

## Hearing Addresses Issues at the Polls

Governor Lewis calls on greater cooperation between tribal and local governments during elections



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis speaks at the Native American Voting Coalition field hearing at the Arizona State University downtown Phoenix campus on Jan 11.

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The Native American Voting Rights Coalition (NAVRC) held a field hearing on Jan. 11 on the Arizona State University downtown campus. The Desert Southwest hearing was just one of many that

have been taking place across the country as the NAVRC documents the experiences of Native voters in non-tribal elections.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Joyce Lopez, GRIC Voter Registration Board, and Claude Jackson, Gila

River Defense Services Office, were on panels during the hearing to give accounts of the challenges and successes of Community member voting during election time.

Gov. Lewis was joined on a panel of tribal leaders by Verlon

Jose, Vice Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation, and Roland Maldonado, former Chairman of the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians.

Each leader discussed the issues facing their tribal communities during non-tribal elections. A lot of the issues that were brought up were across the board, with the leaders echoing issues that face each of their communities.

Having valid forms of identification, updated and correct addresses, polling sites, transportation, language translation are issues that were presented by tribal leaders that affect voting turnout in tribal communities.

"I think we, the Gila River Indian Community, have been very proactive," said Gov. Lewis. "I think county recorders and secretary of state have to reach out to Indian tribes and reservations. They need to meet us half way, respecting our tribal government and how we live on the reservation.

"Our community members are transitory and move. It's about them working with us and looking at innovative ways to keep the voter rolls updated and continuing educating our tribal members to update information. It is definitely

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## District 4 Breaks Ground on Multipurpose Building



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Tribal representatives and District 4 elders break ground on new multipurpose building on Jan. 12.

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

At the center of each district of the Gila River Indian Community is a service center, which in their humble beginnings started with a large hall and offices that housed staff delegated to different tasks and services.

With the New Year comes the realization of dreams as the District 4 Community broke ground

on a new multipurpose building on Jan 12.

In front of a large size saguaro cactus, 10 nickel-plated shovels were dug into the ground, it signifies the new addition to the district and the culmination of ideas presented through years of planning that are now on the cusp of becoming a reality.

Today, what were then called service centers, have grown larg-

er and have become even better equipped to handle the tasks of providing services to the Community members that utilize the facilities for various needs.

District 4 service center coordinator Christopher Mendoza greeted members from the district that have waited for the time when they would see a new multipurpose building after years utilizing the old service center located in

the village of Stotanic.

"This is something that the Community envisioned years ago of what the people wanted to see and have in their district," said Mendoza, "Now we are here today for the groundbreaking of the new multipurpose building."

He said throughout the years of planning and meeting by stakeholders, the ideas of what could go into the new multipurpose building went back and fourth and set the foundation for what would become the new facility when it is completed.

At the groundbreaking, conceptual art was displayed showing the various rooms and recreational areas such as an outdoor pool, indoor track and basketball court.

Among them are a senior lounge, dining room, multipurpose room, community kitchen and a whole host of comforts to bring a home atmosphere to the two-story facility.

The general contractor, Arviso-Okland Construction will be responsible for erecting the 48,470 square foot facility.

This year, Okland Construction will be celebrating its 100th year in building, making the project a significant milestone for the company.

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# GRIC Youth Council Performs Service Project

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The Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council hosted a community clean up on Saturday, Jan. 13, in Sacaton. The cleanup started by Matthew B. Juan and Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park and continued up Sacaton Road towards the Casa Grande Road turnoff.

Seventeen AOPPYC members showed up along with the youth council advisory board and were assisted by some Community members for the cleanup and worked for nearly two hours.

“Last meeting I proposed the idea,” said youth council President Randel Curran, referencing his time with the Tribes Club from Coolidge High School. “We did community service projects like this and thought it would be a good idea to try out with youth council.”

Curran was thankful that Community members came out to help assist the youth council in their endeavor to clean up the community. In the future, the youth council wants to continue with their trash cleanups. Curran said the youth council wanted to start on a small scale and eventually expand to clean up areas in other districts across the community.

“The young people have been concerned with the cleanliness of the community based on the feedback we have received from last year,” said youth coordinator, Michael Preston. “I was happy with the turnout and the energy that everyone had. It’s been two-fold from the feedback we received but also an idea that our youth council president presented.”

The Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision and the Gila River Police Department assisted the youth council by monitoring the roads and alerting passing vehicles. The Department of Environmental Quality provided shovels and other tools to help pick up debris.

The next tentative date for another cleanup is set for March.



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**AOPPYC members and volunteers take a moment to pose for a group picture while cleaning along the streets and roads in Sacaton on Jan 13.**

“I wasn’t expecting so many people to come out,” said Curran. “I thought it was only going to be youth council but when I saw other community members come out, it was good to see. We already have gotten good feedback and people have told me and (Preston) that it’s a good idea. I look forward to doing it again in the future.”

For many of the members, its their way of making the Community a better place.

**Right: Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council members collected debris from the roadside along Sacaton Road early Saturday morning.**



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## COURT NOTICE

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Print Date: January 19, 2018**

Frale, Albert-Initial Termination of Parent-Child Relationship & Adoption Hearing & Petition of Name Change Hearing  
Case:J-17-0071/0072/0073 Court Date: January 24, 2018

## Correction

In the January 5, 2018 issue of the Gila River Indian News photos accompanying the “Gila River Runner Joins Wings of America Native Race Team” were incorrectly credited and were courtesy of Melvin Chischilly.



# NAVRC Poll Issues

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going to be a partnership for sure.”

Another issue that was presented by both the Gila River Indian Community and Tohono O’odham Nation was that their tribal lands inhabit more than one county. Having multiple counties led to confusion to which congressional district community members belong to. Furthering the issue of which district to vote in stems from the lack of physical addresses in Native communities, which are often in rural areas.

Panel members also discussed the distrust of Native voters to non-Native poll workers, alleging discrimination or lack of empathy towards Native voters who faced issues at polling sites

Angela Willeford, of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, discussed when a former tribal leader went to vote was informed that she was not on the voting rolls. The former leader ended up casting a provisional ballot.

Provisional ballots are collected as normal but unless they are validated and verified, the vote is not officially counted. If a provisional ballot is cast in the incorrect precinct, the vote will not be counted. The

tribal leader from Salt River ended up casting a provisional ballot, despite being registered to vote.

Willeford believed that if a tribal member was working at the polls, there would have been a more likely chance that a better effort could have been made to locate and verify that the voter is in the correct polling place.

An issue that Lopez echoed.

“Some of the poll workers don’t know Indian tribes, don’t know Indian ways or even Indian communities,” added Lopez. “They talk down to the voter and some of our people are shy. The poll workers were not helpful and to me we lost a lot of votes.”

Lopez discussed members from the community who reside in District 6 but had a polling place in District 7, which had been unknown to them. She also said that the poll workers, rather than tell voters where they needed to be, let them cast provisional ballots.

This issue was also brought up by Vice-Chairman Jose who said that polling issues on the Tohono O’odham Nation stem from polling places differing from tribal elections to non-tribal elections, often



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From left: Gov. Lewis pictured with tribal leaders during the field hearing on Jan. 11.

times confusing voters, who are more familiar with staying in their district or community to vote and not having to travel.

Lopez said issues like this can be disheartening to voters. Gila River is very proactive in getting voters registered and teaching them the importance of voting but once they show up and are told they cannot vote, they get discouraged from attempting to vote in the future.

The NAVRC will use the information gathered from the field hearing and combine with information collected from other field hearings to find solutions to the issues that face Native American communities during elections.



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Representatives from GRIC and SRPMIC talk about Native voting issues on Jan. 11.

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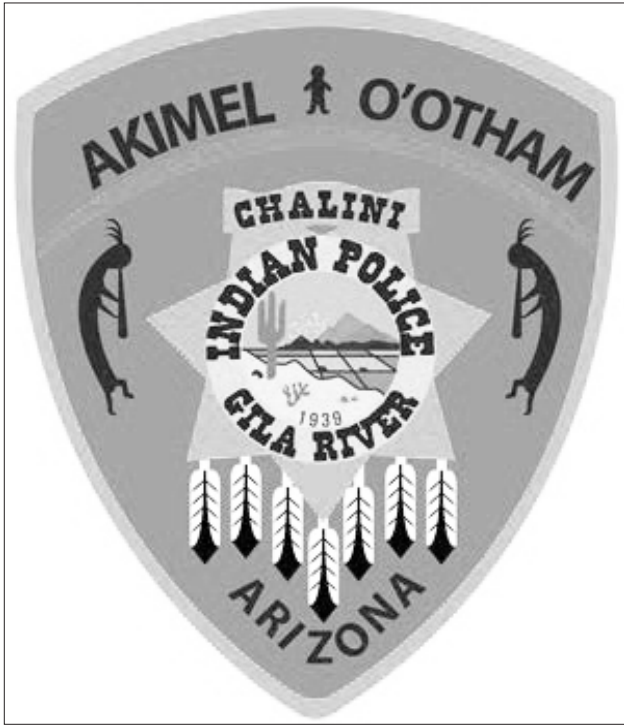
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# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs



Incident Log  
December 17-23, 2017

Calls for services this week: 542 Arrest made: 35

District One (Blackwater):

Auto Theft— The victim called dispatch to report her vehicle had been taken without permission. Upon the Officers arrival contact was made with the victim who stated the vehicle had been loaned to a sibling. While the vehicle was at a family's residence the vehicle was taken without the sibling's knowledge. The vehicle was entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) as stolen. Later during the day the vehicle was located abandoned and returned to the family.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft— The victim reported that the suspect took their cell phone and a wallet without permission. Upon making contact with the suspect it was discovered he was in possession of the cell phone but denied taking a wallet. The wallet was later located at the place of residence and the cell phone was returned.

Status: Charges Forwarded

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving Part I Crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect was arrested for assaulting the victim, her mother, by punching her in the face and using two knives to cause lacerations. At the conclusion of the physical altercation, the suspect threatened the victim by stating she was going to have someone shoot up the house. The suspect was arrested on scene and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested

rested

District Four (Stotonic):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect was arrested for striking one of two victims in the head with a shovel causing a laceration to the head area. The second victim was in a physical altercation with the suspect causing several bumps to their face. During the physical altercation, the second victim sustained a broken left clavicle. Both victims were transported to area hospitals for further medical treatment. The suspect was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft – The victim reported that she asked the suspect she was conversing with to watch her purse while she went to the bar. Shortly after stepping away the suspect walked off with the purse. Contact was made with the suspect who denied taking the purse. Attempts were made to locate the purse in the restroom where the suspect is believed to have gone. The victim stated there was nothing of value in the purse.

Status: Closed

Theft – Officers were dispatched to Love's Truck Stop in reference to a shoplifting. The investigation revealed the suspect took a black jacket from the clothing section, went into the men's restroom carrying the merchandise, and then walked out wearing the jacket.

Theft— While at the Lone Butte Casino, a theft investigation was conducted. Investigation revealed the victim left his ticket in the slot machine accidentally, containing \$1,400.00. The suspect discovered the ticket and immediately cashed the ticket and left

casino property. The victim did not wish to press charges and only requested the money be returned. Only \$700.00 was located on the suspect's person and returned to the victim.

Status: Closed

Theft – The victim reported while at Dairy Queen located at the Phoenix Premium Outlet, she accidentally left her purse (no value) in the store. As she walked to her vehicle she noticed she did not have her purse and then returned to the store. A store employee stated they had found a purse but another female had claimed it.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Theft— The victim called dispatch to report a theft. Upon police contact the victim reported three pairs of women's Ariat Boots and a Pendleton blanket were taken from the front of her residence. The victim stated there is video surveillance of the yard and would review the footage to assist in locating the suspect. At this time identification of the suspect is pending the review of footage.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six – (Komatke):

Theft— An unknown male removed a guitar out of a display case without permission from the Vee Quiva Casino. Vee Quiva Security contacted dispatch after observing the empty display case and reviewing surveillance camera footage. The suspect is observed leaving the Casino, entering a vehicle and leaving the premises.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft— A Case Super "M" backhoe was reported stolen. The vehicle was left in the area due to being used for construction of the 202 Freeway. Upon receiving confirmation that no one from the company was in possession of the backhoe it was reported as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Theft – The victim report an unknown person broke into his red Chevrolet pick up truck, and stole his 9mm handgun. The victim reported the firearm stolen between the 18th and 20th of December.

Status: Open Investigation

Incident Log

December 24-30, 2017

Calls for services this week: 564 Arrest made: 22

District One- (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault— Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to verbal altercation that was getting aggressive. Upon the officer arrival contact was made with the homeowner who stated the verbal argument was regarding family issues. The verbal altercation became physical when the suspect began to swing a pipe wrench at the victim causing lacerations to the left elbow and the lower lip. When the suspect was located and it was discovered they also had lacerations to the back of their head.

Status: Suspect was booked on Aggravated Assault

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving Part I Crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Auto Theft – The victim reported a vehicle being stolen from their residence. The victim stated there was no debris on the carport where the vehicle was parked such as broken glass. The victim stated the vehicle was taken sometime during the night while they had been sleeping. The victim was advised the vehicle was involved in a collision in the area of District Five and had been recovered.

Status: Closed

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a vehicle that was taken from their residence. The investigation revealed that the suspect went to the residence asking for an individual, while the family was inside the residence; they heard the vehicle start and drive away. Maricopa County Sheriff's Office located the vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop but the vehicle fled. Officers were able to locate the vehicle at the Wild Horse Pass Casino Parking Lot where the suspect again attempted to flee. The suspect was arrested and booked into DRS for multiple offenses.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

Theft – The victim reported sometime between December 24, 2017 and December 28, 2017 prescription medication was removed from the victim's purse. Residence of the home denied taking the medication and no one witnessed the theft. A person of interest had been identified and is being sought for questioning.

Status: On Going Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a suicidal subject. Investigation revealed that the suspect committed the crime of aggravated assault by restricting the breathing of the victim to the point of losing consciousness. The suspect was bleeding heavily from a wound the suspect stated was sustained by having a medical issue and fell on an object. The victim went on to say that the suspect attempted to throw hot oil on the victim but the oil did not make contact with victim. The suspect was transported to the hospital for medical treatment to her injuries. Photos were taken and submitted into evidence.

Status: On Going Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Wildhorse Pass Casino in reference to an auto theft. Investigation revealed the victim left her vehicle running as she went into the casino for a few moments. As she exited the casino she noticed her vehicle was gone. The victim was able to locate her vehicle in the City of Maricopa with the assistance of GRPD and Maricopa PD. The vehicle was returned to her and was removed from the national stolen vehicle database.

Status: On Going Investigation

Auto Theft – The victim reported that a vehicle registered in their name was stolen while at the Lone Butte Casino. The victim stated she knew the suspect who had taken the vehicle. Surveillance footage will be obtained from casino personnel and submitted into evidence.

Status: On Going Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet Coach Store in reference to a theft. A theft investigation was conducted, revealing a male stole a pair of running shoes while at Coach Store leaving in an unknown direction.

Status: On Going Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – A juvenile male reported

that while walking in an unknown location in District Four, he was approached by an intoxicated male and they began to fight. During the fight the juvenile male was cut on his shoulder.

Status: On Going Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a prior assault. The investigation revealed the suspect engaged in an altercation with the victim by forcibly pushing her to the floor. The victim fell on her left side causing pain and discomfort and was transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment. A follow up was conducted where the victim reported she sustained a fracture in her left hip and had been hospitalized.

Status: On Going Investigation

Theft— Officers were dispatched to the Casa Blanca Chevron in reference to shoplifting. The store employee stated a female juvenile walked into the store where she checked the mail in the adjoining post office. Upon checking the mail the female grabbed three bags of chips. The investigation revealed the identity of the female juvenile and the driver of the truck whom were located at their residence. The two went to the store and paid for the goods.

Status: Charges are being forwarded to the Prosecutors Office

District Six (Komatke):

Burglary – Officers responded to a residence where multiple items were taken when a male subject unlawfully entered the residence. A set of bike tracks were located near the home and a witness also gave a description of the vehicle to include the occupants of the vehicle. A follow up was conducted and the victim stated all the items were returned to the residence with the exception of the television.

Status: On Going Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Auto Theft— Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle call. The vehicle's owner was on scene and stated that his vehicle was taken the night before while he was intoxicated. The victim did not know who took it or what had happened the night before.

Status: On Going Investigation

# Highlights from the 2018 Inauguration

## GRIN Staff

The Gila River Indian Community hosted an inauguration to welcome the re-

turning and incoming leadership at the Rawhide Event Center on Jan. 20.

Among the celebration, were cultural dances and performances provided by

local basket dance groups from across the Community.

Incumbent Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and newly elected Lt. Gov. Robert Stone were given the oath

of office.

Included in the formal ceremonies were the individuals that have been voted to serve as Chief Judge and Associate Judge,

who also took the oath of office: Chief Judge: Donna Kisto-Jones.

Associate Judges: Dallas DeLowe, Janice F. Breckenridge, Lucille An-

tone-Morago, Sheri Cassa.

More on this story will be featured in the Feb. 2., issue of the GRIN.



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**The vo:p am nolavthakuḍ wui! ‘Going to the store!’**

**vo:p am nolavthakuḍ wui! ‘Going to the store!’**

On December 6th of 2017 the HHC’s Language Program held a Language Class Appreciation Event at the District 6 Learning Center to celebrate the completion of the fourth Akimel O’otham language class. On that day twenty-five ‘e mamshchamtham (students) were given certificates of completion, celebratory gifts, and shared a meal together to commemorate the ending of the twelve week course. The class was taught by Mrs. Barbara Parsons along with other language teachers and assistants. The course was titled “En Ve:m Ki:kam” and focused on teaching everyday language of introducing themselves and family. During the course the class learned how to say useful phrases like Sha:p pen che:gig? (What is your name?), Sha: che:gig heg em je:j? (What is your mother’s name?), Sha: che:gig heg em o:g? (What is your father’s name?), He’ekia ap ‘i vepenag? (How many siblings do you have?), Ba:p hasko chikpan? (Where do you work?), Sha:chu ap s-ho:hith? (What do you like?). The HHC’s Language Program is working towards creating more Community based language

classes like this one in the future for District 6 as well as for the other Districts.

As we start off the western society New Year, we realize that O’otham have become very modern and up to date on the latest technologies. We have gone from ordering items from the Sears & Roebuck catalog to ordering items on E-bay and Amazon. Back in the day O’otham had to wait several weeks as the items they ordered reached them by snail-mail or the UPS delivery truck. Nowadays our items that we ordered online are brought to our door step in a matter of days. One thing that will never go out of style is going to the grocery store. When we were young and our food supply had begun to run low mom and grandma would take inventory of the items that we needed and created a shopping list. “Sha:chu ach thaichu?” (What do we need?) Grandma asked. Mom and us kids had gone throughout the kitchen and took an inventory of food items that had been running low. Mom or our older sister responded with “Thaichu ach heg ba:bas!” (We need potatoes!). Grandma had taken a moment to make notes then she said. “Pegi, haschu e:p?” (Very well,

what else?) This went on for other food items such as “vi:b” (milk) “chuchul nonna” (chicken eggs) “nalas vadag” (orange juice) “koji chu:kug” (bacon). While this had been going on our big brother had been sent to our uncle’s home with a note that asked our uncle to take mom and grandma to the grocery store in his station wagon. As soon as uncle had pulled up in the front yard grandma said. “Tho vo:p!” (Let’s go!) When we had arrived at the grocery store grandma would say, “I beith heg kalith!” (Get the shopping cart!). Throughout the shopping visit grandma said “Hema be:in heg vi:b!” (Get the milk!). We went throughout the aisles of the grocery store and picked out the items we needed until our shopping cart was full. Once the groceries had been rung up, grandma asked mom “He’ekia namkig?” (How much does it cost?). Mom would then translate the dollar amount into Akimel O’otham. Grandma would then count out her “lial” (money) and paid for the groceries. Most O’otham these days pay with their debit, credit or EBT cards. The next time you plan on making a trip to the grocery store keep it in the language as much as possible. Speak



Photo Courtesy HHC Staff

**HHC staff with Language program participants pose for a group picture after finishing their session at the District 6 Learning Center on Dec. 6.**

**The vo:p am nolavthakuḍ wui! Match the O’otham Food Item with its Picture!**

*S-oam da:daidkam*

*Chu’i*

*Chichino i:vagga*

*Ko’kol*

*Mu:ñ*

*Ha:l*

*Thoma:di*



with your Elders about the O’otham names for food items and practice our lan-

guage every day. Our word match will challenge you to match the food items with

their picture!

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**Getting to Know the Youth Council Vice President**

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

Angel Raynaldo Ortiz, 17, is in his second year participating in the Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council and is serving as the 2017-2018 Vice-President. Ortiz is a senior at Coolidge High School and resides in the Blackwater Community but is originally from District 7.

“My time on youth council has been productive,” said Ortiz. “It’s about giving back to your community and being there for your people. The reason I ran for youth council was to take on the roots of my great-grandfather, Harry Cruye, he was a councilman for District 1.”

Ortiz feels that being a part of the youth council is a great stepping stone for what he plans to pursue as a career. After graduating high school this spring,

he is aspiring to attend the University of Arizona and major in political science. Upon completion, Ortiz would like to return to the Gila River Indian Community and at age 25, run for a council seat.

In his spare time, Ortiz is involved in a lot of extracurricular activities. Taking pride as a Maricopa Pee-Posh bird singer. He was a two-year member of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), spent time as an amateur boxer but most importantly serves as a community suicide awareness advocate.

Due to the loss of close individuals by suicide, Ortiz felt the need to be able to provide a voice and help those that might be struggling with personal issues. Especially, since suicide is on the rise and has been an issue within the community. Helping others is something that he

truly enjoys and thinks is important.

“I like helping people, I like helping my community and I like helping my tribe,” said Ortiz.

When it comes to role models, Ortiz looks to Muhammad Ali and his great-grandfathers, Cruye and Leland Hall. Because of his accomplishments and involvement in the youth council and the community, Hall gave his great-grandson the Pee-Posh name, Xomatizu.

During his first year on the youth council, Ortiz served as a District 1 representative and was the only Pee Posh member of the youth council at that time. Being culturally respectful, Ortiz learned how to sing in the O’otham language.

Moving forward, Ortiz knows that school is going to get tougher as he prepares to major in political science.



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

**Angel Ortiz talks about his term as the 2017-2018 AOPPYC Vice President.**

But knows that he is going to have to step up his game and never slack off as he chases his dreams.

Ortiz reiterated that his grandfathers, Hall and Cruye, have been

instrumental in helping him get to where he is today and are two individuals that he truly looks up to and is thankful for their support. Ortiz is the son of Tracey Colt and Larry Ortiz.

“I do my best to go out and serve the community and help my people because that is what I am there to do,” said Ortiz.

# Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Hosts Featured Speaker Allen Denoyer on January 31

**Dave Carney**  
Casa Grande Ruins  
National Monument

COOLIDGE, AZ – Casa Grande Ruins' annual speaker series continues January 31 through February 28, 2018. At noon on January 31, 2018 Casa Grande Ruins will host Allen Denoyer, who will present a lecture titled "Puddled Adobe House Construction". The speaker series will continue every Wednesday at noon through February 28.

Allen Denoyer has been working as a professional Archaeologist since the early 1990's. He has field experience throughout the Southwest and in the Rocky Mountain Region. In the Tucson Basin, Allen has worked on many of the sites that defined the Early Agricultural period in Southern Arizona.

Allen has also worked in the Rocky Mountain regions of Colorado, Utah, and especially Wyoming. Allen is a skilled replicator of ancient artifacts. He has been teaching Flintknapping, stone jewelry, and wood carving classes for Archaeology Southwest's Hands On Program, the last couple of years. His replicas are used in classrooms, universities, and for experimental archaeology projects.



In this Power Point presentation, Allen will talk about recent experimental work Archaeology Southwest participated in under his direction. The project entailed hand-construction of two Salado-style puddled adobe rooms. This is the same basic construction technique people used in building structures at Casa Grande Ruins.

This experimental project incorporated observations from excavations in the upper Gila River region of New Mexico. The construction work gave students a much better understanding of what they were excavating, and the excavation and construction together helped them understand ancient techniques and processes.

The program begins

at 12:00 pm in the Casa Grande Ruins visitor center theater at 1100 W Ruins Drive, Coolidge AZ, 85128. There is no fee for the program, but normal entrance fees apply.

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument protects the multi-story Great House (Casa Grande) and the remnants of other ancient structures built by the Ancestral Sonoran Desert

People over 800 years ago. Established as the nation's first federal archaeological reserve in 1892, the Ruins sparked the beginning of the archaeological preservation movement in America. The Monument is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., May through September, and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., October through April, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and In-

Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN dependence Day holidays. Directions and additional information are available on the Monument's website, <http://www.nps.gov/cagr>. You may call (520) 723-3172, or follow us on Facebook by searching for Casa Grande Ruins National Monument.

## Information Technology Support & Services

### Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) is an enterprise of the Gila River Indian Community (Community) that provides electric service within the Gila River Indian Community Reservation. The GRICUA office is located approximately 7 miles south of downtown Phoenix. GRICUA is seeking statements of qualifications from vendors who can provide full Information Technology

(IT) support and services to GRICUA. The support and services must include all of GRICUA's IT systems and controls located at three sites, GRICUA's Main Office, GRICUA's Warehouse and the GRTI COLO. Specifically, the support and services would cover all IT systems, services, software, hardware, staffing and support models.

GRICUA's network servers are at a COLO at GRTI located at 7065 W. Allison Rd, Chandler, AZ 85226, about 2 miles from GRICUA.

A pre-submittal conference will be held on January 23, 2018. Attendance at the pre-submittal conference is required in order for your organization to submit a Statement of Qualifications. Responses to the RFQ are due no later than February 12, 2018 at 2:00 PM. The complete RFQ can be found at [www.gricua.net/employment.html](http://www.gricua.net/employment.html). All formal inquiries must be submitted to Landrea Larney, Administrative Assistant, at [llarney@gricua.net](mailto:llarney@gricua.net) or by fax to 520-796-0672.

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**Testing for the Native Language Teacher Certification**

The Tribal Education Department will be administering a test for Community Members seeking certification from the Arizona Department of Education to teach the Akimel O'otham language.

**Thursday March 1, 2018**

**9:00am**

**Requirements:**

- At least 18 years of age
- Completed TED Application
- Copy of Tribal ID or Certificate of Indian Blood
- Valid Identity Verified Prints (IVP) Card
- Must be employed or have recently applied for employment with the Gila River Indian Community or an educational institute which services Gila River Indian Community Members
- \$60 Fee to be paid to the Arizona Department of Education

Contact Anthony Gray at the Tribal Education Department for more information

**Email: [Anthony.Gray@gric.nsn.us](mailto:Anthony.Gray@gric.nsn.us)**

**Tel: (520)562-3662**

**Deadline for TED application is Friday February 16th, 2018**



# 2018 Annual Casa Grande Cowboy Days and O'Odham Tash

## GRIN Submission

**Saturday, February 17 - Sunday, February 25**  
**Ed Hooper Rodeo Grounds | 2525 N. Pinal Ave.**

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 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](http://www.casagrandecowboydays.com).**

## Obituaries

**Messiah Amir Shane McKinney** of Sacaton Flats was born at Casa Grande Banner Hospital on December 30, 2017. He later died in Mesa, AZ on December 31, 2017. Messiah is the son of Christina McKinney of Sacaton Flats. Survivors include his two sisters Anayah, Aleija Thomas and brother Aiden Thomas all from Sacaton Flats, AZ. Maternal grandmother Rebecca Molina of Sacaton Flats,

AZ, great grandmother Armida Molina of Sacaton Flats and great great grandfather Estanislao Molina Sr. of Coolidge, AZ, paternal great grandparents Curtis Sr.

and Mary "Pearl" McKinney of Coolidge, AZ, uncles: Ricky Rodriguez, Tyran, Terrance and Reggie McKinney of Coolidge, AZ, Marquise McKinney of the state of Oregon, Davion Chaberria of Coolidge, AZ, including many great

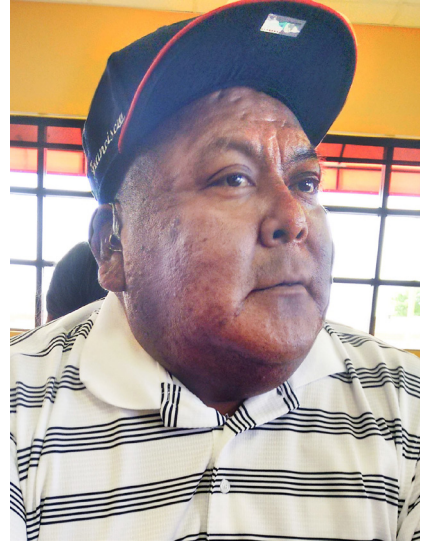
grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles. Messiah was preceded in the death of his grandfather Curtis McKinney, Jr. of Coolidge, AZ.

Rosary will be on Thursday January 11th, 2018 at Event Center in Sacaton Flats at 6:00pm. Funeral mass on January 12th 2018 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Sacaton Flats at 8:00am, burial will be at Sacaton Flats Catholic Cemetery.

**Donovan L. Francisco**, 48, Passed on December 29th, 2017 in Chandler, AZ.

Mr. Francisco was born on October 24th, 1969 in Sacaton to the late Clement Francisco and Sheila Wilson. He leaves behind his wife, Neida Koruh-Francisco, 4 daughters, Alyssa, Brianna, Tianna and Gabrielle Francisco, along with 2 step-children Adrian and Andrea Widehat, his mother, Sheila Wilson, a sister,

Frances Alvarez, a niece and a nephew, and many other loved ones. Wake will be from 6:00- 10:00 p.m. on January 12th at the St. Peters Indian Mission Feast House, followed by funeral services beginning at 8:00 a.m. on January 13th at the St. Peters Indian mission.



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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.

**Employment Opportunities**

**Classified Positions**

Job Title	Salary
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**

Job Title	Salary
1. 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	\$39,306.86-\$53,500.26 (DOE)
2. Early Child Hood Teacher	\$39,306.86-\$53,500.26 (DOE)
3. Science Teacher	\$39,306.86-\$53,500.26 (DOE)
4. Math Teacher	\$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.gccseagels.org](http://www.gccseagels.org) or contact Elizabeth Flores, Human Resource dept. 520-550-4834.

Thank you on behalf of Gila Crossing Community School

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March 2, 2018 Jr. Miss Gila River

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**FEBRUARY 2018 AMERICAN HEART HEALTH MONTH**

For more information on activities, contact the Diabetes Prevention Program: (520) 562-7940.

## D4 Ground-breaking

From page 1

Mendoza said, “We have a lot of people that I would like to acknowledge, because without their involvement, we wouldn’t be having this groundbreaking today.”

With the groundbreaking of the new multipurpose building, many District 4 members can now rejoice and have something they can say they helped plan.

Community spiritual caretaker Tim Terry offered a blessing on the land that will be the site of the new multipurpose building.

Terry said, before anything is done to the soil, it is customary for the people to ask for permission from Mother Earth to ensure that it will bring prosperity to its intended purpose.

He said the land has many meanings that go all the way back to the Community’s ancestors and that it is more than soil, but the history of those that came before us.

“It is important that we remember why we do these things for the land that

we are on,” said Terry, “It is really important that we take care of the earth [here] before we build anything to bring positive things.... knowing it has a unique purpose of serving the people in a good way.”

Lt. Governor Robert Stone was present to add remarks to the morning’s program.

“We thank all of those people involved in the project...It’s a community decision, it’s the people’s decision and to finally get where we are today breaking ground on this new facility,” said Stone.

He said the new multipurpose building is a positive sign for the members of District 4 and all the services that will be available to them.

“The whole purpose of a community is to have our leadership and to have our people work together over various things, including a building, which I see is a community coming together,” said Stone.

District 4 Council Representative Pamela Johnson hearkened back to her childhood growing up with her grandparents on the Tohono O’odham Nation in times



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**District 4 service center workers pose for a group picture at the site of the multipurpose building groundbreaking on Jan. 12.**

when infrastructure and amenities were limited.

She said communities like GRIC have come very far and is a blessing to see vital pieces of infrastructure become a reality for the people.

Several other guest speakers echoed the same enthusiasm for the new mul-

tipurpose building.

From former Lt. Governor Monica Antone and past District 4 council representative John Antone, each recognized the individuals that had a part in helping shape the projects key elements.

Monica said the district has come together to

from the executive committee, elders and former council representatives, they all played a crucial role that led to breaking ground on the project.

John said in retrospect to the plans he sees today, they have come a long way from what was envisioned by several years ago, while

he was on tribal council.

Monica said its about a district coming together to bring something that will benefit everyone in the Community.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Lt. Gov. Robert Stone provides remarks at the District 4 groundbreaking for the new multipurpose building on Jan. 12.**



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**District 4 Coordinator Christopher Mendoza talks about the new multipurpose building and what it will bring to the district when completed.**

# GRIC Transportation Department Hosts Public Meeting

## Press Release

Gila River Department of Transportation

The Gila River Indian Community’s Department of Transportation (DOT) will hold a Public Meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 from 4 pm to 7 pm and on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 3 pm to 5:50 pm at the Executive Ke’ Complex, Thai-Ai Conference Room located at 291 W. Casa Blanca Road in Sacaton, Arizona. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to notify the public of DOT’s intention to submit a 5311 Rural Transportation Program grant application for operations, maintenance and capital funding for

the Gila River Transit service.

Public notice is hereby made that Gila River Indian Community is applying for federal financial assistance to provide public transportation service as follows: deviated, fixed route service, operating weekdays from approximately 8 am to 4:30 pm, with service within Districts 3, 6 and 7.

Public notice is further made that Gila River Indian Community is also applying for federal financial assistance to purchase transit vehicles that will be used to provide public transportation services for the general public deviate, fixed route service within Districts 3, 6 and 7.

The transportation service will be available to the general public during all hours of operation. The project is expected to be financed by FTA Section 5311 Rural Program public transportation funds, with additional funds to be provided from Gila River Indian Community tribal funds. The total federal share of operating and capital projects is expected to be \$1,450,445.

Gila River Indian Community ensures that the level and quality of transportation service is provided without regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and with the Americans

with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For more information regarding our Title VI/ADA obligations or to file a complaint, please contact us at the address given below.

**Deborah Brunner  
GRIC Department  
of Transportation, PO  
Box 97, Sacaton, AZ  
85147  
(520) 562-6306 /  
deborah.brunner.  
dot@gric.nsn.us**

Human service agencies that receive assistance from other Federal agencies for non-emergency transportation services are encouraged to participate and coordi-

nate with the provider in the planning, design and delivery of transportation services. Agencies may obtain copies of the service description and submit proposals for service coordination. Private bus and taxi operators may request copies of the project service description from the above named person and may submit comments on the service as described.

If you wish to comment on any aspect of the proposed project, submit a proposal or a request for service coordination or request a public hearing on this project, you must make your interest known in writing fifteen calendar days of the date of this publication and

provide your comments within fifteen calendar days of your receipt of the project service description. Your requests and/or comments must be forwarded to the above person.

If any member of the public needs special ADA assistance or Limited English Proficiency (LEP) accommodations at the Public Meeting, notify the name given above at least 5 days in advance of the Public Meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to provide ADA assistance and/or to provide vital information to LEP individuals in the language requested.

*Gila River Indian Community Members:*

# Register to VOTE

**Registration to VOTE or make changes is NOW OPEN**

**ENDS: January 31, 2018, 5 pm**

for the upcoming  
**Gila River Indian Community**  
**SPECIAL Associate Judge & District #5 Community Council Election**  
**March 1, 2018**

**Contact your District Judge or Tribal Elections:**

Rhyan Jackson, D#1 Judge, 520-610-2111  
 Bertha S. Thomas, D#2 Judge, 520-610-8350  
 Hazel Lewis, D#3 Judge, 520-610-2222  
 Sharon Miguel, D#4 Judge, 520-610-0670  
 Gaynell Lopez, D#5 Judge, 520-709-9835  
 Lorina Allison, D#6 Judge, 480-318-1274  
 Brenda Parker, D#7 Judge, (602) 881-4105

Tribal Elections Office, 520-562-9735, 9758

**Please Note:**  
 We do not share the same data base with the Per Capita or Enrollment depts.; any changes you make at these departments, will not be reflected on your voter registration information.  
 Please update your VOTER registration status **TODAY**



*Gila River Indian Community*  
**SPECIAL 2018 ELECTION SCHEDULE**  
**ASSOCIATE JUDGE ELECTION (1 vacancy)**  
**& DISTRICT #5 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION (1 vacancy)**

DATE	EVENT
January 1, 2018	Community Council declares vacancy of Associate Judge seat & District Five Community Council seat
January 9, 2018	Declaration of Vacancy for Office of Associate Judge opens
January 2 - 17, 2018	The Senior Councilman of District 5 will call a district meeting for nominations at least 30 business days prior to the date of the special election. Notices for this nomination meeting must be posted 5 days prior to the meeting in at least 6 public places within the district.
January 24, 2018	DEADLINE to return DOC's for Office of Associate Judge DEADLINE to return NOC for District #5 Community Councilman vacancy (1 position)
January 25 - January 30, 2018	Time frame to route and return declaration/nomination forms to the Enrollment, Law Office and HR departments in order to ascertain qualifications of each Associate Judge and District #5 Community Council Candidate.
January 24, 2018	Election Board to verify residency requirements of each nominated/declared candidate.
January 31, 2018	<b>VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSURES</b> for the Special Associate Judge & District #5 Community Council election
February 7, 2018	Certification of Qualifications for the Associate Judge and District #5 Community Council candidates at the 1 <sup>st</sup> regular Community Council meeting in February
<b>MARCH 1, 2018</b>	<b>SPECIAL ASSOCIATE JUDGE &amp; DISTRICT FIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION</b>
<b>March 6, 2018</b>	Deadline: for any protest to this election to come forward. Protests must be filed in writing with the Election Board Chairperson by 5:00 p.m.
<b>March 14, 2018</b>	Special Community Council meeting to certify the March 1 <sup>st</sup> election results
<b>March 21, 2018</b>	Newly elected Associate Judge and District Five Community Council Representative to be sworn in and take their seats.

Any questions regarding this schedule call 520-562-9735 or 9758

# Get out the Vote!

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**Did you miss an aired local event or just want to see it again? Give us a call and we'll replay it for you!**

	Sunday 1/21	Monday 1/22	Tuesday 1/23	Wednesday 1/24	Thursday 1/25	Friday 1/26	Saturday 1/27
12:00pm	The New Creative India	Creative Native <i>Symbolism</i>	Creative Native <i>Quotes on a Paper</i>	<b>BARNABY B. LEWIS CULTURAL PRESENTATION</b>	Creative Native <i>The Quecha</i>	Creative Native <i>Baby Its You!</i>	The New Creative India
12:30pm	First Talk <i>Aborig. Economics</i>	First Talk <i>Nisga's Territory</i>	First Talk <i>Buffy St. Marie Part 1</i>	First Talk <i>Children's Hospital</i>	Indian Romance	First Talk <i>Racial Passing</i>	First Talk <i>Nisga's Territory</i>
1:00pm	Mirando Desde Nuestras Raices - Looking from Our Roots Amanecer/	Injunuity	Sheltered <i>Peru: The Journey Begins</i>	Kanie'keha: Living The Language <i>Personal and honest stories of the Mohawk language.</i>	Regaining Food <i>Sovereignty Relationship between history, health, tradition, culture and food.</i>	The Ball <i>Each culture celebrates the history of traditional games in contrasting societies.</i>	Song of the Drum: The Petroglyphs <i>Used as metaphors of the spirit quest or to help memorize</i>
1:30pm	<i>El Ultimo Trapichie</i>	Oreland C. Joe	Sheltered <i>Work Work - Don't Be Lazy</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>From Hand to Hand Pt1</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>From Hand to Hand Pt2</i>	Seasoned With Spirit <i>Return of the Buffalo</i>
2:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>Naxine Weaver</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>From Hand to Hand Pt1</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>From Hand to Hand Pt2</i>	Seasoned With Spirit <i>Return of the Buffalo</i>
2:30pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening <i>Welcome to Vitality</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Northern Garden</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>History of Aborig. Culture</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Seed Saving</i>	Vitality Gardening	Working It Out Together <i>Inside Out</i>
3:00pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Vitality Health <i>Fitness Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Diabetes Mgmt Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Spirituality Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Nutrition Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Health Mgmt Day</i>	Sivummut
3:30pm	Urban Native Girl <i>Into Arms of Community</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>
4:00pm	Aztec: Pyramids of War <i>The rise and fall of one of the most remarkable civilizations.</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Inside Out</i>	Indian Pride <i>Traditions &amp; Celebrations</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders: Out The Back	Storytellers in Motion	Making Regalia
4:30pm		Sivummut	Aboriginal Adventures	Common Ground		On Native Ground: Youth Report	Common Ground
5:00pm	Aztec: Pyramids of War <i>The rise and fall of one of the most remarkable civilizations.</i>	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders: Out The Back
5:30pm		Native Report	People of the Pines <i>Legacy of Casinos</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Contact to Colonization</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	
6:00pm	Injunuity	Sheltered <i>Peru: The Journey Begins</i>	Kanie'keha: Living The Language <i>Personal and honest stories of the Mohawk language.</i>	Regaining Food <i>Sovereignty Relationship between history, health, tradition, culture and food.</i>	The Ball <i>Each culture celebrates the history of traditional games in contrasting societies.</i>	Song of Drum: The Petroglyph <i>Dabiyiyuu Bear Hunter</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Ollie &amp; Emma 2</i>
6:30pm	Oreland C. Joe	Sheltered <i>Work Work - Don't Be Lazy</i>	Language <i>Personal and honest stories of the Mohawk language.</i>	Sovereignty <i>Relationship between history, health, tradition, culture and food.</i>	Each culture celebrates the history of traditional games in contrasting societies.	Dabiyiyuu <i>Bear Hunter</i>	Charlie Makes A Drum
7:00pm	Native Voice TV <i>Tony Redhouse 2</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>	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>The Ways of the Quiet</i>	Wapos Bay <i>World According to Devon</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Catch The Spirit</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Partic-Inaction</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Wapos Falcon</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Last Minute Preps</i>
8:30pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Fish Out of Water <i>Xa:Ytem</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Fish Out of Water <i>Saskatchewa</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>
9:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Tama Tu</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Urban Native Girl <i>End Is Just A Starting</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Charlie Makes A Drum</i>	Native Shorts <i>Tama Tu</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Mixed Blessings <i>Baby on the Way</i>
9:30pm	<b>WAILAFEST 2017</b>	Indians and Aliens	Hit The Ice <i>Last Minute Preps</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Ollie &amp; Emma 2</i>	Rez Rides <i>Going National</i>	<b>2017 LIGHT PARADE</b>	Moose T.V. <i>Charlie Makes A Drum</i>
10:00pm		Buffy St. Marie <i>One of the most influential Aboriginal figures in recent historic times.</i>	Deep Time <i>Casts the ongoing boom in the context of paleo-cycles, climate change, and the dark ecology of the future.</i>	Irezumi, The Japanese Art of Tattooing <i>The exclusivity of few who perpetuate the tradition.</i>	Cousins Across The Sea <i>Skeletons of New Zealand Part 1</i>	When I Hear Thunder <i>Finds the tradition of boxing intact on reservations across AZ.</i>	The Tundra Book <i>A rare glimpse into a community determined to preserve it's ancient cultures and traditions.</i>
10:30pm	A Thousand Suns						
11:00pm	Reggae Got Soul <i>The never-before-told story of one of the most influential artists from Jamaica, Toots Hibbert.</i>	<b>2017 PEARL HARBOR DAY event at Huhugam Heritage Center.</b>		Nunavik: Land of Ice <i>A people who had to confront and adapt to rapid changes for nearly a century.</i>	Smokin' Fish <i>One man's attempt to navigate between the modern world and an ancient culture.</i>		
11:30pm			Gold Fever			Pete & Cleo	

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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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## ACTION SHEET

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## CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, January 3, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:16 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Janice Stewart

## ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman (9:26), Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Robert Stone; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans (9:17)

Council Members Absent:

D3- Carolyn Williams; D4-Jennifer Allison; D5- Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr., VACANCY; D7-Devin Redbird

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Gila River Health Care Introduction of Samuel Gibson, The Caring House Administrator

Presenter: Scott Gemberling

MR. SCOTT GEMBERLING INTRODUCED MR. SAMUEL GIBSON. MR. GIBSON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND EXPRESSED CONCERNS.

## REPORTS

1. Gila River Health Care FY17 Tobacco Tax Annual Report

Presenters: Scott Gemberling & Gila River Health Care Representatives

## REPORT HEARD

2. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) - Tribal Health Department

Presenter: Christina Floyd

## TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) – Elderly Nutrition, Elderly Services Program, Nutrition Assistance and Tribal Recreation

Presenter: Joanne Miles-Long

## TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 – September 2017) – Office of Emergency Management

Presenter: Robert DeLeon

## REPORT HEARD

5. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 – September 2017) – Office of the Prosecutor

Presenter: M. Lando Voyales

## REPORT HEARD

6. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 – September 2017) – Tribal Elections Program

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

## REPORT HEARD

7. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 – September 2017) – Gila River Police Department

Presenter: Kathleen Elliot

## REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:33 A.M.]

8. FY 2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) – Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO)

Presenter: Barnaby V. Lewis

## REPORT HEARD

9. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) – Cultural Resource Management Program (CRMP)

Presenter: Kyle Woodson

## REPORT HEARD

10. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) – Huhugam Heritage Center (HHC)

Presenter: Shirley Jackson

## REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report For November 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel & Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

## REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community Council For November 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

## REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 1-HOUR LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:28 P.M.]

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Fire Prevention Fee Schedule (LSC forwards to Council with corrections with a recommendation for approval EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

## APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Building Safety Division Revised Fee Schedule (LSC forwards to Council with amendments with a recommendation for approval EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

## APPROVED

3. 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

## TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## ORDINANCES

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update of the Land Purchase Program at WHP Motorsports Park (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward the Office Of General Counsel memorandum with recommendation to follow the strategy of Sun Valley, WHPDA and the Office of General Counsel set forth in the memorandum, NRSC and EDSC concur)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RECOMMEND

2. ASU AIPI Economic Development Study (EDSC forwards the cover letter to Council with a recommendation to have a Special Council Meeting on January 18, 2018 or February 2, 2018)

Presenters: Dale Gutenson, WHPDA Board of Directors

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HOLD A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 2, 2018

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee Member Letter Of Resignation (G&MSC motioned to accept the letter of resignation and to forward to Council for approval and to declare the vacancy)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND OPEN THE VACANCY TO BE FILLED ON JANUARY 17, 2018

2. Letter of Resignation (EDSC accepts the letter of

resignation and forwards to Council for approval and declaration of vacancy)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND OPEN THE VACANCY TO BE FILLED ON JANUARY 17, 2018

3. Letter Of Request For Equipment (G&MSC motioned to authorize Lt. Governor to purchase the three (3) items)

Presenter: Lt. Governor Monica Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF REQUEST AS PRESENTED AND APPROVED

BY GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY'S OFFICE TO INCLUDE

THE GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR WITHIN THE DISPOSITION POLICY

4. Letter Of Request For Vehicle Acquisition & Disposal (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council for Consideration)

Presenter: Lt. Governor Monica Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE VEHICLE AT THE PRICE OF \$3,000 AS IS

5. Invitation to Participate In Feasibility Study Of A High School At St. John The Baptist In District 6 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council for consideration and approval of an invitation to participate in a feasibility study for a high school at St. John the Baptist in District Six. Further, Ruotolo Associates will be available January 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm in Council Secretary's Office, ESC concurs)

Presenter: Fr. Antony Tinker

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO PROCESS AND MOVE FORWARD

6.P-MIP to Conduct Test Wells on Tribal Lands within District 1-5 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

7. Blackwater School Final Space Allocation (G&MSC motioned to approve and to have Governor Stephen Lewis sign the agreement and forwards to Council under New Business; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Governor Stephen R. Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS FYI

8. SRP's Request for new ROW for 115kV Line (Executive Session) (EDSC concurs with NRSC)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OGC

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

## MINUTES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

> PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE MARTHA PETE FAMILY

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE MARTIN LARA FAMILY

>LIE IN STATE FOR GOVERNOR WILLIAM R. RHODES, JANUARY 5, 2018, 2PM-5PM

## ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:34 P.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

# Tribes Legislative Day 2018

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Tribal leaders from across the state of Arizona attended 23rd Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the Arizona State Capitol on Jan. 10.

The day long event was an opportunity for American Indian communities to get to know their state legislature and show how meetings are held concerning important matters to tribes.

Senate President Steven Yarbrough welcomed the gathering of tribes expressing his appreciation for attending the tribal legislative day.

In speaking to the attendees, Yarbrough said the House of Representatives and Senate appreciated the time and effort that it took for the visitors to travel to the state

capitol for the event. Under Arizona Revised Statutes A.R.S. § 41-2053, the Office on Tribal Relations, along with tribal communities from across the state, host the annual event on a Wednesday during the first week of each regular legislative session.

The sharing of culture and history are just some of the reasons tribes are recognized at the legislation day and is an opportunity for tribes to share ideas on health, agriculture and economic development.

With a few opening remarks Yarbrough, said it was a day for talking, listening and learning about the rich history of the indigenous peoples of Arizona.

Speaker Pro Tempore for the House of Representatives Thomas Shope said

the partnerships between the state and the tribes benefit all of the state of Arizona and its citizens.

He said they are responsible for thousands of jobs and billions of dollars generated by tribal gaming, which have helped improve the state's economy.

As sovereign nations, Tribal Nations and Communities are relevant and major contributors to local economies and share a unique government-to-government relationship with the State of Arizona and the United States federal government. We hope that you take the opportunity to learn from tribal and state officials during this important event.

Shope said as a state representative, it is important to maintain relationships with tribes that fall under

their legislative districts and to be aware of the issues they face.

He recognized the Community, which falls within the Pinal County boundary of the 8th Legislative District, lauding GRIC for many of its partnerships with the surrounding cities.

Throughout the day there were information booths from local universities and tribal communities offering attendees a look at

the opportunities that are available to them.

On the agenda three guest speakers were tribal leader leaders from across the state during the joint protocol session that was held.

Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairwomen Jane Winiecki talked about the successes of her tribes in gaming operations, while Tohono O'odham Nation President Edward Manuel

focused on the importance of government-to-government relations. The Last speaker, Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye said Arizona tribes should be included in the decisions made at the state level and that tribes have a lot to offer in terms of economic opportunity and growth for the state.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Left: Former White Mountain Apache Tribe Chairman Ronnie Lupe is recognized for his years of service in tribal leadership at the 23rd Annual Tribes Legislative day on Jan 10. Lupe has been a champion for many causes within his community, advocating for water rights the tribe.**



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Left: Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairwomen Jane Winiecki speaks at tribes legislative day on Jan 10. Winiecki talked about the success of tribal gaming in her community and how it has benefited them economically.**



Photo Courtesy Executive Staff

**From left: House member T.J. Shope, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, house member Rebecca Rios at tribes legislative day event on Jan 10.**

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