers such as Federal and state agencies, cities and towns, rural electric cooperatives, public utility districts, irrigation districts and Native American tribes



- District 1 – March 7
  - District 2 – April 4
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**COURT NOTICE**

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
 COURT DATE NOTICE  
 In Re Case: A Helping Hand Transportation vs. Leah Moreno  
 Docket Number: CV-2018-0005-RO  
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in held in

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 Restraining Order Hearing

AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,  
 721 West Seed Farm Road,  
 Sacaton, AZ 85147  
 1st day of March, 2018 at 9:00 AM  
 in Courtroom I before the Honorable Lucille Antone-Morago

Westwood High School 15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
 Social Pow Wow  
 945 W Rio Salado Pkwy  
 Mesa, AZ 85201  
 Saturday, March 24, 2018  
 Westwood's football field



**ASU Panel**  
 From page 11

Community members to attain their Master's degrees from the confines of the Community borders. He sees this group as the beginning of a cultural revitalization as they are striving to bring back the O'otham neok and himdag (language and culture) in every day school curriculum.

"Tribal leaders wear many hats," said Gov. Lewis. "You have to sometimes stand out of the mainstream and status quo, we have to look beyond. What is our community going to look like, what does our community need to survive in the next 20, 30 or 100 years? What are we going to preserve and what is important to our people that we want

to preserve? Our language, our culture, our ceremonies, our natural resources, our sacred sites and how do we go about doing that? Those are our big picture responsibilities that we have to do as tribal leaders."

The panel was beneficial in opening up the voice of tribal leaders, speaking and educating those in attendance on their Communities' fights and struggles. It created a dialogue that is not always possible when tribal leaders are out advocating for their tribes at national levels. What it did shed light on is that no matter what Native community you are from, the struggles each tribe faces are similar in ways that are able to unite together.

**Action Sheets from Page 13**

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE  
 6. 20th Anniversary Conference, Law of the Colorado River March 1-2, 2018, Tucson, Arizona  
 Presenter: Committee  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE TRAVEL FOR INTERESTED COUNCIL  
 7. FY18 1st Quarter Report-Revenue Internal Audit (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council under New Business in Executive Session)  
 Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Dena Thomas

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT  
 8. FY18 1st Quarter Report – Gaming Internal Audit (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council under New Business In Executive Session)  
 Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Dena Thomas  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT MINUTES  
 1. January 17, 2018 (Regular)  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 > 3RD ANNUAL EDUCATION SUMMIT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018, 8 A.M. – 4 P.M., SHERATON GRAND WILD HORSE PASS

VAWA GRANT ORIENTATION NEXT WEEK  
 >PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR CYRUS JOHNSON FAMILY  
 >PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR VERMA THUNDER FAMILY  
 >PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR CECIL DONAHUE FAMILY  
 ADJOURNMENT  
 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:59 A.M.  
 \* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)





# GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

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## PATIENT HIGHLIGHT

### Life Center

"Thoak Thag Ké"



### Introducing Emory Webb

In 2016, Emory began attending diabetes self-management training and weight management classes. Here is a brief highlight of his experiences and accomplishments.

**How have these classes helped you?** "I dropped my <sup>a</sup>A1C measurements, lost weight, and continued to exercise." (The A1C measurement estimates a person's average blood sugar levels over a 2 to 3-month span.)

**He continues to attend MOVE (Motivating Others to Value Exercise) classes to this day. He does not have a vehicle, so his attendance is made possible through the assistance of Life Center transportation.**

**What have you learned by attending classes at the Life Center?** "I have learned that carbs have a place in a meal. We get the daily fiber needed from fruits and vegetables."

**What has been the most helpful to your success?** "Healthy choices help me balance my food. The Life Center classes help me and others around me going through the same trial and errors. In class, we celebrate each other's successes and support through life challenges."

**What do you like best about the Life Center?** "I appreciate the support from the dietitians! The materials we cover concerning fat and portion comparison are tangible references of what food content looks like, and the food models are very graphic. They challenge our taste buds and prepare food samples for the class, which was surprising that healthy ingredients tasted so good!"

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# SPRING BREAK 2018 MARCH 19th - 23rd

## YOUTH WEEK

MAR. 19th – Disney Day



MAR. 20th – Safari Day



MAR. 21st – Heroes vs Villains



MAR. 22nd – Local Heroes



MAR. 23rd – Wacky Tacky Day



## FIELD TRIPS

12 is the LIMIT (1 Field Trip Per Member)

OPENS - March 16th

**\*ALL MEMBERS MUST HAVE A  
CLUB CARD/ CLUB SHIRT**

MON. MAR. 19th  
Hiking Girl Scout  
Mountain  
Cost: FREE

TUES. MAR. 20th  
Phoenix Zoo  
Cost: \$5.00

WED. MAR. 21st  
Hiking South  
Mountain  
Cost: FREE

THURS. MAR. 22nd  
Harkins Theatres  
(TEENS ONLY)  
Cost: \$2.00  
FRI. MAR. 23rd  
Harkins Theatres  
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## TEEN WEEK

MAR. 19th – Game Day



MAR. 20th – Art & Craft



MAR. 21st – Water Day



MAR. 22nd -Culinary Day



MAR. 23rd-Celebrate Spring  
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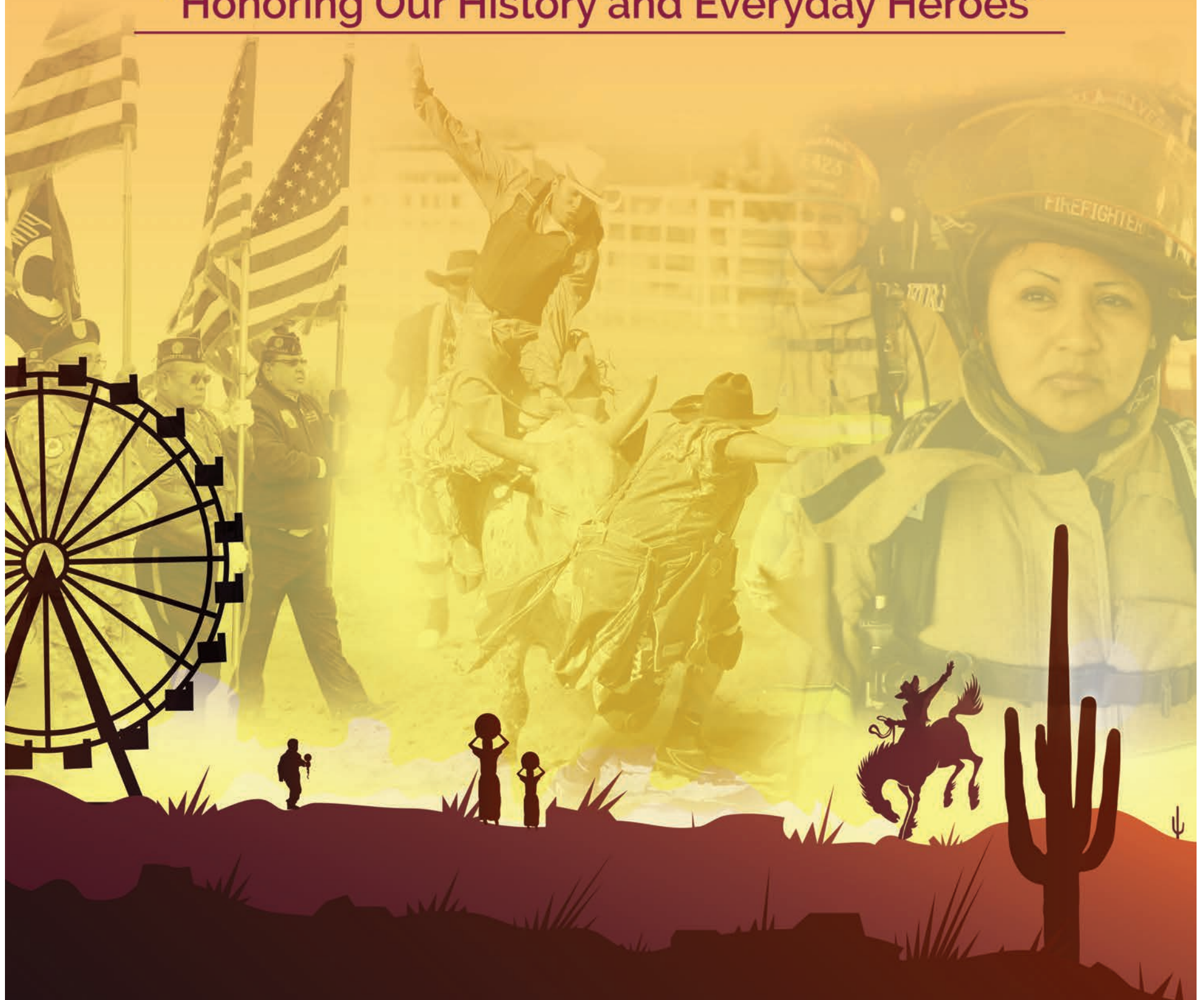
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**"Honoring Our History and Everyday Heroes"**



**Events:**

Live Entertainment \* Arts & Crafts Vendors \* Thoka \* Half Marathon & 2 Mile Walk \* Songivu'l Skate Competition \* Frybread Contest \* Gila River Royalty Pageant \* All Indian Rodeo \* Parade Jr. All Indian Rodeo \* Masters All Indian Rodeo \* Carnival Rides \* Car Show \* Sporting Events Food \* Competition Pow Wow \* Chicken Scratch Battle of the Bands \* Cultural Performances

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