



Community members dance one final song as the sun starts to rise during the O'otham New Year Celebration on June 24. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

O'OTHAM NEW YEAR

Social Gathering recognizes summer solstice

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

A large number of Community members came together for an all-night celebration of dancing and singing starting the evening of Saturday, June 23, and continuing until sunrise on Sunday. The celebration marks the changing of seasons and the social gathering is now celebrated as "O'otham New Year."

O'otham New Year is not a holiday in the western sense of the word but rather a time when the O'otham recognize the summer solstice; monsoon storms on the horizon and the ripening and harvesting of baithaj.

"It's the time when monsoons would be coming, the rain was coming and people would be socializing," said Barnaby V. Lewis, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer "People dance and singers come to sing. This year we had a lot of people and a lot of people stayed until sunrise and that was good."

Lewis is a regular singer at the annual event and said he

was very pleased with the increased participation from previous years.

"I tell people that when they come and participate in cultural events they grow within their hearts and their minds, with their himdag," said Lewis.

"We are all related, one family of O'otham."
- Barnaby V. Lewis, THPO

is. "It connects them with their ancestral ways, their ancestral teachings and generates pride in being O'otham."

Before the chudt began, a thoka tournament featuring 12 teams took place just outside of the cultural circle near the fairgrounds. The first few songs of the evening showcased the many different basket dancing groups from the Community coming together.

Throughout the course of the night, the singers sang over 150 songs from the morning star song, macaw song, black-bird song, swallow song and

many more. Lewis said that while the songs don't have an official name, the now adopted names come from the stories that the songs tell.

This year, Lewis was surprised to be joined by a group of singers led by Michael Enos from the Tohono O'odham Nation. Additionally, joining the celebration was royalty from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

"We are all related, one family of O'otham," said Lewis. "We may not be identical but very similar. The singers were always honored to come and participate, to offer their songs as part of the social gathering."

Just before the sun rose over the San Tan Mountains a giveaway dance took place and the event ended one song later when everyone in attendance danced in a spiral formation around the singers just as the sun was rising.

Following the dancing, participants were invited near the dying fire for a traditional blessing before embarking on their journey into the new year.

GRIC Tribal Historic Preservation Officer appointed to NAGPRA Review Committee by Sec. Zinke

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The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) announced the appointments of three new members to the Native Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Review Committee including Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), Barnaby V. Lewis. The Review Committee was established by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA), and according to a DOI press release the committee, "monitors, reviews, and assists in the implementation of certain requirements of the Act."

Along with Lewis, the DOI announced the appointment of John Beaver, Muscogee (Creek)

Nation of Oklahoma, and Honor K. Keeler of the Cherokee Nation.

"I am grateful that John, Honor and Barnaby have agreed to serve on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee," said Ryan K. Zinke, Secretary of the Interior.

Zinke also sent a letter in May to Lewis informing him of the appointment.

The Review Committee consists of seven members and according to the July 2016 DOI Federal Register Notice of Nomination Solicitation, "Three members are appointed from nominations submitted by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian or-

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Baithaj harvest



Ku'ipad is used to take down a baithaj fruit. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

To usher in the O'otham New Year, a Baithaj harvest took place on a hillside just west of Sacaton on June 15.

With the glow of the morning sun just over the horizon, youth from the Gila River Indian Community and sister O'otham tribes went to work to harvest the delicious cactus fruit.

Each year the baithaj harvest is done around the time of the O'otham New Year during the summer solstice.

A ripe cactus fruit, the baithaj, is plucked from the towering desert giants, the Saguaro

cactus. This year, Antonio Davis led a group of youth out to a patch of desert filled with saguaro cactus and the highly sought-after fruit.

There are few things to know about the baithaj: In its affixed form while on the cactus, it is referred to as baithaj.

It is referred to as Baithaj after the fruit has been brought down from the saguaro cactus. The harvest isn't done out of personal gain, but for all of the O'otham, and to welcome the rain and other nourishment to the land.

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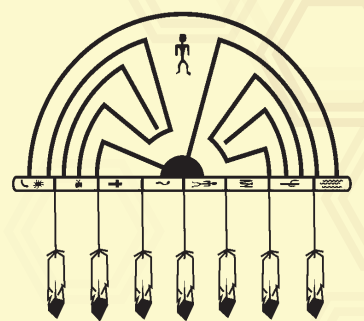
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Student intern joins GRIN for summer employment



Aeneas Antone is a student at Chandler Hamilton High School in Chandler, Arizona. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Hi my name is Aeneas Antone and I am interning at the Gila River Indian News. I am 14-years-old. I attend Hamilton

Gila River Indian News. I am 14-years-old. I attend Hamilton High School in Chandler, Arizona. I'll be a sophomore. My parents are Willard Antone III and Natasha Antone. My father is well known around the Community and most people know him by his nickname, "Hops."

ASU hosts Tribal Leaders Panel at 2018 INSPIRE Program

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Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis took part in an Arizona State University college readiness program for Native high school students.

On June 19, Gov. Lewis was joined by Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Vice President Martin Harvier and Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona Executive Maria Dadger for a tribal leadership panel during the INSPIRE Summer bridge program.

The discussion focused on the responsibility of being a tribal leader and Dadger's role as an administrator for a major Native health agency that serves 21 tribes across Arizona.

Gov. Lewis said as a tribal leader, you don't always think of the "now," but of the future generations and the decisions, that will impact them after your term in office.

He encouraged the high school students to seek out mentors if they need guidance when making decisions that will determine their future.

"Mentors play a very important role, whether it's a teacher, a traditional leader of your tribe, or church member, or family member, they are important figures in your life," said Lewis.

He said, "It's also important to maintain those ties to your community, just like with the Community we would like [those] members to come back to use their degree to serve our people."

Vice President Harvier echoed Lewis' remarks on the importance of obtaining a college

education.

He said it is an important step towards giving back to your community, because it prepares you for a potential role in a leadership position and to develop an identity that you can stand behind.

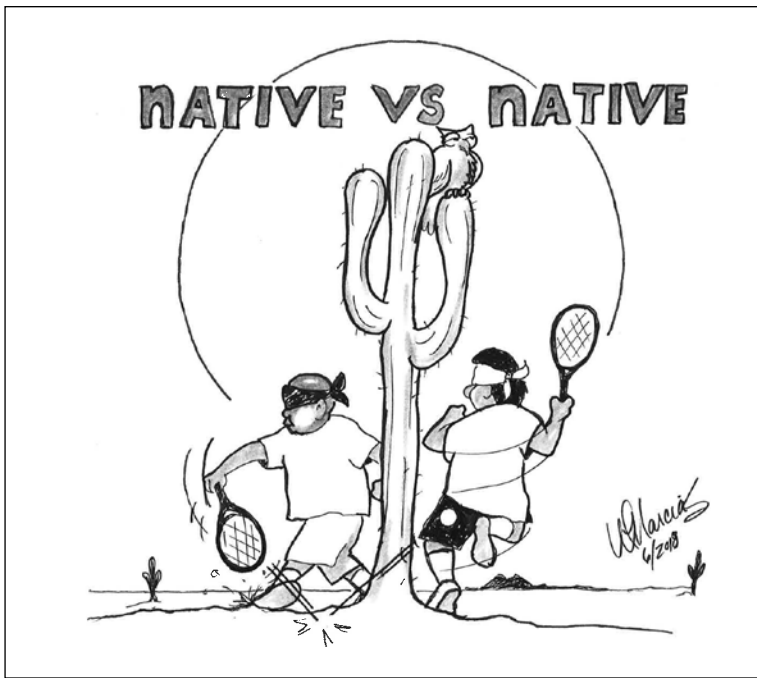
"I encourage you to get all the education that you can," said Harvier, "I encourage every one of you to strive towards being the person you want to be."

A member of the Piscataway Indian Nation, Dadger said being responsible for running a major policy center like ITCA, requires being open to ideas and contributing to as a whole to combat some of the most pressing issues Arizona tribes face today.

"I always try to use these three words as my keywords, which is my framework for getting things done, focus, planning and outcomes," said Dadger.

Part of ITCA's role, Dadger said, is to advocate for important services, working with tribal leaders and health directors as a community partner.

As an advocate Dadger educates and communicates import-



A characteristic of mine is that I love all animals. I have one dog and two fish at home. My dog's name is Missy and my two fish are named Abu and Swim Shady.

My hobbies include playing games, hanging out with friends, making art through Adobe Illustrator, and spending time with my family.

I have met so many great friends through a program I am in called Advancement Via Individual Determination or AVID. It is a college prep program that will help me get into college and help me get scholarships for college. I haven't decided completely on the career path that I want to go down; however, I do have some ideas in mind. Depending on my

decision in a career, I would either like to go to the University of Wisconsin or Arizona State University. I am deciding between a veterinarian, a writer, or a salesman as a career.

My goals are to graduate high school and get into college. Afterwards, I want to graduate from college to jump straight into my job. Some might say my goals are too big; however, I will try to achieve my goals with the support from everyone around me. I'm surrounded with people that push me to do my best and encourage me to keep trying even if I fail. After all, what's a good life without family and friends to make you happy? Thank you for reading my biography.



From left: Maria Dadger, Gov. Lewis and SRPMIC Vice President Martin Harvier were guest presenters on the INSPIRE tribal leaders panel on June 19. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

ant issues to state policy makers.

Lewis said being in the position of a tribal governor is about creating the next generation of young leaders that will take on important roles to move the Community forward.

"When you speak up, you stand for what your people are in

need of, you have to be committed to whatever their concerns are as well," said Lewis.

The INSPIRE program was from Sunday to Friday and took the students on a tour of the many colleges and the degree programs offered through ASU.

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Gila Crossing students get day of science at Camp Amazon STEM Program

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Gila River Indian News

Students from Gila Crossing Community School toured a facility used at the fulfillment center from one of the world's largest online retailers on June 20.

Over 40 students took part in the first ever Camp Amazon, which is based on Science Technology Engineering and Math.

The camp activity was held at the west Phoenix Amazon Fulfillment Center, and was made possible through a collaboration with the GRIC and the Science Foundation Arizona.

Science Foundation Arizona Director of Education Linda Coyle said the collaboration between her organization and the Community is part of the Native American Code Writers program.

The collaboration focuses on STEM education and computer science, which is meant to provide students with opportunities to learn about the two fields and possibly think of it as a career later on.

Amazon Fulfillment Center General Manager Matthew High said the Camp Amazon it is about giving back to the local community.

"At Amazon, we tried to do as many things as possible with the local community, so with Gila Crossing Community School we see a lot of them go through Cesar Chavez

High School."

Amazon uses the camp to build relations with the Community by introducing students to the technology used at the fulfillment center.

"This is the first time we've done it in Arizona, so this is our go at it to see how we can continue to inspire students, especially local students in the STEM field," said High, "The cool part about it, we think of the fulfillment center as kind of that behind-the-curtain where the magic happens."

Walking through the facility, the students made their way through the cavernous isles of shelves and conveyor belts that move items purchased online towards their destination as they shipped off from the facility.

After touring the facility, the students had a mini robotics demonstration exercise, where they were able to remotely operate a robotic arm similar to the one used at the fulfillment center to move plastic tubs used to sort merchandise.

During the exercise students from the Cesar Chavez High School Robotics Club assisted the Gila Crossing students in operating the mini robotic arms.

High said, "I think robotics is definitely an area that is kind of new and exciting, but as an engineer or scientist you use a lot of critical thinking and problem solving."



Students from Gila Crossing Community School participate in Camp Amazon on June 20. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Cesar Chavez sophomore Jacob Isiah Melford Barehand, from District 6 was interviewed on camera by Channel 10 news about his participation in Camp Amazon.

"It feels really great, it's an honor to be on TV and tell them about how I am doing here and the things that I am doing at school with robotics and stuff," said Barehand.

Lucio Acuna, another sophomore at Cesar Chavez said it was cool to be able to teach the younger students that came from the school he attended in the Community.

"It's honestly an honor to help teach these kids from the school that I came



Gila Crossing Community School students learn how to operate a robotic arm at Camp Amazon. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

from and show them how I made this by hand and how tough it was to make it and the wiring and stuff," said

Acuna. The whole morning of activities is meant to demonstrate how STEM

is incorporated into real world applications, like the Amazon fulfillment center.

Tribal Education holds Graduation Recognition Banquet for GRIC grads



Family joined the graduates at the recognition banquet on June 15. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

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Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community and the Tribal Education Department called on the 2018 graduates for one more night of appreciation at the Graduation Recognition Banquet held at the Boys & Girls Club in Sacaton on June 15. The graduates from high school, college and vocational schools, along with their families, were honored with a dinner, raf-

fle and certificates. In his remarks, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said "[The class of 2018] shows that we are growing an educated generation of Community members with their degrees, with expertise that we need in the Community."

Gov. Lewis also discussed how the educational needs in the Community are being addressed with updates about the new Gila Crossing Community School campus. "For the first time in years, in

decades, the Community is building a new school," he said. The school breaks ground this July.

The banquet began with a procession of all the graduates in attendance followed by a blessing from the GRIC Culture and Language Teacher cohort.

Following the meal, Pete Sabori, a recent graduate from the University of Arizona College of Law, gave the keynote address. He talked about his experiences in law school and the



Gov. Lewis congratulates Breedra Lewis at the banquet on June 15. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

things he learned outside the classroom. "I couldn't have done this without the Community and Student Services," said Sabori.

Sienna Whittington, Project Manager for the Native Youth Community Project, then read a list of names of individuals to receive their certificates. Tribal Education Department Director Isaac Salcido, along with Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone congratulated the students.

Lt. Gov. Stone closed out the evening with a final address. Stone said he was impressed by all the stu-

dents. "When we have a whole house of graduates...we are doing something right."

Skyline Gila River Schools CLASS OF 2018

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| 1. Jered Lewis | 8. Micheal Brown |
| 2. Mary Antone | 9. Sayla Marrietta |
| 3. Sarah Antone | 10. Armondo Jose |
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Gila River Police Department Incident Logs



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

Incident Log
June 10-16, 2018

Calls for services this week: 639
Arrest made: 77

District One- (Blackwater):

Weapon – The police department was notified of a shooting which occurred at the emergency housing parking lot on Friday night. The suspect vehicle was a described as a white SUV that was seen shooting at a male in the area. It is believe that a tenant at the emergency unit is a suspect. Pictures and casings were processed and placed into evidence.

Status: On-going investigation

District Two – (Sacaton Flats):

No Incidents involving Part 1 Crime

District Three – (Sacaton):

Theft – The victim reported her son’s bicycle was stolen from the carport area of their home. The victim stated there were no identifying markings, and did not have the serial numbers to the bike. The bike has not been seen since it was taken though Officers are currently following up while on patrol.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to an office in Sacaton in reference to a theft. The victim reported the suspect took money that had been placed on a desk. Contact was made with the victim who gave officers the name of who they believed was the suspect. Officers have spoken to the suspect and charges are being forwarded to the law office for review.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched in reference to two bicycles being stolen. The victim reported the two suspects were headed down Seed Farm Rd from Cholla Rd. One of the male juvenile suspects was located and the other did not

stop when officers directed them to stop. Both suspects were located and arrested for the theft. The bicycles were returned to the victim and the victim wished to press charges. Both male juveniles were booked into JDRS.

Status: Juveniles were arrested

District Four – (Sto-tonic Area):

Burglary – Officers were dispatched regarding a call for service involving a burglary. The reporting party/victim stated that the suspect entered the home through an unlocked door and took the victim’s purse. The suspect stated that they were there for another person, whom the victim stated money was owed to the person. The male suspect then left the residence with the victims’ purse running into the desert. The purse was found a short time later down the road. The suspect was not located.

Status: On-going investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a female that became upset over family issues. The suspect was described as possibly having a black

long barrel rifle in her possession. When officers attempted to make contact with the suspect she ran into the residence and refused to come out. The suspect exited the residence after announcing several commands to come out. The two victims reported that the suspect was down on one knee aiming the weapon at the victims. The weapon was recovered. The weapon was taken and booked into evidence.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into DRS

Auto Theft– The victim called the police department to report her vehicle stolen. Upon further investigation it was discover the vehicle was stolen from Wild Horse Pass Casino.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft– Officers were dispatched to a work site in reference to a stolen wallet. Contact was made with the victim, who stated after leaving the male locker room he realized he left his wallet behind. When he returned to the locker room he discovered his wallet was now gone.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft– Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet in refer-

ence to a theft. Investigation revealed the reporting party was unloading boxes for a store when a male subject began to talk to the reporting party. When the male subject left the reporting party observed a box was now missing which had been set by the door. The box contained a significant value of clothing for the store. Security was contacted but did not see any suspicious persons carrying the box.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No Incidents involving Part 1 Crime

District Six (Komat-ke):

Theft – 18-03238 The victim reported her mail was taken which included a check. It was reported to the police a family member/suspect forced their way through the door and took the mail.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – While at the District Six Service Center, the victim left her lunch box on a counter and walked away. A male suspect was then observed taking the lunch box and leaving the area.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

Incident Log
June 17-23, 2018

Calls for services this week: 652

Arrest made: 70

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – Two subjects arrived at a residence and pointed a shotgun at one of the victim’s and demanded to speak to the second victim. When the second victim ran from the residence, the two suspects ran after him and fired the shotgun. The second victim hid in the desert and was later located unharmed by police. Two shotgun shells were located and entered into evidence.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – Officers were responding to an auto theft when information was received of a vehicle matching the description had been located in a canal. Upon arrival to the vehicles location, the vehicle was

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2:30pm	Urban Native Girl <i>Should I Stay or Go?</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit <i>Sean Couchie</i>	From The Spirit <i>April Mercedi</i>	From The Spirit <i>John Rombough</i>	From The Spirit <i>Aaron Paquette</i>	People of the Pines <i>World of Serrano</i>	
3:00pm	Medicine Game <i>Remarkable journey of two bros driven to beat the odds and play lacrosse.</i>	Native Planet-Manitoba <i>Indigenous communities passionately defending their way of life.</i>	Indian Pride <i>Spirituality</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders- Life on Crater Rim <i>A family of penguin farmers and a rubber-burning botanist.</i>	Storytellers in Motion <i>Mr. Tapwe w/Doug</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
3:30pm	2017 YOUTH CONFERENCE SPEAKERS: TIM TERRY and BEN SMILEY	First Talk <i>Easy Workout</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Children of the Desert	
4:00pm		Behind The Brush	First Talk <i>Women In Power</i>	First Talk <i>Reality of Modeling</i>	People of the Pines <i>Crossroads</i>	First Talk <i>Aboriginal Economics</i>	The New Zealanders- Life on Crater Rim <i>A family of penguin farmers and a rubber-burning botanist.</i>	
4:30pm	Journey of Hope <i>Some of the youth's needs, dreams and hopes and share encouraging prayers.</i>	Lived History: The Story of Wind River FNX Now Block	People of the Pines <i>Reservation and Survival</i>	Making Regalia <i>How to Make Jingle Dress</i>	People of the Pines <i>Crossroads</i>	Native Report		
5:00pm			2018 MUL CHA THA CROWD ROLL	Season of a Navajo <i>Kinship, gender and age roles, ecology, philosophy, religion, domestic space,</i>	First People of Kumeyaay <i>People who's heritage that goes back, in their words, "to the beginning of time."</i>	2018 MUL CHA THA PARADE	Indigenous Focus <i>Wildlife Warehouse</i>	
5:30pm				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>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	
6:00pm	Native Voice TV <i>Tony Redhouse 2017</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>	Wapos Bay <i>Something to Remember</i>	
6:30pm	The New Creative India		The New Creative India	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	Wassaja	Sharing Circle <i>Re-Learning Our Ways</i>	Wild Archeology <i>Turtle Island</i>	
7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Crab Fishing-New Castle</i>	Dabiyiyuu <i>The Sled Maker</i>					Hit The Ice <i>High Hopes</i>	
7:30pm	Toa Hunter Gatherer	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Fish Out of Water <i>Hay River Dene</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Oujebougomou</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Kahnawekka</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Navajo Village Heritage</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Metis Crossing</i>	
8:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Wapawekka</i>	Wild Archaeology <i>Turtle Island</i>	Urban Native Girl <i>Land Title-Game Changer</i>	Kvcarts <i>Audiopharmacy Part 2</i>	Native Shorts <i>Wapawekka</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
8:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Indians and Aliens <i>Mabel Sam</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	The Aux	Moose T.V. <i>Charlie Makes A Drum</i>	
9:00pm	The Aux	Aztecs: Pyramids of War <i>From their giant carved stone heads to the pyramids of the moon and sun at Teotihuacan, the Aztecs were inheritors of thousands years of indigenous culture.</i>	Deep Time <i>Casts the ongoing boom in the context of paleo-cycles, climate change, and the dark ecology of the future.</i>	The Human Effect <i>Finding balance and living in peace in harmony with environment & each other.</i>	First Nations Comedy Experience <i>Miguel Fierro, Will Spottedbear, Laura</i>	Standing on Sacred Ground <i>Profit & Loss</i>	The Lesser Blessed <i>A teen (Joel Nathan Evans) from Canada's Ticho tribe tries to rise above the drugs and violence that threaten to pull him down.</i>	
9:30pm	2016 CASA GRANDE ALL INDIAN RODEO		Arkansas's First People <i>Unique perspectives on American Indian cultural legacy, archaeological data, and interviews with modern tribal representatives.</i>	Songs of the Drum: The Petroglyphs of Maine	LaDonna Harris: Indian 101 <i>Civil rights, world peace, environmental and women's rights,</i>	Rhymes for Young Ghouls <i>By government decree, every Indian child under 16 years old must attend residential school.</i>	2015 & 2017 WAILA FESTIVALS	
10:00pm				Finding My Talk <i>The tireless efforts of many individuals promoting, reviving and preserving the Aboriginal language usage.</i>	Alaska Tribes <i>The history of that path and the impacts federal laws and policies have had on Alaska Native people.</i>	Beyond Recognition		
10:30pm								
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11:30pm	2016 O'ODHAM TASH PARADE	American Outrage <i>Why is the US gov't persecuting two elderly women grazing horses & cows in a desolate desert?</i>						

FROM THE FRONT PAGE: NAGPRA APPOINTEE

ganizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders.”

Lewis will serve a four-year term.

After the nomination was announced, the Four Southern Tribes Cultural Resources Working Group, which consists of GRIC, the Tohono O’odham Nation, Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, met in August of 2016 and agreed to submit formal letters in support of Lewis’ nomination.

The letters cited Lewis’ experience in NAGPRA compliance and his qualifications as a traditional religious leader.

Lewis is a GRIC member and started as a Cultural Resource Specialist with the Cultural Resource Management Program in 1998. The THPO oversees all NAGPRA related activities and repatriations on behalf of the Community and coordination of reburial.

Reylynne Williams, Cultural Resource Specialist, said that the four

southern tribes have wanted representation on the committee for several years. Lewis was previously nominated in 2008. Williams said it is important to have someone from this area, “who can speak to our concerns and who can address concerns relating to NAGPRA.”

Those concerns deal with the return of ancestral remains or cultural objects back to the tribes nationwide.

Lewis said the Community has been, “successful in bringing ancestors home from Idaho, California, North Carolina, Rhode Island, New York and even Maine.”

Lewis said it is their number one priority to bring everybody home. “It’s with great respect that we attend to these matters on behalf of the people. It’s an honorable responsibility that we have and we still continue to pursue every legal action possible to bring all the ancestors home.”

The Community is currently seeking remains

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observed to be lying in the canal on its side. The victim stated she did not know who would want take her car.

Status: Pending further investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect committed aggravated assault and disorderly conduct against the victim after assaulting them numerous times to the face, head and body. The individual also retrieved a knife and made a statement about killing them prior to going to sleep. The suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Status: Suspect was booked into DRS

District Three- (Sacaton):

Theft – The victim reported that the suspect would not give back his tools. The suspect was identified and the officers are conducting follow up.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to one of the food stands located in the Sacaton area. The victim reported that her booth was broken into and all the soda left in the booth was taken. The metal security door was loose and there were no witnesses of the incident.

Status: Closed

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – A dispute occurred while in the vehicle between the victim and the suspect, who are siblings. During the dispute, the suspect drove away from the residence at which point they struck the victim with the vehicle. The suspect was gone prior to officer but was later located.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

Burglary – The reporting party called to report his uncle’s house was broken into sometime during the night. The front door showed signs of damage and a window was located which was open. There are four tires and rims which appear to be missing from inside of the residence.

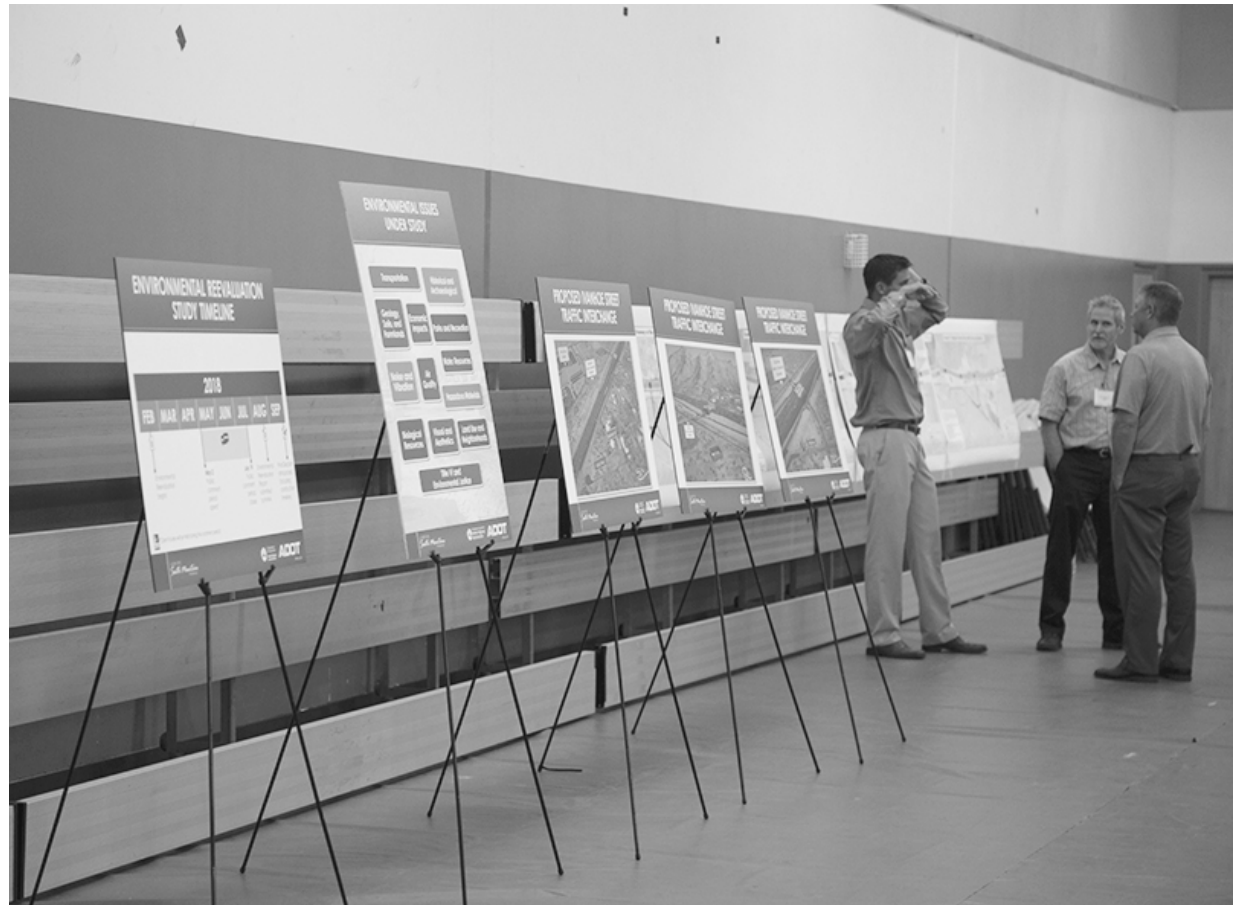
Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim called dispatch requesting an officer in reference to a theft. Upon police contact with the victim it was reported that the suspect stolen a cell phone from the victim. The suspect had asked to use the phone, which the victim allowed. The suspect did not return it at the end of their call and left with the phone in their possession. Attempts were made to locate the suspect as the residence give but were met with negative results.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The reporting party called dispatch requesting an officer to the

ADOT presents info at Public Open House



The Arizona Department of Transportation hosted a public open house on June 23 at the Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley – Komatke Branch as part of the environmental study process of the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway. At the meeting, ADOT had renderings of the proposed Ivanhoe Street traffic interchange as well as opportunities to speak with project staff. The proposed renderings show how the freeway exit would be connected to Komatke Lane, near Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

from the Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology at Harvard University that were removed over one

hundred years ago.

Williams said there have not been any recent NAGPRA Review Com-

mittee meetings and that the tribes and groups who work under NAGRPA are eager to reconvene and

address many of the unresolved issues.

residence in reference to the suspect who entered the house and trashed a bedroom. The suspect then proceeds to the living room where they then took the victims phone and walked out of the residence.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the hospital in reference to an aggravated assault victim. Dispatch advised the victim was at the Hospital in reference to a laceration to their hand. Contact was made with the victim, who stated a verbal altercation had taken place. A short time after the verbal altercation the victim again ran into the suspect. While at a residence they observed a grey car coming towards them and a second altercation occurred. During this altercation the suspect exited the car, began yelling at the victim and punched them. The suspect then pulled out a pocket knife and began swinging it at the victim. The victim was cut on the hand prior to jumping into his vehicle and leaving the scene. The suspect was located and arrested.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

Shoplifting– Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlet. Upon arrival contact was made with a store employee who stated two females went into the store

and concealed items to exchange for new items at a later point. The two females were observed stuffing their bags with items, then walking past the point of sale without paying for the items.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft– Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to a theft of a wallet. Contact was made with the victim who stated he had left his wallet on the chair when he walked away. When he realized it was missing he returned to the machine where a women next to the machine stated another female got the wallet and advised she was going to turn it in to security. Surveillance revealed the suspect pick up the wallet and walks past three casino security officers before leaving the casino.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft– Officers were dispatched in reference to a stolen purse. The victim advised that their purse had been stolen by someone. Officers were able to identify the suspect and had Chandler PD make contact with the suspect at their residence. When the Chandler Police Department made contact with the suspect there were found to still be in possession of the stolen property. The purse was returned to the victim and the suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

Theft– Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlet reference to a theft. The victim stated that they arrived at the mall and went into the store for approximately 45 minutes. Once they returned to their vehicle they noticed a toolbox had been stolen from the back of their vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to an unwanted subject. Officers arrived and the homeowner stated that both the victim and suspect were drinking at the residence and the suspect refused to return the victims cell phone. Both subjects continued to argue with one another until the suspect walked out of the residence with the phone belonging to the victim.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a stabbing. Contact was made with one of the parties who were stabbed on the right side of their abdomen. The other party involved was waving their hands while on the side of the road covered in blood as officers were attempting to locate the subject. The subject was told to sit down and was compliant with

the officer’s request. When asked what happened he stated that there was an altercation between the two subjects and the other party hit him in the head with a shovel and would not stop. The subject then stated he only defended himself and took out his knife and threw it at the other subject.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim called dispatch requesting an officer to the Vee Quiva Hotel entrance in reference to a theft. The victim stated that the suspect was invited into his room and while he took a shower the suspect took \$1000.00 from his wallet.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to Vee Quiva Casino in reference to a theft. Officers made contact with the victim who stated he was playing at a slot machine. The victim then got up from the machine and walked off with his wife leaving behind his ticket. When he went back to get his ticket it was gone. The suspect is observed walking to a kiosk where he was able to cash the ticket and redeem it for cash.

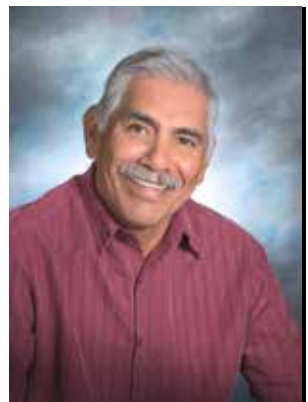
Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No Incidents Involving Part I Crime

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Something to be told or talked about



By Billy Allen

Hopefully, July will live up to its O'odham name, Jukiabig Masad or Rainy Month. Still, rain or no rain, the fireworks show must go on. Celebrate! "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and

the pursuit of Happiness..." The colonists' Declaration of Independence statement of July 4, 1776 was one of defiance. In order for this young country to be taken seriously, a strong military was necessary. At the time, some Native Americans willingly took up arms to help this young nation. Some sided with the British. All in all, the American victory was a loss for Native Americans because it paved the way for further losses of tribal homelands, loss of lives, loss of liberty. Liberty – ironic that Crispus Attucks, the first person killed in the American Revolution, was Black and Native. What about the Gila River Indian Community, did we help the military or "shondal"? Ha'o -- yes! When the Constitution was created, Indians were not

regarded as "We the people." Native Americans were not regarded as citizens. As such, when WWI broke out and a military draft was begun, Native Americans could not be drafted. Still, like during the American Revolution, many Native Americans signed up. To recognize and honor that call to duty, in 1924 Congress passed the American Indian Citizenship Act, granting citizenship to the nation's tribal members. Back to the "Declaration" and the Constitution: a hallmark of citizenship is having the right to vote, but many states, including Arizona, refused to allow Native Americans to vote in state elections. (In 1928 Peter Porter and Rudolph Johnson, both Akimel O'otham from Gila River, filed suit to gain the right to vote in state elections, but were denied by the Arizona Supreme Court.) Not until 1948 did the Arizona Supreme Court reverse itself, allowing Arizona Natives full citizenship. Native America has

honored the role of the warrior both past and present. History celebrates the exploits of eastern woodland warriors, the heroic "horse" tribes of the plains, and the elusiveness of the Apaches. Given our location, we occupy the land of the Hohokam, was there a military aspect to our culture? Ha'o! George Webb has a story of how Akimel O'otham and Piipaash warriors conducted warfare against intruders. When a battle was to take place, both warring factions would allow time to "dress" for battle, and then form two lines facing each other. Warriors then challenged opposing warriors to meet one on one between the lines until one was defeated. Two others would take their place. This would go on until an O'otham war leader yelled "ato'ova'igo", signaling a mass attack. Some O'otham warriors went forward with a rawhide shield; leaping side to side, crouching down behind the shield to avoid the arrows being shot at him. When he was close

enough, he would attack his enemy with a war club. The mesquite club was deadly in close quarters. It would be like swinging a big oversized club. O'otham and Piipaash warriors did not approach killing in a casual or gleeful manner. When O'otham and Piipaash attacked an enemy camp, they targeted men—it was a dishonor to harm or kill children and women. At times warriors were allowed to bring back orphaned enemy children to our villages. It also worked the other way, Joseph Hoffman of Cibecue, who was born around 1847, told of Apaches attacking an O'odham camp at daybreak. The Apaches returned with several O'odham children which they gave to women who lost relatives. This satisfied a trait of their culture called gegodza, to be paid back or replaced. Today, the sons and daughters of Native America, who once fought each other, now follow the tradition of taking up arms for the red, white and blue. Gila River hon-

ors men such as Matthew B. Juan, the first person from Arizona killed in World War I. World War II Alamo Scouts, the precursor of Special Forces, had tribal members David Milda, Theodore T. Largo and Joshua Sunn. Rod Lewis served as an Army Ranger in the 1960s and upon being honorably discharged continued the fight for Native rights within the judicial system. To symbolize that tradition, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian selected a design for a National Native American Veterans Memorial to be titled "Warriors' Circle of Honor." The design was created by Henry Pratt, a Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member. Around 1988, a two year old Cheyenne Arapaho moved to Bapchule and was raised within our community. His life was short but full. Billy Farris was killed in December of 2006 when on patrol in Iraq. Another warrior who joined the circle on the other side.



Youth scoop out jun into a container during baithaj harvest. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



O'otham youth prepare the jun before boiling it over a fire at the Sacaton Fairground cultural circle. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Before venturing out a special blessing is performed to with a good heart and thoughts of those, who are not able to participate in the harvest.

Davis said when you bless yourself, it is done with the pulp of the baithaj and is spread across the chest or just below the neck.

In getting the fruit down, a little bit of O'otham ingenuity is incorporated into the making of a ku'ipad, which is made from the vap'pai of the cactus (or ha'ha:shan) to create a long pole.

Each individual picked out a ku'ipad and made their way out into the desert with buckets in hand to collect their bittersweet reward.

How can you tell when the baithag is ripe while on the cactus? Well, when the baithag is ripe, it has a dis-

tinct red hue and will look ready to burst open and when the saguaro flower (ha'ha:shan hiosig) is in full bloom.

After it is brought down, the soft inside of the fruit called the jun is scooped out and placed into a bucket.

When all of the baithaj is hauled away, the skins or eldag (fruit's inside portion) are left with the inside facing up.

This is done as a prayer to ask the creator for rain to once again nourish the land from the creator.

Since the harvest season is well underway, Community members and our Hajun from other O'otham tribes will be making their way out to the desert to pick the luscious cactus fruit.



Antonio "Go:hk" Davis picks a baithag from a saguaro cactus. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

GRIC FIT NEWS

Four Tribes Zumbathon

Tribal Recreation & Wellness hosted the first 4 Tribes Zumbathon on Thursday June 28th at the Wellness Center. The Zumba instructors from the sister tribes were invited to share the stage in this fun event. Vans full of participants were in attendance. The Wellness Center was transformed into a neon dance club where participants were welcome to deck themselves out with glow body paint, glow necklaces and bracelets, glow hats and hair accessories. Over 100 participants attended including the staff..

Instructors: Salt River: Michelle Tenorio, Ak Chin: Donna Aguilar Tohono O’odham: Deirdra Edaakie, and Gila River: Fabiola Perez



Come out and enjoy the Zumba classes held on Monday & Wednesday at D5 from 5:45-6:45pm.

We have men, children even babies attending the classes and working out. Thank you to the large following of participants moving with the classes and the instructor “Fabby”.





GRICUA STEA³M students pose with Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Stone. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN



STEA³M participants had a round table discussion with GRICUA officials. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

GRICUA hosts STEA³M Summer Program for fifth through eighth grade students

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority had nine students take part in a week-long STEA³M Program in an effort to encourage young children to think about career paths in science, technology, art, architecture, agriculture and math.

“We are trying to get young people interested so in five or six years when they go to college maybe they’ll take degrees in math and science and bring that back to the Community and work for GRICUA,” said John Lewis, board of director’s president.

Over the course of the week, the students visited the Arizona Science Center, the Pee Posh Wetlands, Arizona State University, Pima Maricopa Irrigation Project, Ramona Farms and Wellington Ranch.

In addition, to the tours they were also given presentations by Intel and Boeing.

While touring Arizona State University, the students visited the architecture and construction schools as well as getting a tour with the engineering school. With the construction school, they were hands on and built model

buildings that had to meet certain weight-bearing specifics.

With the engineering tour, they got up and close with the Mars Rover and saw Arizona State University School of Life Sciences’ rattlesnake collection.

“It was fun and interesting because I like to learn new things,” said Azumi Murphy from District 7. “I liked the engineering center and seeing the snakes was very cool.”

A tour of Ramona Farms and Wellington Ranch in District 4 gave the students an in-depth look at farming on a large scale and small scale model. A lot of the students were interested to learn the history of Ramona Farms and helped harvest corn and tepary beans. Others enjoyed the peacefulness of Wellington Ranch.

The students also got a lesson in water rights from P-MIP and learned about the canal systems that run through the Community as well as the Managed Aquifer Recharge-5 site.

At the end of the week, they had a roundtable discussion with GRICUA’s Leonard Gold, general manager, Arnold Mejia, finance director, Henrietta Lopez from P-MIP, and Lewis.

Also, joining the discussion was Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

Gov. Lewis reminded the students that the components of STEA³M aligns with their Huhugam heritage and is a part of their DNA. Lt. Gov. Stone encouraged the students to continue with their education and remember their

Community and to keep gaining experiences like they did with the STEA³M program. He also mentioned his time working with the Gila River Farms before the gaming enterprises became a big part of the Community’s portfolio.

Lopez talked to the students about how she always felt that the Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh had

always been engineers back in the day for their innovation of water canals.

The week-long program was open to students in grades fifth through eighth who are Community members. This was just the second year of the program but GRICUA has many youth initiatives that they provide to help Community members open their eyes to

the many different career options available.

“Technology is the future,” said John Lewis. “We need to get our kids involved in that to preserve what we think is important like our water, land and even our culture.”

Over 200 get active for annual Summer Youth Fitness Fun Day

Aeneas Antone
Gila River Indian News

Children from across the Gila River Indian Community gathered to partici-

pate in the Summer Youth Fitness Fun Day on June 21 at Jumpstreet in order to encourage kids to be active and exercise.

“It was very success-

ful,” said Alieshawshongam Walking Badger, Special Events Coordinator. “We had over 200 kids from Districts one through seven. This has been an annual [event]. This is probably the third year we’ve did it and it’s for the district’s summer youth programs.”

Jumpstreet was chosen as the place to hold the event because with the triple-digit weather, an indoor venue was best suited for the occasion.

The Summer Fitness Fun Day’s main purpose is to get kids out of the house and to be active while still having a lot of fun. Jumpstreet is an indoor trampoline park for kids of all ages with many activities

including a dodgeball arena, two basketball hoops, a jumping air cushion, an obstacle course, a mechanical bull and an area for free jumping. Many kids stay at home and are on their technology devices for several hours of the day so this was an opportunity for them to enjoy time with their friends and exercise.

A dodgeball tournament was held with each district participating in the competition. The tournament was divided into two leagues based on age. District 4 took first place for the older league and District 3 landed on top for the younger league.

The Summer Youth Fitness Fun Day was spon-



Kids play on the trampoline basketball court on June 21. Aeneas Antone/GRIN



Dodgeball was one of the many activities at the Summer Youth Fitness Fun Day in Chandler. Aeneas Antone/GRIN

sored by the Gila River Health Initiative. In addition to all the activities the children did, the children were provided a free pizza lunch.



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Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lt. Governor

Gov. Lewis gives keynote address at the Annual State Bar of Arizona Convention

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was invited as a featured speaker during the awards luncheon of the 85th Annual State Bar of Arizona Convention on June 27 at Sheraton Grand Wild Horse Pass Resort.

"Welcome to the Gila River Indian Community," Gov. Lewis said to the conference. "It is my profound honor to welcome back the State Bar of Arizona to one of our Community's signature properties. We are proud to host your annual convention on O'otham jev."

In his speech, Gov. Lewis discussed the long history of Gila River Indian Community and Arizona's legal organization.

The Community functions with many members of the State Bar in a variety of capacities as partners, colleagues, clients and even as employers.

Gov. Lewis said the opportunity to speak to such an esteemed crowd would help cement the Community's relationship with the many types of professionals and help shed light on many legal issues that arise in Indian Law.

Issues that arise in Indian Country deal with water rights, child welfare and violence against women, Gov. Lewis' message was to continue treating Indian Law with the same "commitment to fairness and seriousness" that many at-

orneys have demonstrated over many years.

He also acknowledged how much of his life has stemmed from the practice of law. Gov. Lewis' late-father, Rodney B. Lewis, was a pioneer in Arizona for many American Indians.

Rodney was the first American Indian to pass the state bar in Arizona after completing his Juris Doctorate at the University of California- Los Angeles. He was also the first American Indian to argue a case before the US Supreme Court and won the case in 1980.

He also discussed how his father's endless fight for the Community's water rights has helped the Community grow its economy.

The theme of the convention was "Explore the Possibilities" and Gov. Lewis highlighted that effort in a story about his father speaking with one of his students. The pair were in the vicinity of Wild Horse Pass before there was any developments built and told this student about the plans to develop the area. Few could have envisioned the resort, casino, raceway, and mall in what appeared as a desolate area nonetheless, the Community transformed those ideas into a reality.

Following the keynote speech, the Board of Governors presented Gov. Lewis with a special proclamation highlighting his father's life's achievements



Gov. Lewis and Willardene Lewis at the June 27 State Bar Convention Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

that was passed in their last meeting.

After the reading of the proclamation to a standing

ovation, the Keli Akimel O'otham traditional basket dancers performed social dances for their crowd.

Lt. Gov. Stone gives update on new health care facility at Indian Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

A recent networking luncheon hosted by the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona featured Lt. Gov. Robert Stone and representatives from Gila River Health Care to discuss the new Hau'pal Red Tail Hawk Health Center and other medical services.

The luncheon was held at the Casino Arizona Eagles Buffet Banquet Room on June 15 and included local business leaders to network, dine and exchange information.

The GRHC presentations started with the introduction of Lt. Gov. Robert Stone who talked about the cultural elements of the Hau'pal Red Tail Hawk Health Center's design and branding. "Gila River Health Care, together with IHS embarked on a new chapter in Native American health care delivery," said Lt. Gov. Stone.

He also elaborated on the red tail hawk's cultural significance and the other features of the facility and logos associated with GRIC's traditional heritage.

Derrick Glum, Chief Operations Officer, GRHC, followed Lt. Gov. Stone with further details on the new facility as well as

GRHC's operations. "We are a fully integrated health care system," said Glum.

Glum's summary of the Hau'pal Health Center included an invitation to the members of the chamber to visit the new facility, which is set to open in August. "It's an absolute stunning, state of the art facility," said Glum.

Glum closed his presentation with a question

and answer session wherein he described GRHC's staffing, and other elements of their inclusive and broad health care system.

James Wooton, Director of Materials Management followed Glum and each representative was presented with a gift by Loren Tapahe, President of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona.



Loren Tapahe presents Lt. Gov. Stone with a gift at the luncheon on June 15 at Casino Arizona. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

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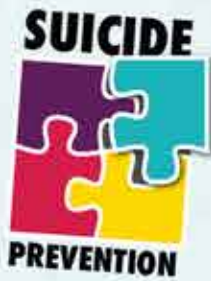
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Kids participate in a hula hoop activity during the camp. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Instructors work with youth on fitness drills at Sacaton Middle School. Aeneas Antone/GRIN

GRIC Youth learn about health and wellness at Wings for America camp

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community youth take flight at a running camp held at Sacaton Middle School on June 26.

Over a dozen youth took to the school's outdoor track for a quick jog, maintaining their pace together as a group.

After warming up they went into the school gymnasium for a couple of fun activities, like a relay activity and dodge ball game.

The focus of the camp is to be always moving, but to have fun while doing it and takeaway some important information on self-care.

Wings of America running camp head facilitator Julian Catha said there's

more to just running, because it introduces them to physical activities with a Native twist.

Catha, a member from the Santa Clara Pueblo tribe in New Mexico, has been with WOA for three years and said every opportunity to interact with different tribes is a learning experience.

"We do two day running camps all over the Pueblo region and Navajo region," said Catha, "We hope to encourage them to get out more and teach these games to their friends."

He said it was his first time facilitating a camp on the Community, but that it was a fun experience getting to know the people and culture of the people.

WOA Program Coor-

inator Alicia Littlebear said the activities are meant to teach the kids to connect back with their culture and what running means to them.

"We are teaching them about health, so this year our focus is on kidney health," said Littlebear, "It's about teaching the kids how the kidneys function and what it does for them."

She said the emphasis is taking care of their bodies and preventing health complications.

"Of course, there are health care systems, but it's very, very difficult when they are at the level to get a replacement organ like a kidney, so you have to be aware and take care of yourself," said Little bear.

COURT NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Ruben Glen Rovie

TO:

Amber Kayla Rovie

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DOCKET # PB-2018-0018-DE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

[CIVIL]

WHEREAS in the above matter, you

were to appear for the Order to Show Cause scheduled on June 21, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

IT HAS COME to the attention of the Court that you failed to appear as ordered for the above matter.

THEREFORE:

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in Courtroom before the Honorable Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road,

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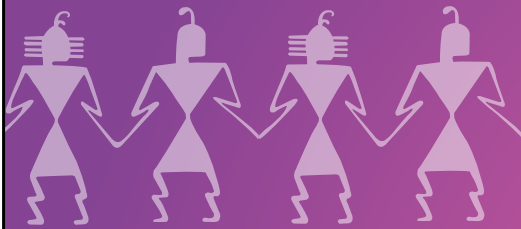
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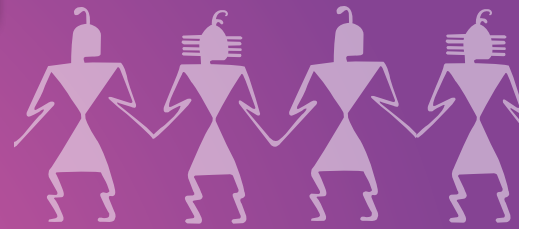
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KJZZ shows appreciation to GRIC public safety with 'We Serve' campaign



Commandar Ronald Blass and Lt. Robert Tinney enjoy a cup of coffee . Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN



Sergeant Timothy Chavez shakes hands with KJZZ's Shannon Smith. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

Radio station 91.5 KJZZ stopped by the Gila River Police Department on June 13 and provided free coffee and donuts in appreciation of public service as part of their "We Serve" campaign.

From 5:30 a.m. to 8 a.m., many members from the Gila River Fire Department, emergency medical services, detention staff and dispatchers joined the police department to indulge in the pastries in front of the police department building.

According to Shannon Smith, KJZZ/KBAQ has

been doing a lot of community outreach with many different police departments throughout the Phoenix metro area.

"We are doing a campaign throughout the community, not only here in Sacaton, but throughout the greater Phoenix area," said Smith. "We are thanking police departments and fire departments for their service. We just want to recognize and thank those that serve us in our communities. It's that simple, it's something we wanted to do as a station."

Smith said that there is a listener-base in the area and that prompted them to

target GRPD. KJZZ used their mobile studio, Soundbite, to interview different commanders and was broadcast on their website.

In addition to providing refreshments, the radio station presented certificates of appreciation to both the police and fire departments. Police Commander Ronald Blass and Deputy Chief-Fire Marshall Kathy Garcia accepted the certificates on behalf of the departments, respectively.

The gesture was greatly appreciated by the many public safety employees that stopped by.

"It's great and we are very honored," said Ser-

geant Timothy Chavez.

Sergeant Chavez also appreciated that KJZZ took the time to not only recognize the departments but took the time to come out to the Community.

"They go to a lot of the larger cities in the valley

but they came out here and chose us to show appreciation," he said.

Before their stop in Sacaton, the radio station visited police and fire departments in Scottsdale, Chandler, Goodyear and Peoria. They also made a

visit to the National Guard.

Next they will be making stops in Mesa, Gilbert, Paradise Valley, Tempe and Avondale.

Refreshments were provided by Press Coffee and Short-leash hotdogs + Rollover Donuts.

GRPD and District 3 elders meet again on the chair volleyball court



An elder spikes the ball at District 3 Service Center on June 21. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Police Department continued to build its relationship with the Community by visiting the District 3 service center on June 21 for a chair volleyball match with district elders.

After conflicts arose on an original plan, the District 3 coordinators informed the police department that on Thursdays the elders practice chair volleyball and a match was set.

"This is the whole police department interacting

with the Community," said officer Laura Payne, of events like this. "We want to get to know the Community and who we are dealing with not only when we have police contact with them but on positive sides."

It was an opportunity to meet and interact with the District 3 elders, something the police department wanted to do. This is not the first time the police department has done a type of Community outreach.

In the past they have been active in all the districts for small events like "Coffee with a Cop," or

"Pizza with Police" and teaming up with other Community organizations like the youth council and Boys and Girls club.

Before the match went underway, the officers had a chance to speak with the elders and an informal Q&A session took place. On the court, the elders protected their home turf and sent the police team back with a loss.

"We had a great time and look forward to doing it again. They kicked our butts and we are looking forward to a rematch," said officer Payne.



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Skateboarders celebrate Go Skateboarding Day in Sacaton with contests and prizes



Skateboarders compete in trick contests on Go Skateboarding Day. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

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Gila River Indian News

The parking lot outside the Sacaton post office was home to an international holiday celebration on June 21 with over 30 Community skateboarders coming out to the third annual Go Skateboarding Day hosted by Seven Layer Army.

"I thought our third year was a big success," said Reuben Ringleiro, Seven Layer Army co-founder. "I feel like it gets bigger ev-

ery year. It was a good turnout of kids hanging out and having a good time."

The skateboarding event started at the District 3 skate park before moving to the parking lot across the Sacaton 76 gas station. The move to the parking lot was to give the skating a "street feel" since skateboarding evolved from the streets before the popularization of skate parks.

The international holiday was envisioned in 2004 on the longest day of

the year to promote skateboarding and make it more accessible across the world. The holiday is celebrated in 32 countries with over 350 events held all across the globe.

Sticking to the holiday theme of promoting skateboarding, Seven Layer Army didn't really have a competition but was more of a "skate jam," a more relaxed setting where participants were skating for fun with friends.

There were smaller



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis tosses prizes to skaters on June 21 in Sacaton. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

contests for highest ollie and seeing who could land certain tricks first.

Following the skating, there were raffle prizes given out and a product toss took place at the end of the event.

Between the raffle and product toss 15 complete skateboards were given out as well as 20 exclusive Seven Layer Army Decks and 14 donated Cowtown and Element decks.

Also, during the product toss handfuls of stick-

ers, clothing, helmets, pads and skate board accessories were thrown to the large crowd of skaters waiting anxiously around Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

The skaters and spectators were also able to indulge in a local favorite, pickle slushy, for free.

Helping Seven Layer Army sponsor the event was the Gila River Health Initiative, Tribal Health Services and Elemental Awareness. Also, representing Seven Layer Army

was co-founder Paul Molina and Darin Mendoza.

"Every time we do a skating event my ultimate goal is to give back to the kids and motivate them to keep skating," said Ringleiro. "Go Skateboarding Day is a global event celebrated all around the world. What better way to get all of the skaters together to have fun and give away some prizes?"

DEQ gets input from members about natural resources and the environment

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

The Department of Environmental Quality held a public meeting in the Maricopa Colony on June 14 to get input from Community members on how to better manage the Community's natural resources.

"We want to make sure that the work we do is driven by your values, what your vision is for us as a department," said Althea Walker, Environmental Education Outreach Specialist.

"We want to know what you want us to do, what you want us to protect, what you want us to restore and what you want us to preserve. Please be open and share with us so

we can take it back into our work that we do and make sure it's the work that you want us to do."

After an opening talk from Walker and the introduction of the DEQ staff facilitators, groups were formed to start the open discussions regarding cultural values and environment issues and ways that DEQ can address these issues when they work on various projects in the Community.

Some of the issues that concerned Community members was the lack of respect for the environment in the form of illegal dumping across the Community. They also stated that stemming from the illegal dumping is pollution in the air that leads to asthma and bronchitis issues.

Another topic that was discussed by many groups was the topic of natural resources. Community members feel that the Pee Posh wetlands should be open for spiritual healing, a quiet place to walk and a learning place for young children. Community members applauded DEQ for restoring the wetlands and described them as "amazing" but wishes it was more accessible.

They also talked about needing natural resources to keep cultural values alive. There was mention of needing materials for basket weaving and cradleboards. Also, the lack of mesquite and tamarack wood for traditional burials was a concern that was voiced.

It was brought up that in certain districts, Community members are not allowed to cut certain plants that are needed for these traditional uses.

Another major issue that was expressed had to do with water. Community members wanted to see water quality standards increase and have notifica-

tions entailing water contamination as soon as possible. The Community also discussed the need to have flood controlling in certain areas of the river.

A major narrative from the night was elders reminiscing about how the area and land used to be in year's past and the hope that DEQ can bring back

that environment to safely raise the next generation of Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh.

DEQ will be holding a second public meeting on July 14 at the Huhugam Heritage Center starting at 8 a.m. for breakfast and the public discussion starting at 9 a.m.



DEQ staff interact with Community members in District 7. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN



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Meeting 1

When: Thursday June 14th, 2018
6PM - 7:30PM (Dinner at 5pm)
Where: District 7 Service Center
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Meeting 2

When: Saturday, July 14th, 2018
9AM-10:30AM (Breakfast at 8am)
Where: Huhugam Heritage Center

To let us know you're able to attend, please contact Althea Walker at (520) 562-2234 or althea.walker@gric.nsn.us

Your input will guide how we manage our environment.

DEQ leads visitors on tour of Gila River Indian Community wetlands

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Members from the Department of Environmental Quality led representatives from various federal departments through two of the Gila River Indian Community's wetland preserves.

DEQ Senior Wildlife Biologist Russell Benford said representatives from the Urban Waters Federal Partnership toured to the wetlands on June 7.

They were given insight into their efforts by DEQ Aquatic Scientist Charles Enos and Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Assistant Public Involvement Specialist Henrietta Lopez.

Enos talked about the transformation of the wetlands into a thriving environment that is home to native plants and animals.

Benford said Lopez talked about the Community's cultural ties to the wetlands, which provides many materials used by the Akimel O'otham for several traditional uses.

About the Urban Waters Federal Partnership

According to the UWFP website the program assists communi-

ties in the revitalization of water ways by providing sources of funding and increased collaboration with the partner community.

Its mission is to partner with and engage with community stakeholders by strengthening those ties and in the process, assist with community organized initiatives, to achieve long-term goals.

Benford said the UWFP group was impressed by the amount of restoration and how it has been achieved through minimal funding.

The wetlands are an integral part of the neighboring cities and agencies that view the wetlands as a vital natural habitat to native plants and animals.

Akin Gump Policy Consultant Steven Heeley said the visit is part of a larger project that involves several municipalities, who have a stake revitalizing the Rio Salado river system, includes the Community.

A conglomerate of various entities, the project led to the establishment of a UWFP for the Rio Salado river system.

"Both Senator John McCain's office and Arizona State University reached out to various departments," said Heeley,

"The outcome of previous discussions was, that there was interest in coming out and doing a site tour for various representatives of all of those agencies."

The project to revitalize the Rio Salado river system called "Rio Reimagined" includes Phoenix, Mesa, Tempe, Good-year, Buckeye, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Commu-

nity. The project's proposal involves the development of parks, bike paths, bridges, habitat restoration, flood management and associated river enhancements that will be developed along a 45-mile stretch of the Salt River corridor.

A success story in the wetlands

Heeley said several state and federal agencies are interested in learning about how the Community has been able to revitalize



Federal representatives toured the wetland area of the Community. Bobbie Riggs Photo

their wetlands.

Their success story has garnered interest from Arizona Fish & Game and the U.S. Forest Service on the possibility of bringing in the Community to assist with projects of a similar nature.

Along the banks of the Salt River, when development is underway, Heeley said, DEQ's knowledge on wetland restoration could be an invaluable resource

for the Rio Salado project.

"There's an opportunity to provide an exchange of ideas and methodologies and exchange best practices with some of the neighboring parties," said Heeley, "From the tour, people were very interested in what the Community has done in terms of developing these wetlands."

Benford said the tour is a promising sign of the cooperation that is ahead

between the Community and the UWFP, because it will help with many of the DEQ's initiatives to revitalize the area.

Benford said the wetlands are unique because they have a strong cultural connection with the people of the Community.

Benford said, "It is evident the Community has an emotional and spiritual connection to the area."

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Crews help cottonwood

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

At the base of Nui Kush (Aji Mountain) the landscape is taking a step forward, thanks to a little help from the DEQ Fuels Crew on June 12.

A grove of cottonwoods that has existed along the northern banks of the Gila River near Aji Mountain for many years was under a common threat to all native vegetation across the Community.

A familiar threat, the salt cedar, once dominated the land, but the towering cottonwood have resisted

the invasive species presence in the area.

To give a little help in numbers, the fuels crew removed the salt cedar and installed cottonwood poles in their place.

A small stream of water runs through the grove, but before more cottonwood poles can be put in, small dams are created to collect water to moisten the soil.

The artificial beaver dams help facilitate the growth of cottonwood and willow trees, allowing moisture to get down to the roots.



A DEQ Fuels Crew members prepares posts for an artificial beaver dam under construction.
Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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Nicole Leyvas Civil Plaintiff

JOB DESCRIPTION

Sacaton School District #18
JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Middle School (Grades 5-8) Behavior Specialist

Position Type: Teacher

Salary Schedule: Teacher

Term of Employment: 9 months

Department: Middle School

Reports to: Principal

Location: Middle School

POSITION SUMMARY

To assist the principal in leading the school community to increase student achievement through planning and organizing a school culture focused on teaching and learning, continuous improvement of curriculum, instruction and assessment, effective management of operations and resources in a safe and orderly environment.

JOB GOAL: To support the mission of the district goals, procedures, and policies in the best interest of the student by professionally carrying out assigned duties and participating in the improvement and refinement of related areas. To coordinate program

resources to promote the educational development of each student.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, AND REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED:

- Must have the authorization to work in the United States as defined by the Immigration Reform Act of 1986.

- Must meet all Arizona Department of Education certification requirements.

- Arizona Administrative Certificate preferred.

- Must meet all NCLB (Highly Qualified) qualifications.

- Master's Degree (MA) or higher from a four-year college or university.

- Minimum of five years teaching.

- Prior administrative experience preferred.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Adheres to the District vision, mission, core values and goals in collaboration with staff.

- Demonstrates the ability and desire to provide outstanding service to students and families.

- Demonstrates a high regard for confidential and sensitive information.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Carries out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies and applicable laws.

Responsibilities may include interviewing and training employees; planning, assigning and directing work; appraising performance; addressing complaints and resolving problems.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Supports the development and implementation of a vision of learning shared by all stakeholders which includes shared beliefs, high expectations for all and clear goals.

- Work to help students gain an understanding of the importance of a safe, respectful, and productive educational setting.

- Participates in the analysis of a variety of data sources to determine annual focus and establish concrete goals for student achievement and the general functioning of the school.

- Participates in planning and implementing professional development programs to provide intellectual stimulation to staff regarding research-based instructional strategies, curriculum and assessment practices.

- Utilizes current technology/computer skills; updates knowledge and skill of related global communication and information devices.

- Assists in the articulation of

- improvement plans and accreditation activities.

- Establishes positive relationships and collaboration through open lines of communication with teachers, among students and with community members.

- Maintains quality contacts and interactions with teachers and students through frequent visits to classrooms and high visibility.

- Reinforces procedures, structures and rules for teachers, staff and students to ensure the effective operation of the school and a safe and orderly environment.

- Demonstrates flexible leadership in responding to the diverse needs and interests of the community.

- Demonstrates integrity by communication and operating from strong ideals and beliefs about teaching and learning.

- Advocates for the school, ensuring compliance with district and state mandates, to all stakeholders.

- Responds to the underlying political, social, economic, legal and cultural context of the school in order to serve the community and address current and potential concerns.

- Must be accessible throughout the workday.

- Must meet any additional

- specific job requirements as indicated by the school principal.

- Work with community leaders as needed adhering to the school districts policies and implementation of state policies.

- Monitors the behavior of students and provides opportunities for in-school suspension, when appropriate.

MARGINAL DUTIES:

- Assists other personnel as may be required to support them in the completion of their work activities.

- Completes other job related duties as assigned by the school principal.

OTHER SKILLS/ABILITIES/KNOWLEDGE/WORK STYLE:

- Demonstrates knowledge of current research in educational curriculum instruction, assessment and evaluation.

- Demonstrates knowledge of students with disabilities and legal requirements.

- Demonstrates effective oral and written communication skills.

- Demonstrates the ability and desire to provide outstanding customer service.

- Demonstrates the ability to effectively use technology as a tool for planning and implementing instructional strategies.

- Demonstrates the

- ability to work effectively under time constraints.

- Must be organized with the ability to multitask.

- Must be detail-oriented and self-motivated.

- Must have excellent memory and ability to function well under stress.

- Must be able to work independently with minimal supervision and/or assistance.

- Must demonstrate an extremely high regard for confidential and sensitive information.

- Must demonstrate flexibility, common sense, and good judgment.

- Must have ability to keep abreast of information pertinent to the job.

- Must maintain a well-groomed appearance.

- Must have a basic knowledge of computers.

COMMENTS:

This job description is intended to be representative of the work performed by employees in this position and is not all-inclusive. The omission of a specific duty or responsibility will not preclude it from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical extension of position responsibilities as defined by the supervisor.

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After the first was denied, a second law suit was filed in 1948, by two Ft. McDowell members Frank Harrison and Harry Austin, resulting in the Arizona Supreme Court's decision on July 15, 1948 recognizing American Indians in Arizona the right to vote!

In 2011, the Gila River Indian Community's Voter Registration Board worked with the former and late Governor William R. Rhodes to proclaim each July 15th as the Gila River Indian Community Native American Right to Vote Day.

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