

State, local and tribal leaders attend Lewis, Stone inauguration



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Arizona Governor Doug Ducey poses with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone before the Inauguration Celebration, Gov. Ducey gave a special message to the Community.

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Hundreds of Community members and various tribal and government officials filled the Rawhide Event Center on Jan. 20 for the inauguration celebration

for returning and newly elected Gila River Indian Community officials.

Taking the oath of office was Stephen Roe Lewis, who was re-elected for a second term as Governor of the Community. Joining

Lewis in the executive office will be newly elected Lt. Governor Robert Stone. Also, taking their oaths as judges to the Community were Donna Kisto-Jones, Dallas DeLowe, Janice Breckenridge, Lucille Antone-Morago and Sher-

ri Cassa.

Acting as the master and the mistress of ceremony was District 6 Community member, Jason Jones, and Miss Gila River, Anissa Garcia, respectively.

Giving a special message to the Community was Arizona Governor Doug Ducey. Gov. Ducey discussed the partnership between the Community and the State of Arizona. He also discussed the ways in which the Community has grown important industries such as tourism and hospitality as well as creating revenue for both the community and state by modernizing the state's gaming compact. He also commended Gov. Lewis for focusing on the educational growth of the Community. Also, mentioning how critical a role GRIC plays in Arizona's water struggles.

"From this community will come Arizona's next generation of engineers, scientists, educators and elected leaders," said Ducey. "I really would like to see a young person from this community grow up to become, someday, the governor of the state of Arizona. I want to thank Gov. Lewis for his irreplaceable partnership in the most crucial aspect of life here

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DEQ staff and volunteers plant Cottonwood trees in wetlands

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Among the many treasures of the Gila River Indian Community is the riparian wetlands that are undergoing restoration from a dedicated group of staff and volunteers.

With the start of the new year, the Department of Environmental Quality is getting right to it, as they continue to bring native vegetation back to the Pee Posh wetlands.

The DEQ staff and its small group of volunteers planted cottonwood trees along the banks of the Pee Posh wetlands, adding to an increasingly lush habitat that is bringing signs of life back to the area.

After harvesting the cottonwood poles from the Queen Creek riparian wetlands, the group of harvesters/planters took to trimming and prepping the poles for submersion in water before being ready to plant.

The submersion of the poles in the water for 5 to 7 days allows the cottonwood poles to stay alive until ready to plant.

With the poles stacked together in bundles, a tarp is placed around to offer a layer of protection from beavers that are known to reside within the wetlands.

"We know they are here, because they are taking all of our



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Cottonwood trees planted by the Department of Environmental Quality grow along the Pee Posh Wetlands in District. 7.

trees," said DEQ Aquatic Scientist Charles Enos, followed by a light chuckle.

He said, "The beavers created this whole wetlands years before we even started working with it."

In 2014 Enos said a lot of restoration began with channel restoration and clearing sediment out to get water back to the pond where the beavers live.

The restoration continued on

with the clearing invasive vegetation to make way for the native plants like cottonwood and willow, which do well in moist areas like the Pee Posh wetlands.

During the planting of the first batches of cottonwood, the poles were surrounded by a fencing to protect the beavers from cutting them down.

Now that a stable amount of cottonwood and willow are in the area, during the planting of the

poles fences are no longer needed to safeguarded them from beavers.

Enos said the trees grow very quickly, which in most cases is about 10 feet every year, as he pointed to the towering cottonwoods that have been planted two to three years ago further into the wetlands.

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Coolidge rally falls short against ALA Patriots

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The Coolidge Bears' rally in the final minute came up just short against the Queen Creek American Leadership Academy Patriots falling, 60-59, on Friday, Jan. 26.

Community member, Nicholas Harrison, drilled a corner three-pointer with 14 seconds left in the game to bring the Bears within one point. On the ensuing possession, Harrison came up with a steal with six seconds left and drove to the basket before tripping as time expired, no foul was called.

"You can never put in on the refs and cannot depend on that at the end of a game," said Coolidge head coach Christopher Leman. "It was a wild play... got the turnover and (Harrison) is going between a couple guys, it could have went either way at that point but you can't rely on that call to happen."

The disappointing end erased what would have been a come from behind win. The Bears trailed 56-50 with just over a minute left in the game after going scoreless for four minutes.

With about a minute left in the game, Harrison came up with a steal and was fouled. His two free throws brought the Bears within four, Coolidge implemented a foul strategy to stop the clock and force the Patriots to ice the game from the line.

The game had been nip and tuck with the Patriots taking an early eight-point lead before the Bears came within two at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Coolidge took control of the game as their zone defense bottled up the taller frontline of the Patriots. American Leadership Academy couldn't capitalize as they continuously struggled to hit open shots from the perimeter.

Harrison nailed a three-pointer with 3:03 left in the first half to open up a 23-18 lead. A put back by Jordan Hinojos with less than two minutes to go gave the Bears their largest lead, 25-18, but a four-point swing by the Patriots closed the lead to just three at the half.

The two teams traded basket for basket in the third quarter with Coolidge holding a slim, 44-42, lead heading into the final quarter of action.

ALA tied the game on a basket by 6'6" sophomore Dyson Lighthall and took the lead for good on a steal from Zach Anderson that led to an easy lay-up for Stone Smith. The Bears sliced the lead to one point on two occasions and stayed within striking distance.

With 5:23 left in the game, Seth De La Rosa hit his fourth triple to tie the game at 50-all. However, the Bears offense stalled and went ice cold for the next four minutes, including going 0-for-5 at the charity stripe.

The free throw struggles ultimately doomed the Bears, who shot a dismal 10-for-23 overall.

"We gave ourselves an opportunity to win but we missed



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Coolidge freshman Nicholas Harrison drives to the basket against an American Leadership Academy defender on Jan. 26, the Bears fell 60-59 and Harrison finished with 13 points.

13 free throws which is unacceptable," said Leman. "For us to miss that many down the stretch is unacceptable. For us to not close this (game) out is disappointing."

Leading the Bears was De La Rosa with 18 points, Jovann Thompson added 15 and Harrison

finished with 13.

Coolidge fell to 11-11 (1-6 region) on the season with four more region games left before the post season. Coolidge, who dropped two overtime games to region foes, will have to pick up some wins in order to solidify

their playoff spot, which could disappear without a much-needed win.

Earlier in the night, the Lady Patriots picked up a big 79-45 win over the Lady Bears.

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Children's Museum holds grand opening for addition assisted by GRIC

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The Gila River Indian Community was honored by the Children's Museum of Phoenix for their generous donation that helped the museum with renovations and expansions.

The grand opening of the new East Wing took place on Friday, Jan. 19. Community Council Representatives, Joey Whitman, Devin Redbird and Pamela Johnson, were all present for the opening. Also on hand was Cheryl Pablo from the Office of Special Funding.

"This is awesome. We did this together for the museum to have a new resource," said Whitman, referencing how the room looked before the renovations.

The renovations moved the art studio up to the third floor and in its spot a new "KIDchen" and multi-purpose room. The Gila River Indian Community was the lead donor of the project with a 3-year \$483,000 capital contribution. The East Wing features a working kitchen, conference room, play space and large programming and event space called The Monroe.



Sandra Tenuto Photography

Interior of the renovations on the second floor of the Children's Museum of Phoenix.

With the expansion, the museum will also be expanding their programs by using the new space for day camps during school breaks, brain time programs, cooking programs in the KIDchen, holiday paid programming like Breakfast with Santa and gingerbread house building. They will also be able to bring in performances, as well as renting the Monroe for events like meetings, fundraisers, holiday parties, etc.

The Children's Museum will be launching a new

program called Awakening Creativity, which is a program designed to help children and their parents identify their creative talents. The new space available will allow the museum to launch their new program in the very near future.

The Community's relationship with the Children's Museum of Phoenix dates back to before the museum was even open to the public. The museum launched the Childhood Dreams Built by You campaign which raised money in order to open the mu-

seum. The goal was \$12.3 million and the Community contributed a substantial donation at the time.

The Gila River Indian Community name is permanently seen on the second-floor wall of the museum just under the East Wing sign and right before the entrance to the new space. Also, there is a donation plaque also affixed to the wall that bears the Community name.

With the generous donation from the Community, the museum now has a way to earn extra income.



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The GRIC name will be on display in the second floor of the Children's Museum of Phoenix.

The Monroe space can be rented out for events, which brings in revenue that was not available before.

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4:00pm	Tales of Wonder 1 <i>Enchanting Indian stories and legends handed down for generations.</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Love Is The Best Medicine</i>	Indian Pride <i>Myths & Real Truths</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders: Central Plateau	Storytellers in Motion <i>A Spiritual Thing: R.Ross</i>	Making Regalia	4:30pm		Sivummut	Aboriginal Adventures	Common Ground	Common Ground	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Common Ground	Common Ground							
5:00pm	Tales of Wonder 2 <i>Enchanting Indian stories and legends handed down for generations.</i>	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders: Central Plateau	5:30pm		Native Report	2016 JR MISS GILA RIVER PAGEANT	Making Regalia	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Voices of San Manuel</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	The New Zealanders: Central Plateau							
6:00pm	Journey of Hope <i>Leaders address youth's needs, dreams and hopes and share hopeful prayers.</i>	Cousins Across The Sea <i>Skeletons of New Zealand- Pt 1</i>	2016 MISS GILA RIVER PAGEANT	Finding Their Own Dance <i>Alutiiq Natives in Alaska and their mission to rebuild their culture.</i>	2017 MISS AND JR MISS CROWNING CEREMONY	Trudell <i>John Trudell fuses his radical politics with music, writing and art.</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Ollie & Emma 4</i>	6:30pm		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>	Dabiyiyuu <i>The Creator's Touch</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>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	7:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report							Native Report							
8:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures	Wapos Bay <i>A Time to Learn</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Elements</i>	Wapos Bay <i>All's Fair</i>	Wapos Bay <i>As The Bannock Browns</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Guardians</i>	Hit The Ice	8:30pm		Fish Out of Water <i>Navajo Village Center</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS							
9:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Still Life</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Urban Native Girl <i>Clock's Ticking</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Surviving Moose</i>	Native Shorts <i>Still Life</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Mixed Blessings <i>3am Feedings</i>	9:30pm		Indians and Aliens <i>Matthew Mukash</i>	Hit The Ice	Indigenous Focus <i>Green House Project</i>	2017 IWO JIMA PARADE IN SACATON, AZ	BARNABY B. LEWIS CULTURAL PRESENTATION	Surviving Moose	Moose T.V.							
10:00pm	2015 MISS AND JR MISS GILA RIVER PAGEANTS	Peach Blossom Garden <i>The technical values of strength and balance and, above all, solidarity.</i>	Romance of a Vanishing Race <i>Chiefs on the Last Great Indian Council.</i>	Circus Without Borders <i>Two opposite ends of the world, two figures committed to change.</i>		Rhymes for Young Ghouls <i>Hustling with her uncle, she sells enough to pay off the sadistic Indian agent. Aila's world is destroyed when her money is stolen.</i>	Turquoise Rose <i>Turquoise must make a decision between Rome and the Rez. A 'Rez' summer seems dismal to this urban Native.</i>	10:30pm		Irezumi, The Japanese Art of Tattooing	Aztec: Pyramids of War <i>The ancient Olmec, giant carved stone heads, pyramids of the moon and sun at Teotihuacan.</i>	Every Emotion Costs <i>Reality of returning home on the reserve to face family, community and death.</i>											
11:00pm					Traditional Ecological Knowledge	Rez	K'ina Kil: The Slaver's Son	11:30pm	Oreland C. Joe	<i>The exclusivity of few masters who perpetuate a tradition of excellence.</i>													

2018 Annual Casa Grande Cowboy Days and O'Odham Tash

Saturday, February 17 - Sunday, February 25

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Cowboy Days & O'Odham Tash returns to Casa Grande in 2018 for a week-long celebration of western heritage, culture, and traditions. In addition to a carnival that will light up the weekends, the schedule of events for the week includes:

Saturday, February 17 | O'Odham Tash Parade

The O'Odham Tash Parade will be held in downtown Casa Grande at 10:00 am. This event has over 50 entries annually from all across the state of Arizona, with more than 30 different tribes and royalty participating. Make sure to arrive early to get the best seat possible for this event.

Saturday & Sunday, February 17 & 18 | All-Indian Rodeo, Softball & Toka Tournament

Following the O'Odham Tash Parade, head to the All-Indian Rodeo for an electrifying show of both rough stock and timed events. These cowboys and cowgirls will



O'Odham Tash is back in Casa Grande Feb. 17 & 18

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Preference will be given to rodeo entries in the order they are received.

The City of Casa Grande is proud to be a major sponsor.

showcase their abilities in bareback, saddle bronc, and bull riding. There will be tie down and team roping, along with steer wrestling and barrel racing events. The event will host the Seventh Annual Quad-Nation Roping for all of the neighboring ropers. Slack will take place on Friday. Performances will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

The first pitch of the softball tournament is scheduled for early Saturday morning, with the

last game winding-up on Sunday afternoon. The tournament is held at the Paul Mason Sportsplex and proves to be an opportunity for both male and female players to showcase their athletic abilities and skills. The Toka Tournament will be played on Sunday.

Monday, February 19 | National Team Roping - Produced by Yost Events

This day will be dedicated to team roping. National All Amateurs Team Roping will hold several

numbers' ropings throughout the day. Books will close at 10:00 am. There were over 400 teams in 2017 that participated. Free spectator admission.

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 20 & 21 | Mike Cervi Jr. Memorial

A world class team roping event that draws the top Pro Ropers in the nation and their fans, with benefits going to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund. This two-day event will include a Pro/Am roping, the pre-roping

and the Pro Classic team roping, with over \$225,000 in cash and prizes.

Thursday, February 22 | Eighth Annual Maple Leaf Classic

Make way for the Eighth Annual Maple Leaf Classic, honoring the Canadians who winter in the Casa Grande area. This will be open to Canadian ropers only.

Friday, February 23 | Exceptional Rodeo

The cowboys and cowgirls from the Central Arizona College Rodeo Team will host students from the Casa Grande School District in a series of similar rodeo events for this fun-filled morning. Horseback riding, team roping, face painting, bouncing ball riding, and visits from local rodeo royalty are among the activities planned for the day. Free spectator admission. Student/school selection is done by the Casa Grande Elementary School District.

Saturday, February 24 |

Women's Barrel Race

This day will focus on the ladies. There are an estimated number of 200 barrel racers who participate and 300-400 spectators.

The WPRA timed event will be added this year. Free spectator admission.

Saturday & Sunday, February 24 & 25 | Ranch Rodeo

Fun for the whole family. The cowboys and their ranch horses compete in four team events: wild cow milking, stray gathering, calf branding, and trailer loading. There will also be a saddle bronc individual competition. Buckles, prizes and added money reward the top teams and individuals. The crowd will enjoy action, excitement, thrills and laughs as they cheer for their favorite teams.

For additional information, please visit www.casagrandecowboydays.com.

Entries sought for O'odham Tash parade

Casa Grande Dispatch Staff Reports

CASA GRANDE — Entries still are being sought for the annual O'Odham Tash parade.

Matt Jankowski, recreation superintendent with the city of Casa Grande, said there have been 16 entries received. The deadline

to enter is Feb. 9.

The parade, which will be held on Feb. 17 beginning at 10 a.m., kicks off the two-week O'odham Tash and Cowboy Days celebration in the city.

Entries of all kinds are accepted and range from walking groups to vintage cars, Native American and

rodeo royalty and bands and dancing groups, Jankowski said.

There is no fee to enter the parade, which normally will have about 50 entries. Jankowski said it's not uncommon for entries to come in within the final two weeks before the parade.

Awards will be handed

out in seven categories.

Parade staging will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Brown Avenue. Florence Boulevard and Florence Street will be closed at 9 a.m. The parade will travel down Florence Boulevard, turning left on Florence Street and ending at Florence and Second streets.

This year the grand marshals are Alex Blaine, representing the O'Odham Tash Rodeo, and Ronnie Parks for the Cowboy Days part of the celebration.

The grand marshals are chosen by the Western Pinal Mounted Sheriff's Posse.

The city of Casa

Grande has helped to organize the parade in recent years, Jankowski said.

To register and enter the parade, call Mindy Pieper at 421-8677, ext. 4561.

Local Non-Profit Awarded Cook Ministries Grant: Three Precious Miracles Announces New Project

SACATON, Ariz., (January 23, 2018) – Three Precious Miracles is pleased to announce a new program for Native American Foster children throughout the state of Arizona. This Blanket Project, funded through Cook Ministries, creates natural supports to Native American children that are undergoing past and current trauma by embracing their cultural identity while healing and provides potential for a positive future and development of leadership abilities that not only effects individuals but positively impacts society for generations. The Blanket Project is designed to help Native American foster youth reclaim their identity, their culture, their pride, and their dignity. By having something personalized that represents their heritage, and reminds them of the culture they came from, foster youth will feel better connected to their roots.

Creating a tangible piece of education for each child in regards to each youth's tribe, along with pride for their culture, has been an undeniably powerful tool for creating a path filled with possibility and life.

Three Precious Miracles (TPM) is an incorporated Arizona non-profit organization, founded to support Native American children in care through streamlining systems, providing cultural and natural linkages to licensing agencies, and supporting foster and kinship families through systems navigation and involvement. Our systems and pathways create supports to Native American children that are undergoing past and current trauma while supporting caregivers whether they are biological or state appointed guardians, an opportunity for youth in care to embrace their cultural identity while healing past and current trauma, and to

provide safe and healthy homes where children and youth that thrive through healthy relationships and mutual respect. TPM believes that every Native American child who is displaced deserves love, a sense of belonging and cultural engagement. Our vision is to have Native American foster youth reclaim their identity, their culture, their pride, and their dignity in order to become whole and strong leaders within the community. Through our values of RESPECT, ACCOUNTABILITY, CULTURE and COMMITMENT, we further our mission" to support the families of Native American children who are displaced so they can provide a loving, caring and culturally sensitive home."

Three Precious Miracles has a team of volunteers who will work with youth, create blankets, and travel throughout the state to make vital connections

to the youth in foster care.

For more information about The Blanket Project and Three Precious Miracles, please contact Elisia Manuel at 520 610-2555 or Elisia@threepreciousmiracles.org Visit us online at www.threepreciousmiracles.com to learn more about our organization.

Funding for this project was provided in whole by Cook Native American Ministries Foundation. Cook Native American Ministries Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to empower, educate, and equip the next generation of Native American leaders.

About Three Precious Miracles: The mission of Three Precious Miracles is to support the families of Native American children who are displaced so they can provide a loving, caring and culturally sensitive home.



Cook Native American Ministries Foundation

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in the desert: water. While California experiences a water crisis, Arizona has not and that's due in large part to the cooperation we share with all of you. The Gila River Indian Community is no stranger to water rights and we are fortunate to call us our partners."

The keynote speaker was Arizona State University President Dr. Michael Crow, who was extremely honored and thankful to be at the prestigious event.

First to take the oath of office was the Honorable Kisto-Jones who was elected as Chief Judge. After being sworn in, Kisto-Jones administered the oath of office to the Honorable DeLowe, Honorable Breckenridge, Honorable Antone-Morago and the Honorable Cassa, who were each elected as associate judges.

Next was leadership office, with Lt. Gov. Stone taking oath of office followed by Gov. Lewis. After their oath of office, each gave an inaugural address to the Community members in attendance.

Following the swearing in Tohono O'odham Chairman Edward Manuel, University of Arizona President Dr. Robert C. Robbins, Salt River Pima-Mar-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Gov. Lewis is sworn in by Chief Judge Kisto-Jones.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Dr. Michael Crow, ASU President, was one of the dignitaries on hand during the Lewis, Stone Inauguration held on Jan. 20.

icopa Indian Community President Delbert Ray, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel and Arizona congressional District 1 Representative Tom O'Halleran each gave a video congratulatory message.

Lt. Gov Stone addressed the crowd first.

He challenged Community members who speak O'otham and Pee-Posh to share that with the younger generation. He also talked about listening to the Community for their needs and along with Gov. Lewis will make the Community proud.

"Throughout the Gila



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Lt. Gov. Stone begins his term in office.

River Indian Community's history we've had courageous leaders who have served and fought for some of the things we enjoy today for our O'otham and Pee-Posh," said Lt. Gov. Stone. "I stand here before you today and say it's a great undertaking for me to follow in the footsteps of these outstanding leaders but with their spiritual presence and our creator's guidance, let me assure you that I, working along with Gov. Lewis, will lead your longest journey of our Community, united and proud O'otham and Pee-Posh people.

Following Lt. Gov. Stone was re-elected Gov. Lewis, who thanked those in attendance who did not hold a public office because he said those are the

real bosses to elected tribal officials.

"Thank you deeply for the opportunity to serve as your governor, thank you for the opportunity to continue doing the job that I deeply love with all my heart, working every day to make our Community better for today's generation, tomorrow's generation and generations to come, thank you for the chance to put you first," said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis discussed the partnership of Arizona State University and the Community as well as the economic upgrades to the Wild Horse Pass Development. He also talked about a new school for grades kindergarten through eighth grade that will be coming to the Community in Gila Crossing and open in 2019.

As well as the opening of a new healthcare facility, Redtail Hawk.

"When it comes to our people and our sovereignty and our rights, we will not back down. We will not go away and we will not give up. Our community history is a story of a 1000 years of resiliency of meeting challenges and tackling complex issues," said Gov. Lewis. "I believe in innovation, our community, our history and our legacy is about innovation."

Miss Gila River Garcia gave the closing remarks before the executive office gave a traditional closing song and the closing prayer was offered by Pastor Brandon Jones.

Throughout the evening many local basket dancing groups performed as well as Matachine dancers. Later in the evening a cultural circle took place featuring the Hashan Kehk traditional dancers, Fifth Generation basket dancers, Achem A'al dance group, District 5 Quail basket dancers, Gila River basket dancers, District 5 Vah-Ki traditional singers and dancers and the Piipash singers and dancers.

Following the cultural circle, an inaugural dance took place featuring Two Rivers Band and Alex Cruz Band. The night was capped with a firework show.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY INAUGURATION

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"Putting Our People First"

Cottonwood From page 1

He said in the past, fires swept through parts of the wetlands causing damage to cottonwood trees in the area, "We had to plant all the cottonwoods you see here, because we got hit by two fires and the cottonwood are not tolerant to fire, were burned...the willows, those came back."

With a little help the DEQ staff get from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Pima Agency Fuels Crew and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act interns, they were able to clear the way for the new poles to be planted, after being dredged from the wetlands pond.

He said with the help of the fuels crew, he can give them training on how to harvest, prep and plant cottonwood poles during restoration projects like the one they were working on in the Pee Posh wetlands.

Enos described the transformation of cottonwood once they start to dig their roots into the soil and moisture starts to absorb into them at different parts of their growth cycle.

"Some of them are not budding yet," said Enos pointing to a cottonwood branch that has not yet bloomed.

"In about a week they'll start puffing out and start budding. When we get the poles in the ground the buds will start growing out," he said.

What makes the cottonwood and willows unique is that they can be taken from one place to another and planted and once they are, they start blossoming with an adequate water supply and soil conditions.

He said planting cottonwood and willow trees hasn't been always ideal due to the high acidic level of soil in certain areas of the Community, which makes the Pee Posh wetlands an ideal place to plant the trees.

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A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

The last weekend of February, we will honor the raising of the American flag or vanjel on Iwo Jima. Control of Iwo Jima was crucial for bombing flights to Tokyo and had to be taken, but it was defended by 22,000 Japanese soldiers. On February 19, 1945, after the decision was made to take the island, Navy bombing began and within 30 minutes over 8,000 volleys were fired to cover for 1,400 Marines landing on the island. An Indian Country Today article in 2012 by Konnie LeMay reported, "When the Japanese at-

tacked Pearl Harbor in December of 1941, there were 5,000 Native Americans listed in military service. By January 1942, the DOD reports, 99 percent of all eligible Native American men had registered for the draft." Among the landing group were six Navajo Code Talkers who decoded over 800 messages within a 48 hour period without a mistake.

Back home along the akimel, it was the month of Auppa I'ivakidak or Cottonwood Leafing. Life flowed along but with uneasiness about it for many O'otham and Piipaash volunteered. The O'otham and Piipaash have a long

tradition of taking the war trail, joining the military was the latest extension.

In 1940, President Roosevelt sent National Guard units to Panama to protect the canal and prepare for jungle warfare. Arizona's Guard, 158th Infantry Regiment had a large contingent of O'otham and Piipaash. After Pearl Harbor, the regiment was renamed as the Bushmasters. While in Panama, tribal member Sam Thomas was sent to Officer Candidate School and earned the rank of First Lieutenant. He then commanded a company for 5 months in Europe without a promotion. A chance meeting with Gen. George Patton ended the "mistake." Jay Morago Jr. rose to the rank of Sergeant, awarded 4 Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart, his roots went back to the territorial days when the O'otham fought against the O:b. When the

Bureau of Indian Affairs relinquished the operation of the tribal farm to the tribe, Sam and Jay ran the farm and soon had the farm turning a profit. There were numerous tribal members who served with the Bushmasters.

From the Bushmasters regiment several Natives were recruited for an elite Special Forces unit that conducted raids and gathered intelligence in the Pacific. In 1943, under the command of Lt. General Walter Krueger, over 700 soldiers went through an intense six-week training course. The top 138 graduates became Alamo Scouts, among them were tribal members Joshua Sunn, Theodore Largo and David Milda. Going in six or seven man reconnaissance and raider teams behind enemy lines, they never lost a man to the Japanese Army.

When the flag was

raised on February 23, 1945, it signaled Allied forces had taken Iwo Jima. The tide has turned against the enemy. The official end of World War II was seven months away. Iwo Jima was not Ira Hayes' first battle. As a seasoned Marine paratrooper he saw action at Villa La Vella, New Caledonia, and Bougainville. Corporal Ira Hayes returned to Bapchule, his home village on the south bank of the akimel. For the next ten years, Ira struggled with life. He was found near his home on January 24, 1955, a victim of exposure. Thousands attended his services at Cook Memorial Presbyterian Church and many had to stand outside. The service was led by Esau Joseph and Roe B. Lewis, tribal members and ordained ministers. Later Ira Hayes was taken to the Arizona State capital to lie in state. On Feb-

ruary 2, he was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. GRIC's Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade and Ceremony helps us honor the sacrifices and valor of our military whose actions have enabled our freedoms and rights.

Information was taken from *The Pima-Maricopa* by Henry F. Dobyns. Michelle Tirado. "Remembering the Alamo Scouts: Many American Indians Fought in World War II." *Indian Country Today* May 27, 2011 and Konnie LeMay. "A Brief History of American Indian Military Service." *Indian Country Today* May 28, 2012. There are many sources devoted to the Alamo but this site was accessed;

<http://www.wearethemighty.com/articles/this-is-how-the-alamo-scouts-became-the-first-special-forces>

Runners take to trails for 9th Annual Desert Run in Blackwater

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

The District 1 recreation hosted the 9th Annual Desert Run in North Blackwater on Saturday morning, Jan. 27. The run featured a 2-mile walk as well as a 3-mile and 6-mile run. The overall turnout for the event was nearly 200

runners and walkers of all ages. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis participated in the event. There were elder participants and young participants who came out and had fun. The run was hosted by District 1 but was in conjunction with the Gila

River Health Initiative. The GRHI funded the event with t-shirts and water bottles that were handed out to participants.

Next year will be the 10th Annual Desert Run and with a year to plan, could be the biggest run of them yet.



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Runners of all ages participated in the Desert Run held in North Blackwater on Jan. 27.

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District Two

Tuesday February 6, 2018
5:30pm- 8:00pm
District 2 Service Center

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Welcome: 5:45pm
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District Two exclusive incentives for youth and adults!

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CAP visit GRIC for tour of infrastructure



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis met with board members of the Central Arizona Project on Jan. 26, after the board members did a tour of the infrastructure being built within the Community borders. They were also shown a presentation from Dr. Dave DeJong. From left: Mark Taylor, Alexandra Arboleda, Gov. Lewis, Jennifer Brown, Candace Homana and Rod Lewis. Homana is the CAP Tribal Relations and Strategic Initiatives Analyst while Taylor, Arboleda, Brown and Lewis serve as board members.

MARCH TO MUL CHU THA

Open to all GRIC members & employees

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- * Different incentives for every completed run.
- * Complete all 4 events and receive a final overall completion incentive.
- * Puzzle medals: receive a different medal piece each run.

Tentative Dates

- Saturday December 30, 2017
3K Mul Chu Tha Fairgrounds
Non-Competitive
- Saturday January 20, 2018
5K Sacaton, AZ Site TBD
Non-Competitive
- Saturday February 24, 2018
8K Sacaton, AZ
In conjunction w/ Two Jima Competitive
- Saturday March 3, 2018
Mul Chu Tha 1/2 Marathon
Competitive

REGISTRATION
December 11 - December 30, 2017
Registration CLOSES 12/30

* A smaller run will be available at all events.*

16+ ONLY
Minors must have parent signature.

Dates & locations are subject to change due to inclement weather, community events and out of respect to wake/funeral services.

In registering for the March to MCT Series you understand this is a commitment to complete all 4 run's. Due to the limited amount of space you understand that you are reserving a spot in this Challenge which will take from other interested individuals.

Drop registration forms off at the Wellness Center. [Emailed registrations will NOT be accepted]

For more information call (520) 562-2026



GRIC FIT NEWS

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT SYLVESTER REED



Sylvester Reed is a Community member from the D4 area. He has been a fitness instructor for 8 years and teaches the kick boxing class along with many other style of classes. He is available for one on ones and the youth condition program. He has spent most of his life focused on helping others maintain a healthy lifestyle through various aspects. He has extensive experience with coaching. He was a strength and conditioning, football, and baseball coach for Tuba City schools. He was a Karate Instructor for Dine College from 1994-1996. He was also active in the Navajo Scouts as a crew boss from 95-01 as well as the Cedar City Hotshots from 2002-2010. He has also played multiple sports at the junior collegiate level. These factors have provided him with knowledge and experience of an active lifestyle to give back to his Community. He makes a conscious effort to ensure that all his clients are getting the best. He enjoys working with people of all ages and helping them reach their individual goals. He is an intense trainer and will work hard for you with a smile on his face. He is a true asset to the program.

FEATURED CLASS: MATTER OF BALANCE

TUESDAY
District 4
10:00am-11:00am

Matter of Balance, is an evidence based class. And it is for the elders who have a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in severe physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Many older adults also experience increased isolation and depression when they limit their interactions with family and friends. A Matter of Balance can help people improve their quality of life and remain independent.

A Matter of Balance is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

Sports News
January 20th Tribal Recreation Adult Co-Ed Basketball League completed their season and the winners are:
Champions - Gila River Hawks



2nd Place - Bucks



3rd Place - Warriors



This Adult basketball league is continually increasing and becoming very popular unfortunately, we had to turn away some teams. So, beginning next season we will be implementing a bigger adult league to build up this program.

IWO JIMA WALK 8K / 2 MILE



February 24, The Iwo Jima Event will be the 3rd run series for March to MCT. This will be a

2-mile walk & competitive 8K run. The March to MCT participants have now completed the 3K and 5K runs and upon completion of this 8K run. They will be receiving they're 3rd piece of a unique medicine wheel medal. This is the 1st for the Gila River Indian Community.

Saturday March 3rd, 2018

Individual & CoEd Relay 13.1 Half Marathon

ENTRY FEES:

- 5K Competitive Run - \$10
- Footrace 1/2 Marathon - \$20
- 3 Person CoEd 1/2 Marathon - \$30
- 2 Mile Fun Walk, FREE - Onsite Registration Only (Shirts to First 100)
- Elder's Walk, FREE - Onsite Registration Only (Shirts to First 75)
- Free for enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community

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IWO JIMA WALK

8K / 2 MILE

2018

February 24, 2018

Mul Chu Tha Fairgrounds
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Competitive 8K
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Alternative 2 mile walk available.
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Participants will be given wristbands upon check-in/registration.
Shirts will be given to those who receive the 1st 250 wristbands.

Shirts are for 16+ only. 1st come, 1st served.

Check-In: 6:30am
Start: 7:00am
Closes: 7:15am

8k/2Mile shirts to first 250 participants who sign-in.

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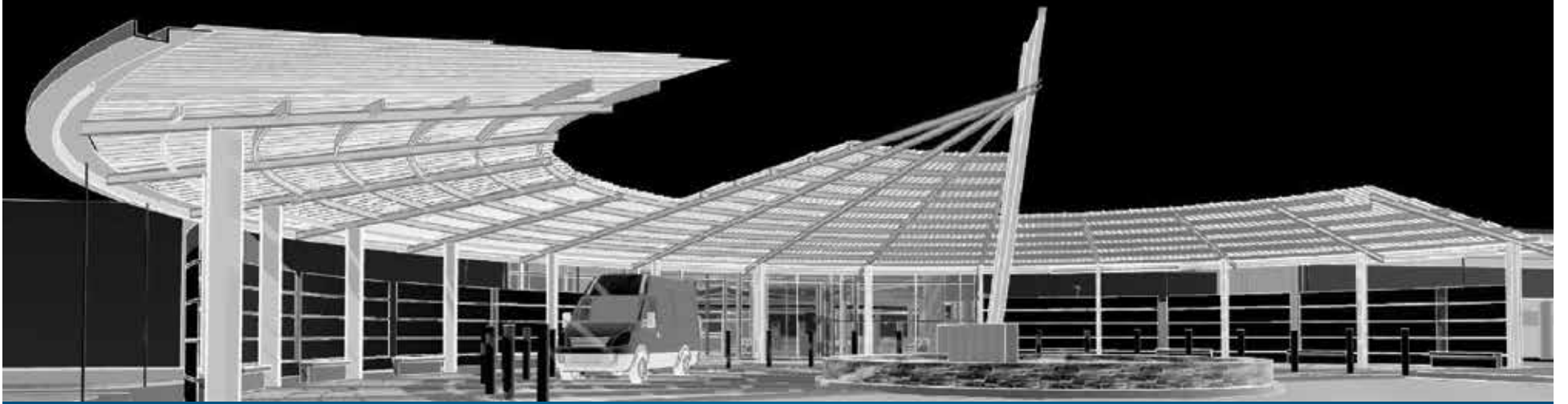
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Non-GRIC patients should call their Primary Care Physician at (520) 562-3321 for a possible referral outside of GRHC; then Purchased Referred Care may assist with determining eligibility.

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- 2/8/18 - Sacaton Dept. of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
- 2/12/18 - D1 Multipurpose Building 8:30am - 3:00pm
- 2/13/18 - Ak-Chin (By the Clinic) 9:00am - 3:00pm
- 2/14/18 - D3 HHKMH (under awning) 7:30am - 11:00 am & 1:00pm - 4:00pm
- 2/19/18 - D7 Multipurpose Building 9:00am - 2:00pm
- 2/20/18 - D5 Teen Clinic (By appointment only)
- 2/21/18 - D3 HHKMH (under awning) 9:30am - 4:00 pm
- 2/22/18 - D2 Multipurpose Building 8:30am - 12:00pm - D3 HHKMH (under awning) 1:00pm - 4:00 pm
- 2/26/18 - D6 Komatke (By KHC) 9:00am - 3:00pm
- 2/26/18 - D4 Service Center 8:30am - 3:30pm
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Proposed bill would ban Native mascots from publicly funded stadiums

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A bill to put an end to one racial slur was introduced at the Arizona State Capitol before tribal leaders and activist at a recent press conference.

State Representative for legislative District 7 Eric Descheenie (D), publicly introduced House Bill 2499 to garner support for the piece of legislation on Jan 31.

The bill would prevent the University of Phoenix Stadium and sports facilities that are publicly funded to cease broadcasting the Washington team name during NFL games.

According to a House Democrat's press release the bill will, "disallow publicly funded stadiums from displaying or broadcasting the name when Washington plays games in Arizona."

In the press release Descheenie said, "If we are choosing to spend money on these publicly funded stadiums, I do not think that we should make offending our indigenous brothers and sisters the official policy of

the State of Arizona." Navajo Nation Vice-President, Jonathan Nez, joined Descheenie in support of HB 2499 and said his support of the bill is not simply about saying no to using the team name, but to show how Native people are represented at sporting venues across the state.

"If you see behind me, we have a lot of law makers that are saying 'no.' They're saying no we don't want any government funding to be supporting, disparaging remarks or terms such as 'Redskins,'" said Nez.

Another supporter of the bill, Amanda Blackhorse, was on hand to discuss her efforts to get the team to change their name.

Blackhorse, who was the plaintiff for the case, Blackhorse V. Pro-Football, Inc., shed light on the misrepresentation of Native people in sports.

She is also an activist with the group, Arizona to Rally Against Native Mascots, spoke out about the use of derogatory names of ethnicities in sports teams.

She said the case to get the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, to cancel the teams' trademarks registration was vacated, officially ceasing any effort to change the name.

Despite the cases outcome, Blackhorse said the push to remove the team name is a response to the long-standing struggle for fair representation for Natives across the nation.

She said, "We need to address this issue head on when you mascot a race

or ethnic group, you perpetuate stereotypes of that group. You trivialize their culture, you dehumanize it. If you dehumanize a race long enough will society care about their health and well-being?"

Descheenie said that the continued use of the name is a harmful racial slur that dates back to 1932 when the federal government imposed "civilization regulations" that banned all native tribes from practicing their traditions publicly.

In providing a context of the era back to when the name was created Descheenie said, "Why do we still have this mascot now? And Specifically to HB 2499, why is the Arizona state government implicitly or explicitly condoning that?"

To clarify his reason for introducing HB 2499, Descheenie said this is not about limiting free speech, but is about government speech and how the state of Arizona engages in expressive conduct, stating that fans and the Washington team itself are external to what the bill represents, which is specific to governmental facilities, like the University of Phoenix stadium.

"I believe the State of Arizona has a bright future when it begins to gain a conscience via its electoral process, via its state



Arizona State House Representative Eric Descheenie, D-Chinle (District 7) talks about proposed House Bill 2499 during a press conference on Jan 31.

government. We're better than that and I'm proud to say that is an indigenous peoples higher philosophy of life that is presenting [this]," said Descheenie.

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No words can express our deepest appreciation and gratitude during the loss of our beloved mother Lucille Morago. (07/03/1948 - 01/09/18) Thank you to the tribal leadership,

family, friends and co-workers for assistance given. Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel and Community Councils, GRIC Finance and Accounts Payable departments, especially Danielle Jackson, Deanna Mendoza and Neomi Martinez. Thank you, Officiant David Stewart and Vah-Ki Presbyterian Church and all the choirs, for sharing songs and prayers, the Joaquin family of North Komelik for Friday's feeding and the Margaret Joaquin Group of Chui-Chu for leading the overnight rosary. Individual Thank you's and appreciations to Councilmember Carolyn Williams, Councilman Terrence B. Evans, Kenneth and Esther Manuel, Leland Thomas, Florine Antone, Aldin Manuel, Gary Mix, Lawrence Makil, Tito and Ana Medina, Ralph and Marcella Belloc, and all for the food donations.

To our family, surviving aunts Richenda Deeringwater and Bernice L. Enos. Michael and Camille Miguel, Fernanda Reams, Ray Milda, Darren Morago, Maria Enos, Carlton and Sara Conde. Ashley and Chad Pasqual, Wayne Delowe, Two Rivers, Russell Blackwater and extended family, honorary pallbearers/pallbearers, blessings to you all. Our sincerest thanks to Ak-Chin Runner, Gila River - District 3 and 5 Service Centers, GRIC Police Department, and Tribal Social Services for their assistance in preparations to lay out loved one to rest. Our special thanks to Pastor Lee Miguel for last rites and Karen White and Ashley for the rosary in mom's final moments here on earth. Sincerely, Kristina, Johanna and Carole Morago

Employment Opportunities

Our Mission Statement "Work together to promote academic excellence. Honor the teachings of our elders, culture and environment. Promote safe and healthy learning environment" Gila Crossing Community School is a Family And Child Education (F.A.C.E) Pre-School through eighth grade elementary school located on the northwest corner of the Gila River Indian Reservation about four miles from the town of Laveen, Arizona in the United States of America. The current enrollment expected in these grades is

- about 550 students.
- Classified Positions
- 1. Bus Monitor - \$11
- 2. Bus Driver - \$15.51-21.83 (DOE)
- 3. Cross Guard - \$75 per day (1-2 hrs in the morning/afternoon)
- 4. Food Service Worker - \$11-13.41
- 5. Accounts Payable - \$41,379.22-\$49,567.72
- Certified Teaching Positions
- 1. 5th Grade Teacher
- 2. \$39,306.86-\$53,500.26 (DOE)
- 2. Early Child Hood Teacher
- 3. \$39,306.86-\$53,500.26 (DOE)

- 4. Math Teacher
 - 5. \$39,306.86-\$53,500.26 (DOE)
 - 5. Substitute Teachers (7)
 - \$110-\$125 per day
- For more details regarding each position please visit our website at www.gcscseagels.org or contact Elizabeth Flores, Human Resource dept. 520-550-4834.

Thank you on behalf of Gila Crossing

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA
HARRIETTA DENISE SABORI
Petitioner/Plaintiff
vs.
STEPHANIE JEAN PETERS
Respondent/Defendant
TO: STEPHANIE JEAN PETERS
2258 N IMPERIAL RD
DISTRICT 4,
CASE Number: CV-2018-0011-RO

CIVIL SUMMONS
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.
YOU shall respond at a RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING regarding this matter on: Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 1, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.
If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • January 17, 2018

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, January 17, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:12 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Janice Stewart

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Executive Officers Absent:

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz;

D3-Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer

Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5-Janice

Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo,

Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr. (10:32), Charles Gold-

tooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Nada Celaya; D5-Vacant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. 2018 Kids At Heart Awarded to Gila River Indian Community

Presenters: Debbie Paine, Cathy Brown

MS. CATHY BROWN PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE AWARD PROCESS. MS. DEBBIE PAINE EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE FOR THE COMMUNITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS ACCEPTED THE AWARD ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY AND EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

REPORTS

*1. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 – September 2017) – Tribal Health Department

Presenter: Christina Floyd

REPORT HEARD

*2. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 – September 2017) – Elderly Nutrition, Elderly Service Program, Nutrition Assistance and Tribal Recreation

Presenter: Joann Miles-Long

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:03 A.M.]

3. 2017 Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program Data Analysis

Presenter: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. 2014-2016 Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program Data

Analysis

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. GRICUA's FY17 Q4 Report

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

REPORT HEARD

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving Amended And Restated Bylaws Of The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. (EDSC approves and forwards to Council)

Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors, Joan S. Burke

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The General Location For The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority To Develop A Solar Power Generation Plant In District Four And Six For The Benefit Of The Gila River Indian Community And Electric Utility Customers Located On The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving Membership Of The Gila River Indian Community In The National Indian Gaming Association For Calendar Year 2018 And Authorizing Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) For The Community's Annual Dues (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Shannon White

APPROVED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DELEGATE THE IOPC AS ALTERNATES

4. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Suzanne Johns

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Surveillance Transition From Gila River Indian Community To Gila River Gaming Enterprises (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to approve and accept the transition plan; G&MSC motioned to direct Gila River Gaming Enterprises to move forward with the Transition Plan effective January 09, 2018)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT AND TO DIRECT GILA RIVER GAMING ENTERPRISES TO MOVE FORWARD EFFECTIVE JANUARY 09, 2018

2. Government & Management Standing Committee Appointment - (1) Council Seat

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AND APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN WILLIAMS

3. Economic Development Standing Committee – Appointment (1) Council Seat

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND APPOINT COUNCILMAN TERRANCE EVANS

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

Presenters: Dale Ohnmeiss Daniel Hoyt

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Concurrence Motion - Planning & Zoning Commission Terms (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, G&MSC concurs)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Request for Special Council Meeting – Code of Conduct

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HOLD A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 5, 2018, 9AM

3. Early Childhood Special Services December 1 Count Report (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval; HSSC concurs)

Presenters: Joanne Nelson, Isaac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Term Sheet for a New Substation (EDSC forwards term sheet to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

5. NCAI Winter Session

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR INTERESTED COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND

6. NIGA 2018 Winter Legislative Summit

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR INTERESTED COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> SPECIAL G&M MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018, 9AM

>ESC WORK SESSION THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018, 9AM

>IOPC MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018, 3PM

>LITIGATION TEAM MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018, 1PM

>INAUGURATION SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018, 2PM

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:04 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

“January in Tucson 2018” Welcomes Third Tribal Professionals Cohort



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“January in Tucson 2018” Welcomes Third Tribal Professionals Cohort TUCSON, Arizona – “January in Tucson” (JIT), the annual intensive education session in Indigenous governance offered by the University of Arizona (UA) Indigenous Governance Program, kicked off last week by welcoming an international group of tribal leaders, citizens, legal practitioners, scholars, and other professionals, including members of the competitive “Tribal Professionals Cohort.”

The UA Indigenous Governance Program is an educational partnership between two units, the Native Nations Institute (NNI) at the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy and the Indigenous Peoples' Law and Policy Program (IPLP) at the James E. Rogers College of Law. In 2018, its three-week JIT event offers fourteen different courses, ranging from Indigenous Food Sovereignty to Tribal Business Law, all aimed at strengthening

Indigenous governance. Each course may be taken on a for-credit or not-for-credit basis.

Since its inception in 2012, JIT has attracted participants representing more than 50 Indigenous nations from six different continents, who have earned over 600 executive education or academic credits through the UA Indigenous Governance Program. This diversity provides participants with new perspectives on familiar governance challenges and helps make JIT a truly unique educational experience.

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Beginning in 2016, January in Tucson has provided free governance education opportunities for citizens of U.S.-based tribes through its Tribal Professionals Cohort (TPC). The TPC covers the cost of registration, tuition, travel, and accommodation for successfully admitted candidates.

The TPC 2018 consists of a select group of tribal citizens who have made

a demonstrated commitment to build Indigenous governance capacities within their home communities. This year's TPC includes Bradley Harrington and Shelly Diaz of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; Bridget Valenzuela of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Bruce from the Gila River Indian Community; and Desirie Wilson of the Red Lake Nation. NNI Executive Director Joan Timeche (Hopi) notes, “The Tribal Professionals Cohort is designed to build Indigenous governance capacity one person at a time.” To date, 16 individuals representing 12 U.S. Native Nations have participated in the TPC. JIT 2018 is hosted at the James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, January 8-26, 2018. If you have questions regarding JIT 2018, please contact Indigenous Governance Program Manager, Dr. Torivio Fodder (Taos Pueblo), by email at taf05@email.arizona.edu or via phone at (520) 621-3093.

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