

Iwo Jima flag raising remembered at 73rd Anniversary



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Ira H. Hayes Post 84 color guard leads the Iwo Jima Landing Anniversary parade down Casa Blanca Road on Feb. 24. This marks the 73rd Anniversary of the raising of the American flag on Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima.

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Veterans from posts across the state and country, descended on Sacaton for the 73rd Anniversary of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising parade and ceremony held in Sacaton, Ariz. on Feb. 24.

Tony McDaniel, Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 Adjutant, said that members of the post worked hard over the past seven months organizing the annual event, and were glad to see it finally come to fruition.

McDaniel said, veterans groups from all over came out to recognize the raising of the American flag over Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima and of the service of veterans in recent wars. Thousands of spectators



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World War II veterans offer a salute as the American flag held by the St. Peter Indian Mission School passes through grand stand.

lined the sides of Casa Blanca Road from Skill Center Road all the way down to the Matthew B. Juan – Ira H. Hayes Veterans Me-

morial Park where the grandstand was located.

The rumble of a chrome two-engine propeller driven B-25J Mitchell soared over the crowd and three brightly painted yellow PT-17 Stearman biplanes signaled the beginning of the parade and flag-raising ceremony.

Below, honored guests for the parade were, Salvador Leon a World War II veteran Iwo Jima survivor Oliver Babbitts.

Babbitts was in the U.S. Army as a Chief Warrant Officer 3 and was part of the Army Corps of Engineers with the water distillation division, he landed on Iwo Jima 5 days after the Marines

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Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss say 'thank you' at farewell dinner

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The time has come for Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia and Jr. Miss Gila River Haili Gonzales to pass on their crowns to new royalty. But before the 2018 Gila River Royalty Pageant takes place on March 3 at 4 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley Gila River Branch – Sacaton in District 3, Garcia and Gonzales shared the spotlight one last time at the 2017 Miss Gila River Royalty Farewell Dinner on Feb. 24 at the Anthony B. Shelde Building.

A large contingent of family, friends and supporters filled the Shelde Building to acknowledge Garcia and Gonzales and hear

their farewell addresses, in which each young lady spoke about their respective reigns.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was among the first to give remarks, and he spoke of the strides Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River made over the year. "This year was a journey," he said. When speaking of Gonzales, Gov. Lewis said, "I'm so proud of where you've come this past year."

Gov. Lewis also sees a bright future for Garcia. "Anissa, you're going to have such great success in your life."

Following a traditional song

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Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia, left, hands a gift to Jr. Miss Gila River Haili Gonzales at the Miss Gila River Royalty Farewell Dinner on Feb. 24 at the Anthony B. Shelde Building.

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MARCH 18 - 24, 2018

Please join the HIM department in celebrating Health Information Professionals (HIP) week on March 21st, 2018. The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) will honor and celebrate health information professionals during the 29th annual Health Information Professionals Week March 18-24, 2018.

Here are some information bytes on this integral department:

- HIM is responsible for compiling, processing, and maintaining medical records of hospital and clinic patients, meeting the needs of medical, administrative, ethical, legal, and regulatory requirements.
- The department is all about the medical record and the processes concerning the information contained with both paper and electronic record formats.
- HIM responds to the need for health information from patients, healthcare providers, and many different third party requestors
- All staff are responsible for safeguarding the records from loss and unauthorized use, protecting the confidentiality and privacy of the patient, collaborating with all clinical departments who use the medical record, and ensuring proper documentation issues.
- Most of all, HIM staff are responsible for relaying the correct clinical information to the right person at the right time for effective and efficient healthcare.

There are 17 employees within GRHC's HIM Department (both at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital and the Komatke Health Center). Fifteen of those 17 are Native Americans, and 12 are Community members.

EAGALA

Gila River Health Care (GRHC) is getting ready to hold the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA) Program for youth and adults who are members of the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC).

The goal of the program is to help participants identify, face, and work through life issues and develop healthy coping skills, resiliency, and self-esteem.

The EAGALA program, comprised of eight to 12 classes, will provide youth with "hands on a horse" ground activities and will involve no horseback riding.

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Congressman Lujan visits Gila River Health Care facilities



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GRHC Board of Directors Chairman Myron Schurz discusses the expansion of the Huhukam front entrance with Lujan on Feb. 20.

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Congressman Ben Lujan recently toured Gila River Health-care facilities to see how much they have grown in serving the Community and their Native neighbors nestled among the urban centers of the Valley.

When one thinks of tribal sovereignty, it evokes thoughts of taking one's own initiative to address the needs of its members and acting upon them.

New Mexico Congressman Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM 3rd District), visited the Community to tour the GRHC facilities to get a first-hand perspective on how GRIC is managing its own health-care on Feb. 20.

Lujan said he was amazed at the amount of infrastructure the Community has built around healthcare and the comprehensive services that are offered to their patients.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis talked about the visit by Lujan and his support for tribal communities that are taking on their own healthcare.

"He has been a really great advocate to the community," said Lewis, "He sits on the House Energy and Commerce committee, that deals with communications and utility issues."

Lujan's list of work includes issues relating to the Affordable Health Care Act, the environment and education, for the citizens of New Mexico and across the country.

On this visit, Lewis gave Lujan a brief show of the new GRHC Red Tail Hawk Health Center that he said, is in the final stages of construction and should be opening this year.

Lewis said many of the Community's traditional elements have been incorporated into the buildings appearance and name, which in O'otham means, Hau'pal for Red Tail Hawk.

Lewis said, "Lujan is on the healthcare sub-committee that deals with these issues and advocates for them on behalf of Indian Country."

The tour led Lujan to the Viola Johnson Administrative building in Sacaton, where he was introduced to the GRHC board of directors and Chief Executive Officer Scott Gemberling, includ-

ing medical directors, provided insight into their area of patient care.

Gemberling described the various departments housed in the Huhukam Memorial Hospital and the expansion of the outpa-



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From L-R: New Mexico Congressman Ben Lujan stands with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in front the new Hau'pal Health Center, that is nearing completion.

tient entrance that is undergoing a facelift.

After the tour, Lujan said, "I am impressed by the comprehensive services and capable facilities that are available to the Community...we've always seen

how Gila River has led by example in inspiring other tribal communities across the country, by delivering [these] services to the Community and its members."



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GRIC grant dollars to help cancer patients in rural areas

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A local not-for-profit organization extends their appreciation for the Gila River Indian Community's financial contribution towards an important health cause.

During a Community Council meeting at the GRIC Governance Center, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Executive Director Jim Brewer presented two pieces of artwork before tribal leadership on Feb. 22.

In 2017 a grant was awarded to LLS, a 501(c)(3) organization, in the amount of \$25,000 to help them provide transportation funds to patients that reside in rural areas of the state.

In a statement about LLS, it said the organiza-

tion is dedicated to finding cures and treatments for individuals with leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma, which are different forms of blood cancers.

Brewer said that LLS is dedicated to funding treatments for patients by providing access to the treatments, that includes travel expenses through the Patient Travel Assistance Program for qualified recipients.

Some of the services they provide are national and community-based programs, co-pay assistance, clinical trial research and peer-to-peer support groups.

For some of the patients receiving assistance from LLS, they live in rural communities, requiring them to travel far to the nearest cancer treatment

center, which over time, incurs a large amount of travel costs.

"These grants actually help our patients with their expenses related to that travel," said Brewer about the PTAP, "So far we have distributed half of the grant that you have provided to 24 families, through a \$500-dollar annual grant."

The PTAP covers a variety of expenses that includes lodging costs, toll, gas, plane/train tickets and temporary housing.

Brewer said, that 92 percent of those grants are provided to pediatric patients that are under the age of 18.

Furthermore, 13 percent of the grant goes to Native American families or individuals that identify themselves as Native American.

The grants coverage includes 38 percent of patients, that live outside of the Phoenix and Tucson metro area in all 15 counties of the state.

In appreciation of the grant Brewer presented council with two pieces of artwork, that were made by three of the young LLS patients, Naveah (age 6), Javen (age 9) and Abby (age 8).

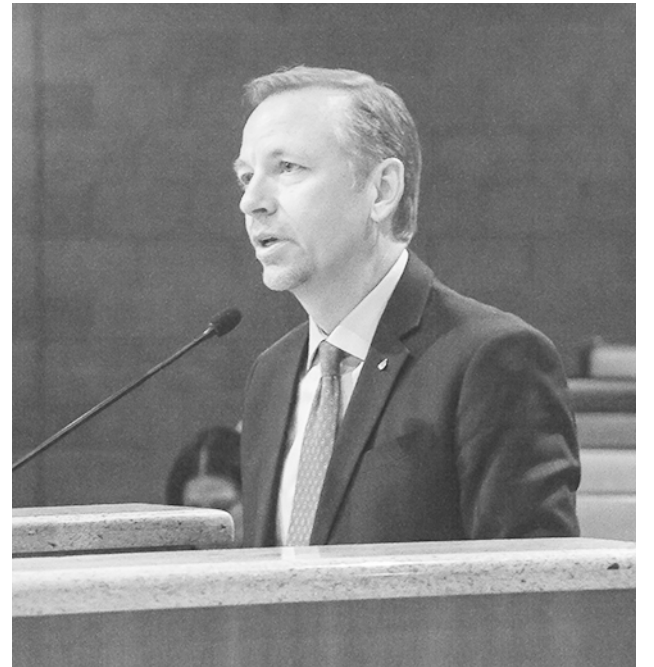
All three patients had received treatment and services from LLS for a form of blood cancer and were recipients of the PTAP grant.

Brewer said, "The grants are having the impact that we intended and we thank you so much for that support that enables us to have them."

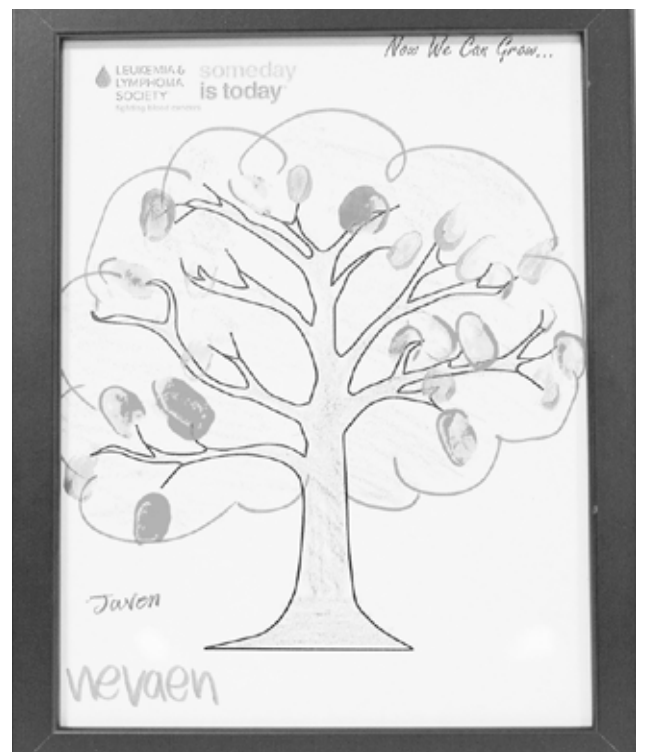
According to the grants proposal, LLS states that travel is one of the most needed services that presents a significant barrier to accessing care that is identified by patients.

He read a message that was written by Abby, which accompanied the artwork that said, "This is my big red heart and it has black blood all around it, but all the wires and colorful medicine are going to help me get better."

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said the Community is proud to assist LLS, which helps fund an important cause that affects many individuals across the country.



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Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Executive Director Jim Brewer addresses Community Council on Feb. 22.



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Art work created by patients who received care courtesy of GRIC's grant.



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January 21st 2018–
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District One (Blackwater):

Burglary –The reporting party stated someone broke out one of her windows and entered into the residence. Miscellaneous items were taken and other items were damaged. Officers are continuing to follow up on the open case.

Status: On-Going Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The victim and the suspect were engaged in a verbal altercation. As the victim went into the next room to separate from one another, the suspect broke the bedroom door. During the course of the altercation the victim choked the suspect. The victim had discoloration, slightly swollen, scratches and redness around the area where she complained of pain and discomfort. The victim was transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: On-Going Investigation

Theft (shoplifting) – Three male juvenile suspects entered into the store grabbing different items off the shelves and the refrigerated coolers. The suspects then and walked out of the store without attempting to pay for the items. The suspects were last observed running east bound on Pima Street. Officers are reviewing footage and pending the suspect identification.

Status: On-Going Investigation

Theft – Reporting party called dispatch to report a theft of six heavy duty batteries that belong to equipment machinery. Contact was made with the reporting party, who stated they had been contacted by the Pinal County Sheriff's Department in reference to the stolen batteries. GRPD made contact with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, due to them locating the stolen batteries. The suspect was located, with the stolen property and arrested in the Valley Farms area at the time of the incident.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Four (Stotonic Area):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Auto Theft– Officers were dispatched to the area

in reference to a theft of vehicle. Upon making contact with the reporting party, it was learned the vehicle which had been stolen was a Polaris RZR. The vehicle had been parked by the trailer that the reporting party lives in while working. The vehicle was entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) as stolen and follow up is being conducted.

Status: On-Going Investigation

Theft (shoplifting) – The reporting party called dispatch in reference to a shoplifter. Upon the arrival of the officer it was learned the suspect had walked into the store and concealed a hot dog, an alcoholic beverage and then left the store without paying. The vehicle license plate was observed via video surveillance and charges are pending the identification of the suspect.

Status: On-Going Investigation

Theft – The victim called dispatch to report the theft of a generator. Upon making contact with the victim it was learned the victim and his wife were asleep in their RV trailer and woke up to the trailer swaying side to side. Thinking someone hit his vehicle the victim checked the immediate area of his truck and trailer. The victim then realized his generator was taken from the back of his truck. The generator was described as a Honda EU2000I. The generator was strapped down and intertwined with wire locks, however, the wires were cut. Video surveillance is pending to identify the vehicle and suspects.

Status: On-Going Investigation

Weapon – While conducting a traffic stop on a vehicle for running a red light on State Route 347 and Riggs Rd the driver was found to have an active warrant and the passenger was found to have a weapon in his possession. The passenger did not want to give up the weapon and actively resisted while being detained. The passenger was placed under arrest and the weapon was seized. Upon further investigation the weapon came back stolen out of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. Both subjects were booked into Forth Avenue Jail and the weapon and ammunition were impounded into evidence.

Status: Suspects (both non native) were both arrested and booked into jail

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Auto Theft –A friend was asked to remove the vehicle from her yard due to the owner not picking the vehicle up when they stated it would be removed within a month. The friend had an unknown person pick up the vehicle and it is not know where the vehicle

was taken to. The vehicle was entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) as stolen. Attempts were made to locate the friend of the homeowner, but were met with negative results.

Status: On-Going Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were called to the residence in reference to a possible domestic violence disturbance. Contact was made with the suspect and the victim. While speaking with the suspect he stated it was a verbal altercation. When the suspect learned he was going to be detained the suspect resisted and ran out of the residence. A short foot pursuit took place and the suspect was not located. The victim stated there was a verbal altercation that turned physical when the suspect grabbed her by neck and squeezed. The suspect was later located and interviewed regarding the incident.

Status: Suspect was detained and interviewed

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a vehicle being broken into and items taken. Contact was made with the victim, who stated the front passenger window was broken with a brick and items were removed. Photos were taken of the damages, latent prints and other items were reviewed.

Status: On-Going Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Vee Quiva Casino in reference to a subject stealing four trash can toppers from the casino parking garage. The subject transported items from the parking garage in a blue four door sedan. Video footage will be reviewed to assist in identifying the subject.

Status: On-Going Investigation

Theft – A male stole a Gas Pressure Washer from the Vee Quiva Casino. The suspect used a vehicle and with the assistance of another Male the pressure washer was taken from the casino property in a Dodge Caliber. The identifications are pending the review of surveillance footage.

Status: Open Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

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District One (Blackwater):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Two – (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three- (Sacaton):

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Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a juvenile suspect who assaulted two victims. During the course of the altercation one of the juveniles attempted to strike one of the victims with a knife. The juvenile victim was located on scene and booked into JDRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked.

Theft – The victim called dispatch stating the suspect (her boyfriend) took a cell phone and wallet. The suspect fled the residence running east. The suspect was not located at the time of the incident but follow up is being conducted.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim stated a suspect had stolen a wheel barrel from their residence.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapon – Officers were dispatched to the Sacaton Middle School in reference to criminal damage. Investigation revealed that three juvenile suspects were involved in an incident involving one of the juvenile suspects to be in possession of the a knife. The other two juvenile suspects used the knife to cut up a seat while on the bus. Each juvenile was informed that charges were being forwarded to the law office. Contact was attempted with all guardians; but was not successful. The knife was placed into evidence.

Status: Closed

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect committed aggravated assault with law enforcement by fighting with the victim and then striking them with a metal chair. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

Aggravated Assault – The suspect committed aggravated assault by striking the victim in the face causing swelling and a laceration. The suspect was located in the bedroom and taken into custody. The victim stated the suspect became angry during a verbal altercation and began punching the victim in the face.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed that the suspect removed goods from three separate stores without paying for any of the merchandise. The suspect was contacted and the bag of merchandise was returned to the stores.

Status: Pending Criminal Charges

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Shoplifting – A suspect entered two stores at the Phoenix Premium Outlet and placed items in a bag and left without paying. Video footage was requested and is pending review for verification of the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed multiple pairs of earrings were taken from the Store.

Status: Closed

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet where investigation revealed a female entered the store and grabbed a pair of sunglasses. The suspect then left the store walking past the point of sale without paying for the item. The store manager was able to take a license plate number down and was given to the officer. A follow up will be conducted to identify and charge the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported theft of her casino ticket. While in the Lone Butte Casino, the victim stood up from her chair to speak with casino employee in reference to a winning. The victim noticed the suspect near her machine as he sat down the victim stated that the machine was still being used and the suspect got up and walked away.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – The victim stated the two were at a residence when the suspect became angry regarding issues that were not in the victim's control. The verbal altercation occurred between the suspect and victim and quickly escalated into a physical altercation where the suspect "choked" the victim using both his hands to squeeze her throat.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting– Officers were dispatched to the Casa Blanca Chevron Market in reference to a shoplifting. Investigation revealed the suspect was observed picking up items off the shelves and walked out of the store without paying for them. The suspect has been identified and follow up will be conducted.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were called to a residence in reference to a fight that occurred between siblings. Investigation revealed that the victim and suspect were involved in a verbal argument when the physical altercation ensued. During the altercation the

suspect strangled the victim using his forearm causing the victim to have difficulty breathing. During the altercation an individual had to intervene to break up the fight at which time she was struck in the head by another person or object. The suspect was located, arrested and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incident involving part 1 crime

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District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect committed aggravated assault by intentionally running after the male victim with a steak knife in an aggressive and threatening manner. While the suspect chased after the victim, the suspect stated, "I'm going to get you". The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival. The charges have been longed form to the law office.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – The suspect committed burglary by entering the residence of the suspect with the intention of committing theft. The suspect took grocery items, household items along with some other miscellaneous items.

Status: Suspect was booked into DRS

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Auto Theft – Officers met with the victim at the police department in reference to a stolen vehicle. The investigation revealed the vehicle was last seen in the area of Nelson Rd and St. Peters Rd where the vehicle was left when it broke down. The vehicle has not been located and was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to an auto theft. The investigation revealed the victim allowed a family member to use the vehicle. While they were in possession of the vehicle it was taken from the residence without permission by the suspect. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen that was later recovered the next day.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a stolen go kart. The victim stated their red two-seater go kart was taken from their front yard. The go-kart was out of gas and had a low tire, thus had

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BIE and tribal leaders tour Gila Crossing Community School

New school construction project discussed for future in District 6

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The Gila River Indian Community tribal council met with the Bureau of Indian Education on Feb. 22 to discuss the Gila Crossing School construction project as well as getting a tour of the current Gila Crossing Community School.

"This is incredible for the Community; we haven't seen a new school constructed in decades and this is a real game changer for the education of our Community members, especially out here within the Gila Crossing School community," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. "We have a lot of students going to school off the reservation and it's going to draw a lot of those students back because we are planning for a state-of-the-art school. A school for the future."

On Thursday morning, officials from the BIE and tribal council took a walking tour of the Gila Crossing Community School. They visited kindergarten, first grade and third grade classes. They also saw first-hand the agricultural and cultural classes and cur-

riculum that students are learning.

The agricultural class is very hands-on in addition to classroom learning, as well as incorporating cultural lessons into the agriculture lessons. In the cultural classes, Gila Crossing School, teaches both the O'otham and Pee Posh languages.

While on campus, they visited the school's lone library that serves both school campuses.

The site visit was an important step in the process as it gave BIE officials a first-hand look at the current facilities, which are mostly modular buildings.

Gov. Lewis acknowledge the long wait period for tribal communities when it comes to school construction because lack of available federal funds. The Community will be taking a new streamline process that has never been used in Indian Country. That new process is currently being discussed with the BIE and details were not available but would speed up the process compared to waiting in the traditional manner.

Once the plan is final-



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Members of the tribal council and officials from the Bureau of Indian Education visit with a class from Gila Crossing Community School during a walk-through visit.

ized, it will be presented to Congress for approval.

If this new process is successful, Gov. Lewis said it could be implemented for

a new school in the Casa Blanca community.

"Like I said in my inaugural speech, we are looking very aggressively

moving forward starting to build in (fiscal year) '19 and hopefully have an 18-month schedule and to be complete by 2020," said

Gov. Lewis of a possible timeline.

The proposed future site is near the Komatke Health Center in D6.

Iwo Jima flag raising commemorated at dinner prior to parade in Sacaton



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians makes a special presentation at the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Commemoration Dinner on Feb. 23 with a gift for Gov. Lewis.

Roberto A. Jackson

Gila River Indian News

Exactly 73 years after six Marines, including the late Ira H. Hayes, raised the flag on Mount Suribachi at the Battle of Iwo Jima, veterans invited to the Gila River Indian Community raised their glasses to those brave men at a banquet on Feb. 23. On the night prior to the annual parade commemorating the anniversary of the Iwo Jima flag raising, the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 hosted veteran groups from across the state and the country for a dinner, which included special

ceremonies, remarks from tribal leadership, acknowledgments and prayers at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley Gila River Branch – Sacaton in District 3.

Commander Chesley Juan Jr., was introduced early in the agenda, and he welcomed the visitors, particularly those from out of state. Juan recounted his research on the Battle of Iwo Jima for an essay he wrote as a sophomore in high school. According to his research, he said there were many accounts of bravery exhibited by

Hayes during his service. However, Hayes' perception of his actions differed from the records. "He did not perceive himself as a hero, as we all know," said Juan. Hayes distinguished himself through acts of heroism including saving a fellow Marine's life. Juan honored Hayes by saying what the late Marine never magnified: "Ira Hayes was a hero."

The food was served, after an opening prayer by Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, and the Remembrance Table Ceremony, which was followed by an address from



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone receives a present from a Puyallup tribal member from Tacoma, Wash.

keynote speaker Robert Balwanz. Balwanz, who served in the Army with GRIC veteran Gary Anderson, spoke of his father who was wounded at the Battle of Iwo Jima on March 5, 1945.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was a guest speaker and he thanked Post 84 and the Ira H. Hayes Auxiliary Unit 84 for hosting the veterans.

He also recognized Wayne Allison and other members of Hayes' family who attended the dinner. When referring to the men and women who served in

the military Gov. Lewis said, "You are truly our heroes."

Before singing a traditional song to honor the veterans, Lt. Gov. Stone said, "I strongly believe in the power of our people," and "whatever we do, it's a part of us, and especially in the military."

In year's past at the dinner, visitors have presented the Community with gifts and offerings. This year, a representative from the American Legion Mathew B. Juan Post 35 presented Post 84 with artwork of Juan, the first Ari-

zonan killed in World War I.

David Bean, Puyallup Tribe of Indians (Tacoma, Wash.) council member, and members of the Puyallup Tribe veteran group, presented Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Stone with gifts of salmon medallions. The Puyallup are a fishing people and the salmon hold important significance in their history and culture.

Assisting during the event were 10 Casa Grande Union High School students, who volunteered including several members of the CGUHS Amerind Club.

A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about



By Billy Allen

About four and a half centuries ago, Fray Marcos de Niza may have come through Arizona to spread Christianity among Natives and look for riches. Based upon de Niza's reports Francisco Coronado would later lead an expedition north towards Zuni

in 1540. A few of these first cattle and horses in Arizona may have escaped but were probably eaten or died from exhaustion, according to information from a 1989 article by Larry Allen; Roots of the Arizona Livestock Industry. Roughly 150 years later Paul or Padre Kino realized stock raising and farming was the best way to educate O'odham -and provide free labor for the missions. Eventually horses and cattle or haivan were distributed to Tohono O'odham villages. (In 1987, 120 Colonial Spanish "mission-type" horses were discovered on a ranch west of Tubac, in southern Arizona. In 1885, the ranch owner, the Wilbur-Cruce family, purchased 25 mares and a stallion from Juan Sepul-

veda, a horse trader from Sonora. The Wilbur-Cruce ranch horses were kept as a closed herd.) Arizona's cattle or haivan industry took hold when the Spanish government gave out large Arizona land grants for raising cattle. An O'odham revolt in 1751, resulted in missions and haciendas to be abandoned and soon wild haivan roamed southern Arizona; the Mormon Battalion was attacked by wild bulls in 1846. After the Civil War, Texas longhorn cattle were moved in search of markets or rangelands, Arizona included. Cattle would become one of the 5 main industries when Arizona became a state.

The New York Thicket is a thick growth of native vegetation on our jeved or land, close to the West End. During the last century the thicket became a haven for lost livestock. Periodically Native cowboys or vapkial had to gather their haivan which had mixed with the

wild cattle in the thicket. (Our O'odham word vakial comes from the Spanish word vaquero. Vapkial is the plural word, cowboys.) They saw an opportunity and would capture some of the wild cattle to sell. Easier said than done --loose sand, mesquite stumps, and mean bulls were hazardous to man and horse. But cowboys being cowboys, danger was an added thrill. Riders would descend into the thicket along cow trails but dismounted when the thick brush stopped the ride. The wild haivan would run out of the thicket to escape, but ropers on the edge of the thicket where ready to take them down.

Around 1970, a prolonged drought shrunk the water supply in the thicket, forcing wild haivan out from the safety of the thicket in search of water. Native cowboys soon noticed giant hoof prints, could the "keli haivan" story the old ones told be true? Was there really an old man steer with

horns as wide as a horse is long? The cowboys gathered and decided to capture this "keli." Following the plan, "keli" was chased out of the thicket, roped and had plenty of fight in him. To avoid being gored or trampled; the roped steer was tied to an old kui or mesquite stump and left for three days. Tribal member Ralston Allen, an Arizona State Livestock Inspector, checked the brand. It turned out that "Keli" was a longhorn steer whose brand showed he belonged to a millionaire liquor distributor and rancher named Kemper Marley who pastured haivan on our jeved. It was common practice for O'otham to lease their fields to ranchers and cattlemen at the time. The old steer was taken to Paramount Packing Company in Casa Grande where the owner, J. B. Brown, bought him for \$278. Mr. Brown decided to allow the longhorn, now renamed "Viejo," to live out his natural

life at the plant and "Viejo" became a minor celebrity. *The Arizona Republic* ran an article about the capture of the longhorn but was wrong in reporting that Ralston Allen roped the steer. In his younger days, Ralston and others did rope and capture wild livestock in the thicket but that was in another age. Today animal capture is highly regulated by federal, state and tribal agencies.

Information was taken from these sources; file:///C:/Users/billy/Downloads/10695-10237-1-PB%20(1).pdf. The Arizona Republic, (January 18, 1975), article by Robert L. Thomas and http://padrekino.com/kino-legacy/horseman/. The Critically Endangered Colonial Spanish Mission Horse by Deb Wolfe. Noticias de Anza No. 52 July 2012.

Championship bid falls short for Skyline Gila River

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

An unproductive third quarter doomed the Skyline Gila River Mustangs in the Canyon Athletic Association Division I state basketball championship against the Tucson Ha:san Preparatory & Leadership School Hawks at Talking Resort Stick Arena in downtown Phoenix.

The Hawks flew away with a 78-65 victory and the state championship.

"I think my boys played hard, we are always undersized and undermanned, we are a six-man team," said their head coach. "Our whole season, we've been able to come back and turn off and on. It came back to bite us, we were sitting back waiting to turn on and it didn't turn on."

After falling behind early, the Mustangs started to rally. Trailing 7-2, the Mustangs got within

one point after Anthony Escalante scored on a fast break with 2:13 left in the opening quarter.

Ha:san responded with a basket but Michael Brown hit a jumper to keep the Mustangs within a single point. Another Escalante lay up just before the buzzer made it 13-12, with the Hawks leading after the first quarter.

Escalante hit a three-pointer to tie the game early in the second quarter and the two teams battled back and forth. Leading 29-27, Escalante scored on a breakaway layup and Francisco Castro added a pair of free throws for a 33-27 lead. After a Hawks' basket, Skyline went on a 6-0 run with baskets from Malachi Case, Brown and Castro to open up a 39-29 lead with 1:21 left in the half. After a Brown basket, the Hawks managed to score twice before halftime to cut into the Mustangs' lead, 41-34.

Ha:san came storming



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Skyline Prep's Isaac Miguel boxes out a Ha:san Prep player during the CAA Div. 1 state championship game at Talking Resort Stick Arena.

out of the gates to start the second half. They opened the second half on 9-0 run during the first three minutes to take a 43-41 lead. Castro ended Skyline's drought with a layup to tie the game.

But from there it was all Ha:san, ending the quarter with another 9-0 run to take a commanding 52-43 lead into the fourth quarter.

Their lead grew to as much as 14-points as the Mustangs faded late in the

fourth, cutting the lead to single digits with 33 seconds left in the game but not enough as the Hawks capitalized on free throws at the end.

The Mustangs finished the season with 15-1 record.

They were ranked fourth in CAA Div. 1 rankings. They beat 13th-ranked ACP (81-51), 5th-ranked Orme School (83-30), upset top-ranked Madison High School (86-78) to get to the state championship game.



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The Skyline Prep Mustangs pose with the runner-up trophy after falling in the CAA Div. 1 championship game to the Tucson Ha:san Prep Hawks.

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Iwo Jima Parade

From page 1

took the island.

Among them were a trio of Marines, who served in WWII, Dennis Kavanaugh with F Company, 4th Marine Division, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, Jim Thompson 4th Marine Division, 4th Signal Company and Walter L. "Doc" Davidson, who served with K Company, 1st Marine Division, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment.

Spectators cheered and applauded passing floats filled with veteran dignitaries from across North America and a variety of tribal nations.

Representing the Gila River Indian Community in the parade were Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, a large group of St. Peter Indian Mission School students carrying a U.S. flag, and the Achem A'al Indigenous Pima Basket Dancers, the Gila River Basket Dancers, and much more.

A wave of floats from tribal communities included the Tohono O'odham Nation, Navajo Nation, Yakama Nation, North Dakota, and several veterans posts and associations.

As the parade wound down, the large crowd of spectators was invited to make their way across the street to the Ira H. Hayes/Matthew B. Juan memorial park where master of ceremonies welcomed the audience to the Community.

There, Lewis said, that it is an honor to host so many veterans groups from across Arizona and the country, that they are deserving of respect and gratitude for making the trip to the Community for the parade.

He said they carry so many qualities that are often forgotten today like, service, sacrifice, pride, commitment, honor and courage.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Post 84 members awards the Cochise County Marine float a ribbon for an exceptional parade entry.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
WWII Veteran Salvador Leon lays a wreath on the POW/MIA monument at Ira H. Hayes-Matthew B. Juan Park.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Lt. Gov. Robert Stone lays a wreath in remembrance of Matthew B. Juan, who was the first Arizonan to be killed in World War I.

"Each of our families has its stories of a son who went off to war and served with distinction, a daughter for who the service meant more than self, a relative we never got the chance to know well, but who we regard with deep pride every single time we hear their name," said Lewis. "In my family, that man is Corporal Richard Lewis."

Lewis said that while he had never met his grandfather's brother, he was an

inspiration to him throughout his life and that like many families of the Community, they have sent a loved one off to war.

"My granddad's brother enlisted [during] World War II...[and] served as a member of the First Marine Division Reinforced," said Lewis. "[He] was also a dear friend of Ira Hayes."

"Richard Lewis fought until a mid-January day in 1943 when he was killed in action," he said. "His

"SAFE NEIGHBOR"

Indian Community.

- Tanker truck backed up to a wash? Make a "Safe Neighbor" call.

- Unknown vehicle circling the neighborhood? Make a "Safe Neighbor" call.

- Truck full of trash driving towards a desert area? Make a "Safe Neighbor" call.

- People arguing in your neighborhood? Make a "Safe Neighbor" call.

- Gunfire on the community? Make a "Safe Neighbor" call.

The "Safe Neighbor" program can be successful because of the unique factors found here in the Gila

River Indian Community.

The first of these factors is the community itself. Many of the members here have spent most of their lives within the community. No one knows better when something doesn't belong than the person who is in that area every day. So if every day your neighbor goes to work at 8 am and there is not usually a vehicle at their house, but today a pick-up truck is backed up to your neighbors front door, you know that is not normal. Utilize the "Safe Neighbor" program by calling the Gila River Police Department to let them know something isn't right.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Marines from the Cochise County Marine post reenact the raising of the flag atop Mt. Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and father, Rodney Lewis lay a wreath at the Iwo Jima monument in Sacaton on Feb. 24.

death marked the first time a Pima Indian was killed in the Pacific Theatre in World War II."

Lewis said that several months later in a letter to his own family, Ira Hayes said he had been moved by Lewis's willingness to give his own life to protect the country.

Just two years later, on Feb. 23, 1945, Hayes, along with Harold Schultz, Michael Strank, Franklin Sousley, Rene Gagnon, and Harlon Block, would raise the U.S. flag over the island of Iwo Jima, he said.

"Ira Hayes stands as a giant to generation upon generation of Gila River Indian Community members," said Lewis. "We, the fortunate many, who

have the chance to stand here today because of the service of men and women like Ira Hayes, who fought courageously, who risked everything so that we can be free."

He said Hayes was and will always be a true hero, despite shying away from the title of "hero" for his courageous actions at the Battle of Iwo Jima as is the title for all Community members, who enlisted into the armed forces and have fought in wars since then.

"To each of you veterans here today, to the members of the Ira Hayes family, and my family, and all the many Community families who send loved ones off to...war let me close by saying this," said Lewis.

"We stand in awe of what you have accomplished and your commitment, and each of us working in our own way to bring honor to your service and to continue on in your footsteps. Our community will never forget you and we will do everything in our power to support our veterans and to live up to your example."

After the event's dignitaries concluded their speeches, five wreaths were blessed and placed at each of the veterans memorial park's monuments; the Iwo Jima, Matthew B. Juan, Purple Heart, Women veterans, and P.O.W./M.I.A. monuments.

Information will be relayed to the Police for investigation. Additionally, reporting activity to the District Service Center coordinator or District Council Member will also get the information passed onto law enforcement and corresponding agencies to ensure the safety of the entire community.

I closing, I would like to say thank you for taking the time to read about some of the Suspicious Activity you may encounter on a daily basis and how to report it. The bottom line is if something doesn't seem right to you, it may not be.

Crime Prevention Program

Gila River Indian
Community

Thanks for taking the time to read the Chemical Tribal Emergency Response Commission's (C-TERC) article on the "Safe Neighbor" crime prevention program, written by Gila River Police Department.

We have chosen to utilize a "Safe Neighbor" program to report "Suspicious Activity."

What is considered suspicious activity? Anything observed that is out of the normal routine for the members of the Gila

GRIC FIT NEWS

EVENTS

Iwo Jima Event was a success. There was over 170 runners and 65 walkers. This is great news that we have more runners than walkers this year. Healthier lifestyles are changing lives. March to MCT runners received their third medals with bags. Even the babies participated in the run. Next issue will list winners. MCT Marathon Saturday 3/3/18 see you there!



Chair Volleyball Tournament

• Tribal leadership Chair Volleyball Tournament is scheduled March 24, 2018. Come out and enjoy GRIC Governor and Lt. Governor along with other tribes as they compete for the bragging right's trophy.

CALLING ALL TRIBAL LEADERSHIP TEAMS!

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Gila River Tribal Recreation

2018 13-15 Basketball Standings

Team Name	Wins	Loses
1. GR Hawks I	3	1
2. GR Hawks II	2	2
3. Snake Town	3	1
4. Ak-Chin	3	1
5. Boys and Girls Club	2	2
6. San Lucy	0	4
7. Braves	0	4
8. Chumaths	3	1

Standings after February 17, 2018

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT Ryan Duran



Ryan is a Fitness Instructor employed with Gila River Indian Community for the past 12 years and a native of New Mexico. He states he has a desire to share with others the benefits of living a healthy active lifestyle. He motivates the clients and inspires others to reach their own personal goals. Ryan will be leaving this week to follow his passion and experience a new journey in his life. He states he is excited to go and help others but will miss Gila River dearly. This saddens us all but we are happy for him to soar into new adventures. Thank you Ryan for your great customer service to the community.

16- 17-year-old youth league will be starting soon.

Gila River Tribal Recreation
2018 16-17 Co-ed Basketball League

Attention Coaches this is a Free recreational league. The league is to enhance the skill sets of high school players in the sport of basketball. The league is also designed to encourage sportsmanship in a positive and competitive environment. All Coaches must adhere to the new background procedures before participating.

Registration Begins Monday March 12, 2018
Registration Ends Friday March 30, 2018
League begins Friday April 13, 2018
**Open to the first ten (10) teams
First Come First Served**

Please contact Duane at Tribal Recreation @
520-562-6087 or email huey.guy.rec@gric.nsn.us

56TH ANNUAL FAIR AND RODEO MUL-CHU-THA



MARCH 9 - 11, 2018

FRIDAY - 3.9.18



TERRI-ANNE STRONGARM
SINGER/PERFORMER

7PM

SATURDAY - 3.10.18



TWO RIVERS BAND
O'ODHAM WAILA BAND

7PM

MUL-CHU-THA CONCERT LINEUP



ONE OF THESE NIGHTS
THE EAGLES TRIBUTE BAND

8PM



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COUNTRY MUSIC ARTIST

8PM

**Sacaton Fair Grounds
Sacaton, AZ**

SUNDAY - 3.11.18



SMOKESTACK LIGHTNING
BLUES BAND

6PM



SHINING STAR
EARTH, WIND & FIRE TRIBUTE BAND

7PM



ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT
R&B/HIP-HOP GROUP

9PM

FREE Show with Fair Admission

ADMISSION PRICES

Adult (13 Years - 54 Years): \$6.00
Child (6 Years -12 Years)/Elder (55 Years +): \$4.00
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GATES OPEN:

Friday March 9, 2018: 5PM || Saturday March 10, 2018: 11AM || Sunday March 11, 2018: 11AM

For more information contact: (520) 562-9713 or visit, www.mul-chu-tha.com

Gila River Indian Community shall not be held responsible for bodily injury, theft, or damages incurred during the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo.

56TH ANNUAL MUL-CHU-THA



PARADE

March 10, 2018 • Sacaton, AZ

“Honoring Our History and Everyday Heroes”



PARADE START TIME: 9AM

Parade Route Begins at Gu U Ki and Bluebird Roads; will travel East on Bluebird Road, then left on Cholla Road; Parade will end at Seed Farm Road (See Map).

2018 Mul-Chu-Tha Parade Route



For more information contact: Special Events Coordinator (520) 562-9713, CPAO Office (520)562-9715 or visit, www.mul-chu-tha.com || Return entry forms by either FAX (520)562.9712 or Email: mulchutha@gric.nsn.us

Parade application deadline: Monday, February 26, 2018

Gila River Indian Community shall not be held responsible for bodily injury, theft, or damages incurred during the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo.

Over 30 skaters enter the Shred in the Name of Love competition

Crime victim services also presented in conjunction with Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



Photo courtesy of Seven Layer Army Skateboards

Over 30 Community skateboarders took part in the Shred in the Name of Love Skateboarding competition.

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

The 3rd Annual Shred in the Name of Love skateboard competition took place on Friday, Feb. 16 at the Santan Skate Park in District 4, with over 30 skateboarders coming out. The competition featured three age divisions including 7-10 year olds, 11-15-year olds and 16 years and up. Sponsoring the skate competition was District 4 Recreation in collaboration with Crime Victim Services and Seven Layer Army Skateboards. The top three finishers in the 7-10-year-old division were Samuel Alman, Van Johns and Mickey Allison. The top three finishers in the 11-15-year-old division were Johnny Brown, Jacob Jones and Ceto Ortiz. The



Photo courtesy of Seven Layer Army Skateboards
L-R: Adrian Thomas, Jeremy Rhodes and Taymen Chatlin finished as the top three in the 16 and up division.

top three finishers in the 16 and up division were Adrian Thomas, Jeremy Rhodes and Taymen Chatlin.

February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and Crime Victim Services uses this annual event to reach the target demographic to bring awareness to the Community's

youth. "They have booths set up," said organizer, Reuben Ringlero. "They have discussions about dating violence issues and Crime Victim Services goes through and educates and informs them. They ask questions and whoever answers, we have prizes. It was a big

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success." On hand at the skate competition was Elemental Awareness, a 501 c3 non-profit, that is associated with the popular Elemental Skateboards company and brought a team of professional amateur skateboarders to hang out with

the Community's youth. This event is on the heels of the successful San Tan Skate Jam that was held in District 4 in December and precursor to the Sac City Throwdown that takes place during the Mul-Chu-Tha festivities. The Sac City Thro-

down is scheduled for March 10, 2018 at the Sacaton skate park with on-site registration taking place on the day of, which is free, and will be open to all Native Americans regardless of tribal affiliation.

Arizona Coyotes present check to Casa Blanca Community School

Grant money to assist Robotics Program and STEM learning skills

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

When it comes to raising money and providing grants for needy causes in Arizona, the Arizona Coyotes remain number one. The latest example of the Coyotes' generosity came during the first period of their home game against the Edmonton Oilers at Gila River Arena on Feb. 17, when the Arizona Coyotes Foundation presented Casa Blanca Community School's Robotics Club with a \$5,000 check. Casa Blanca students, staff, board members and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis accepted the check from Ahron Cohen, Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel & Alternate Governor, Arizona Coyotes and were filmed during the game in a special presentation. "We wanted to provide this check to really help [the Robotics Club] grow and give back to this great elementary school," said Cohen.

The money will provide equipment and other materials for the club as the students learn basic programming and STEM skills. "We can enrich what we have and grow this program with the funding that we are receiving," said Terri Marsoobian, gifted program teacher.

Several students attended the game in honor of the check presentation. "It's such a joy to see [the students] have big smiles," said Marsoobian.

FOX Sports Arizona aired a segment on the donation and featured the Robotics Program, which was filmed at Casa Blanca Community School and showed the 7-10 year-old students working with robots and computers.

Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 participated in the opening ceremonies by posting the colors for the singing of the national anthem.



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Casa Blanca Community School students hold up a \$5,000 check from the Arizona Coyotes to be used in the Robotics Program. Front row from left: Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Syndel Preston, Zylus Jones, Jaden Jackson and Ahron Cohen, Arizona Coyotes Chief Operation Officer. Middle row from left, Angelina Donahue, Kaylee Luna and Terri Marsoobian, CBCS Robotics Coach. Back row from left, James Lopez, Robotics Coach, Phillip Ahmsaty, CBCS Board Member, and Darren Pedro-Martinez, CBCS Board Member.

Executive Office Headlines

Lt. Governor Robert Stone



Governor Stephen Roe Lewis

“Putting Our People First”

Future Forum at Heard Museum feature Gov. Lewis and Congressman Gallego

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis spoke at the Heard Museum along with Congressman Ruben Gallego (AZ-7) and Eric Swalwell (CA-15) to talk about the needs of youth in Indian Country at the Future Forum on Feb. 9.

The Future Forum is a collaborative effort led by a listening team of House Democrats, such as, Stephanie Murphy (FL-07), Seth Moulton (MA-06), including Gallego and Swalwell.

The meeting was hosted in collaboration with the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, House Democrats and tribal leaders from around the state of Arizona.

The idea of the forum is to invite youth from Native communities to discuss what issues affect them.

Lewis said, Arizona is Indian Country, “We have such a strong and long-standing history of tribal nations and governments that have fought for important causes such as, water rights, lands issues and voting.”

He said it is important to have adequate representation in all facets of government and how that impacts tribal members, like the youth.

“Issues such as representation, getting our youth involved is important,” said Lewis, “We hold a responsibility as dual citizens of our tribal communities, Arizona and the United States.”

Gallego, said the future forum is about reaching out to youth from all over the country, that includes members of tribes as well.

He said being part of the Future Forum is about creating diversity and including people of all races into the conversation.

Of those topics discussed was the responsibility of members of Congress to be the voice of those from rural areas of the legislative districts they represent, which may include tribal communities.

“So, my goal here is to listen. We will be traveling to different states and take what we learn and transform that into legislation and policy actions,” said Gallego.

Swalwell shared Gallego’s thoughts, saying it was important to hear from

the youth of America, who share aspirations of going to college and making a difference in their community.

He spoke about the unique nature of tribal communities and how tribal members everywhere have dreams of achieving great things against the backdrop of a growing economy.

“The understanding is that the economy is changing pretty fast, education is getting more and more expensive,” said Swalwell.

He said in order to address the issues youth face with succeeding in this country is to meet with them in a candid and honest discussion, which he feels is the most effective way of communicating the issues.

On hand to discuss issues among the youth in his community was Vice President of the Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council Angel Raynaldo Ortiz, age 17.

Ortiz spoke on the issue of teen suicide that has affected young Community members in recent years.

“The issues that we have today and that we had for years on the Community is suicide,” said Ortiz, “Now we are focusing more on suicide awareness. Just recently I went to a wake and funeral for a young man, who took his own life.”

He said, as a youth and being part of the AOPPYC, provides opportunities to be involved in addressing the issues that are close to home.

Another aspect of teen suicide that Ortiz mentioned is domestic violence. “Domestic violence is more associated with alcoholism and parents who are alcoholics, tend to domestically abuse, tend to physically abuse, mentally abuse and sexually abuse these children today.”

He said there is a need for more services committed to addressing behavioral health issues with suicide and domestic violence, as he stated have a causal relationship, and recommended the addition for more behavioral health professionals working in the Community.

Lewis echoed Ortiz’s remarks, “We need more behavioral health resources, [we] are having to deal with the triage of those issues the youth have, especially around thoughts of



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

From L-R: Congressman Eric Swalwell (CA-15), Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Ruben Gallego (AZ-7) discuss issues that impact today’s Native youth at the Future Forum at the Heard Museum on Feb. 9.

suicide...there’s just not enough behavioral health resources that we are getting from the federal government, specific to these types of issues.”

Young River Peoples Council President, Sommer Lopez, from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, said in her community drug/substance use is also an issue faced by teens.

“In my community, I believe we can create a better future for our children, as teens, even though it sometimes falls on the adults,” said Lopez.

Lopez said through the past year, they have tried to bring more substance abuse education to the youth for them to learn about the dangerous effects drugs have on the body and mind.

“It’s a really bad place for the younger kids to grow up in to be exposed to drugs, it’s not a good way for them to learn about the effects of drugs,” she said.

Arizona State

University Political Science and Indian Studies Freshman Daniel Lewis, said opportunities for the youth to be more familiar with the political process and how it can help individuals his age to advocate around these issues of behavioral health and drug abuse is an important need.

“I think we need to create some form of studies in the local universities that educate [us], as native students, on how to make

those connections on many issues with the people that are in positions of change,” said Daniel.

Lewis, said that it is issues like what the youth have shared that are the result of not having opportunities in their communities that leads them towards destructive behavior.

“Within Indian Country we need more interventions to break the pipeline of our next generation going to prison and in-

stead having an education pipeline to college,” said Lewis, “When we see the youth getting involved in drug abuse, alcohol and social problems, and gangs... those crimes committed on an Indian reservation are federal crimes.”

Lewis said by being proactive in creating opportunities on reservations gives them hope and allows them to think in a positive way that shows they have a voice and a future.

STUDENT SERVICES

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The 2017 Royalty thank former and current Royalty Committee members. From left, Mildred Manuel, Lisa Hendricks, Anissa Garcia, Kelly Whitman, Haili Gonzales, Diana Antone and former committee member Reylynne Williams.

Farewell dinner

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and dance presentation, the contestants in the upcoming pageant were introduced. Running for Miss Gila River is Ashley Sue Pasqual, District 3, Shantell Terrazas, District 4, and Autumn Cooper, District 4. The contestants for Jr. Miss

Gila River are Samiria Juan, District 5 and Gabrielle Garcia, District 3.

In Gonzales' farewell address, she acknowledged her parents, godparents, the former and current members of the Gila River Royalty Committee as well as those who had a hand in helping her represent the Community this past year. "I couldn't have done it without you guys," she said.

Gonzales balanced sports, school and holding the title of Jr. Miss Gila River in what she called, "a great year."

Garcia also had a grateful farewell address, in which she recognized her mother Darren Pedro-Martinez and family, friends and elders. Garcia is a student at Chandler-Gilbert Community College and works as a recreation aide for District 5. "I do feel like

I came a long way from the beginning," said Garcia.

Garcia also saved special comments for her royalty counterpart Gonzales. "I'm very proud of you, Haili, for coming this far."

Garcia and Gonzales closed out their remarks with a gift presentation for individuals they were thankful for over the past year.

Following the official agenda, guests joined in a dance with music provided by T.O. Mumsigo.

Garcia's farewell tour also included an address before Community Council meeting on February 21.

"It's been a humbling experience to represent the Community, not only locally, but nationally," said Anissa Garcia, as her time as the 2017-2018 Miss Gila River came to a close.

Garcia said balancing a full schedule added to her personal growth through her year of reign.

"I got to learn a lot more of who I am, that I am able to step out of my own box to better and to work on my public speaking."

She said part of her reign entailed being a



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The contestants for the 2018 pageant were introduced at the farewell dinner. From left, Gabrielle Garcia (Jr. Miss), Shantell Terrazas, Samiria Juan (Jr. Miss), Autumn Cooper and Ashley Sue Pasqual.

role-model for the youth of the Community and that it was especially important to promote positive messages through immersing herself in cultural activities.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone encouraged Garcia to continue participating in her educational studies and participation in cultural games like Toka.

"I wanted to thank you for the opportunity that you've had here in the last year in the Community, in your position in all the work you have done and your words of encouragement to the youth," said Stone.

He said Garcia brought new ideas to the Community's culture and the events that she has hosted with Toka and Shungival.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis echoed Stone's remarks, "You represented our Community in so many different events both off and on the reservation with dignity and respect... You are a true role model among the youth."

He said Garcia was a positive influence on the youth, that find themselves often facing my challenges, and need a role-model to give them constructive advice.

Running with Royalty events promote healthy, wellness lifestyle

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia hosted three events over President's Day Weekend in one of her final acts before passing on her title.

Running with Royalty took place in the morning on Feb. 19, at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds in District 3. Later in the day, Garcia hosted toka and songivu'l tournaments in District 4 at the Stotonic Ballpark.

"The turnout was good for the events hosted by myself, especially, with the type of day we were having with the weather," said Garcia, referencing the windy, dusty, grey day.

The run and walk brought around 80 participants. Around 11 people took part in songivu'l and 10 teams competed in



Photo courtesy of Anissa Garcia

Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia poses with one of the participants in the Running with Royalty Run and Walk.

the toka tournament. The events were Garcia's way of continuing to fulfill her

platform she undertook when she accepted the title of Miss Gila River.



Photo courtesy of Anissa Garcia

Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia also hosted a toka and songivu'l tournament to promote having a healthy lifestyle and staying active.

"My platform for Miss Gila River was living a healthy lifestyle emotional-

ly, physically, mentally and spiritually and I felt these events fit that," said Garcia.

"I also play toka and felt it fit all of the areas."

Tribal Education is rebranding and expanding special education services

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

The Tribal Education Department's Early Childhood Special Services (ECSS) is providing additional services and will be rebranded as the Child Development and Education Support Services (CDESS).

The expanded services were added to address the Community's needs for special education advocacy for students attending kindergarten through 12th grade on and off of the Community.

"The Special Education process can be confusing and overwhelming. We really want parents and

guardians to have an advocate there to help them understand the process that their child may be going through when it comes to special education," said Joann Nelson, Special Services Manager. "Whether its providing info about their parental rights, student's rights or understanding plans that their child may be placed and how often that plan will be revisited. We want the parents and guardians to know we are available to help them through the process by phone, email or in-person."

The goal of the program is to enhance the development of children with

disabilities and to minimize their potential for developmental delays by evaluating and identifying the needs of all children that reside in the Gila River Indian Community that have special needs.

The program has components for birth to three years old, three years to five years old and kindergarten through 12th grade. The birth to five services are provided to children residing within the Community and are offered in the child's natural setting (home or center-based). The K-12th grade services are offered to any student that is enrolled in

the Community, regardless if the school is within in the Community or off the Community.

The additional services have been available since October 2017 and the program is referral-based and parents/guardians can request services at any time.

The program continues to accept birth to five year olds referrals from hospitals, various tribal and state agencies and schools. The program requests the referral source has notified parents.

Plans that students can be placed on include Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP), Individual-

ized Education Plans (IEP) and 504 Plans depending on age and student's needs. The plans are in place to help the student succeed in their schooling. The CDESS program has a variety of professionals on staff to assist children and families throughout the special education process.

In addition, to these services the original services that have always been available will remain intact. Those services include hearing, vision and development screening for children birth to five years old, home and school/center-based services, special education and related ser-

vices (speech, occupational and physical therapies, etc.), transportation to and from therapies and early intervention, including monitoring and tracking for infants and toddlers.

The program is funded through the Community's education budget as well as through federal funding for the birth to five years component under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Parts B & C.

For more information or referrals please reach out to the Child Development and Education Support Services at (520) 562-3882 or at the Tribal Education Department.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, February 21, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:11 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Marlin Dixon

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Absent:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Robert Stone
Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison (9:20), Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (10:09), Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D5-VACANCY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Request For Presentation Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED MR. . MR. PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM'S USE OF THE GRANT AND EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE, AS WELL AS PRESENTED A GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

2. 2017-2018 Miss Gila River Farewell Address

Presenters: Gila River Royalty Committee

MS. LISA HENDRICKS INTRODUCED MISS GILA RIVER ALICIA GARCIA. MS. GARCIA PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND, HER EXPERIENCES THROUGHOUT HER REIGN AND EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

REPORTS

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

Presenter: Kelly Gomez

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Presenters: Clarice Chiago Jones, Peter Quam, GRTI Board

REPORT HEARD

3. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017) Human Resources Department

Presenter: Randall Lang

REPORT HEARD

4. FY17 Annual Report Office Of Special Funding

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

REPORT HEARD

5. FY17 Annual Report Pension

Presenter: Sharon Harvier

REPORT HEARD

6. FY17 Annual Report Per Capita Office

Presenter: Neomi Martinez

REPORT HEARD

7. FY17 Annual Report Property & Supply

Presenter: Lawrence Makil

REPORT HEARD

8. FY17 Annual Report Finance

Presenter: Mike Jacobs

REPORT HEARD

9. Gila River Indian Community Urban Members Association 2018 1Quarter Report

Presenter: Anthony Newkirk

REPORT HEARD

10. Boys And Girls Club Of The East Valley Gila River

Branches Club Quarterly Report, October – December 2017

Presenters: Chilo Figueroa, Jason Jones

REPORT HEARD

11. 2015-2016 Fish Survey Report

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. Gila River Health Care Purchase Referred Care

Presenter: Lisa P. Sainz

REPORT HEARD

13. GRIC Historical Basket Making Final Report

Presenter: Monica King

REPORT HEARD

[MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A 60-

MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING

RECONVENED AT 1:45P.M.]

14. GRTI 4Q2017 Update Report

Presenters: Peter Quam, GRTI Board

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. GRTI Update (Executive Session)

Presenters: GRTI Board

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. Office Of General Counsel CY 2017 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Linus Everling

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCT

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation To Submit A Grant Application To The Arizona Department Of Transportation For Rural Transit Services, On Behalf Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Timothy Oliver

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Authorizing The Governor And The Tribal Historic Preservation Officer To Be Signatories To The Memorandum Of Agreement Among, The Bureau Of Indian Affairs, Pima Agency, The Gila River Indian Community, The Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District And The Tribal Historic Preservation Office Regarding The Resolution Of Adverse Effects Of The Agricultural Improvement Program In The Colton Martinez Fields, Gila River Indian Community, Arizona (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC & CRSC concur)

Presenter: Barnaby V. Lewis

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Candace Eldridge Located In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30117-0446 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Ada Salgado

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Marissa Frances Garcia Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Christian Ray Garcia Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval) Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community's Participation In The Quality First Redesign Field Test (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections; H&SSC concurs)

Presenters: Candida Hunter, Patricia Valenzuela

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And Chandler Unified School District (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Prisoners: Isaac Salcido, Sienna Whittington

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And Phoenix Union High School (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Sienna Whittington

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And Laveen Elementary School District (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Sienna Whittington

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Request For Direction Regarding VAWA Implementation (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Michael Carter

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Gila River Health Care Hau`pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center Next Steps (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council for discussion and possible action; H&SSC concurs)

Presenters: Myron Schurz, Scott Gemberling

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Chief Prosecutor Attorney Contract (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC concurs with additional information)

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:46 P.M.]

4. Treasurer Mentee Progress Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

AND APPROVE

5. APS Letter Agreement (Executive Session)

(G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive Session, NRSC, ESC, CRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

NEW BUSINESS

1. District Two Citizens Advisory Board Member Appointment (LSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Joyce McAfee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT RITA PANCOTT

2. District Five Citizens Advisory Board Member Appointment (LSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Joyce McAfee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT PAM VEGA

3. Memorandum of Agreement – Early Childhood Special Services (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Joann Nelson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. 37th Annual Native American Child and Family Conference Las Vegas, Nevada – March 12-15, 2018 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business to open up to any interested Council Member to attend utilizing the Dues & Delegation line item)

Presenters: Education Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO INTER-

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to have been pushed out of the yard.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a residence in reference to a stabbing victim. The investigation revealed the victim had received no life threatening injuries to the back and neck area from being stabbed. The victim stated the suspects were in a vehicle as the suspect walked along the road. The suspects got out of the vehicle and began to engage in a verbal altercation when the victim started to walk away. One of the suspects followed the victim and then pushed them. As the victim turned around the suspect had a knife and attempted to stab the victim. The other subjects in the vehicle got the suspect in the vehicle and left the area. The victim walked to a relative's residence and requested medical treatment.

Status: Open Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a person being shot. Upon the officers arrival the investigation revealed the suspects fired multiple gunshots at a vehicle striking the victim in the rear of her

head. The victim stated that she was sitting on the passenger side of the vehicle when the gunfire occurred. The victim was grazed by a bullet leaving an approximately one inch wound that required medical attention.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a stolen ATV. The Officer was advised it had been secured by a chain with a lock to a cement pillar. The victim stated she was gone all day the day prior and did not realize that the ATV was gone. As the victim was sitting outside, it was noticed that the ATV was not in its usual place which it is kept under lock and key. The victim did not have a serial number for the vehicle, so the vehicle could not be entered into NCIC.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapon – Officers were attempting to contact the suspect in reference to a federal warrant. Contact was made with the suspect, who ran when coming in contact with officers. A short foot chase ensued as the suspect dropped items while running into a residence. The items were collected including a handgun. The suspect was taken into custody for the felony warrant, misconduct involving weapons and interfering with law enforcement.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

Weapon – Officers were dispatched to the area of Hoi St in reference to

shots fired. Upon the officer's arrival two subjects were pointing towards a residence across the street. While walking near the residence, gun powder could be smelled in the air. Officers were also able to locate on the street twenty five empty shell casings that were collected and booked into evidence. Contact was made with several individuals whom all stated they were asleep and did not hear any gunshots.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Robbery – Officers responded to Lone Butte Casino in reference to theft of a purse. The investigation revealed the victim was walking in the parking lot of the casino as a vehicle began to follow her. As the victim got into her vehicle, the suspect opened the driver side door and demanded the victim give the suspect "everything" as the suspect pointed a gun at the victim's stomach. The victim challenged the suspect advising the suspect to shoot the victim. The suspect then grabbed the victim's purse and left the area. The police department was able to identify the suspect and the suspect is currently being sought after for questioning.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – The suspect went into three different stores at the Phoenix

Premium Outlet and removed multiple items from the stores without paying for the items. The suspect was identified and follow ups are being conducted to interview the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The suspect was arrested at the Lone Butte Casino for taking a debit card, Arizona Driver's License and a pack of cigarettes that belonged to the victim. During the investigation it was discovered the suspect was previously excluded from the casinos last month.

Status: Suspect was charged with the theft.

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a business location in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed the suspect committed theft by removing \$200.00 from the victim's wallet which had been secured in a locker at the place of employment.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers responded to Wild Horse Pass Casino in reference to a theft of a generator. Contact was made with the victim and he stated he stopped at the casino to rest and sleep before getting back on the road. The next morning the victim attempted to start up the generator and saw the generator was now missing. Casino security was contact and the police was notified of the incident.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Burglary – When the victim returned home they noticed a television, and other personal items had been stolen from the residence. The victim had been gone for about a week and entry was made through a window that was broken by the suspects.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to GRTI in reference to items taken. The investigation revealed the suspect(s) forcefully entered the Gila River Communications yard and stole one spool of copper wire from a work truck. The Verizon Wireless and GRIC community fence was spray painted with writing that was not legible. Photos were taken and submitted into evidence for follow up.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to the Komatke Store. The investigation revealed two suspects went into the store and took merchandise from the store and left without paying.

Status: Open Investigation

Theft – The victim reported that the suspect took a casino ticket that was dropped on floor and then was cashed. The investigation revealed the suspect pick up the paper, look at it and immediately walk to the cashier cage to cash it out. The suspect then

walked out of the casino leaving in their vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (from a motor vehicle) – Officers were dispatched to residence in reference to a theft. Contact was made with the reporting party, who stated someone forced entry into his Kia Forte. It appears entry was made through the driver side front door and the suspect stole a phone.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to the theft of a firearm. The victim revealed the firearm taken was a Glock 26 suspected an individual who was on social media selling a firearm with the same description. Other evidence is being reviewed to determine if the suspect is known and follow ups are being conducted. During the course of a follow up it was learned other personal items had also been removed from the residence.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incident involving part I crime

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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RESIDENCY ORDINANCE
The Legislative Standing Committee ("LSC") will be considering the Residency Ordinance at their regular meeting on March 27, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., located in Conference Room B of the Community Council Secretary's Office. A copy of the Residency Ordinance in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office.

If you are interested in providing comments to the Residency Ordinance, please attend the scheduled LSC

meeting, or you may also contact your Council representative, and/or the LSC's Chairperson at (520) 562-9720. Comments may also be mailed to Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147
Attn: Michael Carter.

CHAPTER 9. RESIDENCY
8.901. Purpose and Definitions.

A. Purpose. The purpose of this Chapter is to exercise the Community's inherent authority, including the authority to exclude individuals from the Gila River Indian Community, to regulate who may reside on the Gila River Indian Reservation.

B. Definitions. For purposes of this

chapter, the following definitions apply:

1. "Community" means the Gila River Indian Community, a federally-recognized Indian tribe.
2. "Detention facilities" are the adult detention facility and juvenile detention facility operated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision.
3. "Health care facilities" are establishments providing residential care or treatment including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing home, hospice care facilities or medical wards in detention facilities.
4. "Member" means an enrolled mem-

ber of the Gila River Indian Community.

5. "Minor children" are persons under the age of 18 years.
6. "Reside" means the place where a person actually lives. For purposes of this ordinance, remaining within the Gila River Indian Reservation for a period of longer than 14 days triggers the requirements found in sections 8.902 and 8.903.
7. "Sexual offense" means any offense involving unlawful sexual conduct, including but not limited to prostitution, indecent exposure, incest, pederasty, and bestiality.
8. "Spouse" means one's husband or

wife by lawful marriage.

9. "Violent offense" means a crime characterized by serious physical force, such as murder, forcible rape, assault or battery with a dangerous weapon, or aggravated assault or batter.

8.902. Non-Members Who May Reside on the Gila River Indian Reservation.

The following non-members who meet the standards of section 8.904 may reside on the Gila River Indian Reservation, subject to the requirements of this chapter:

A. Spouses of Community members ;

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CRIMINAL CODE
The Legislative Standing Committee ("LSC") will be considering the Criminal Code, Chapter 18 at their regular meeting on March 27, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., located in Conference Room B of the Community Council Secretary's Office. A copy of the Criminal Code, Chapter 18 in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office.

If you are interested in providing com-

ments to the Criminal Code, please attend the scheduled LSC meeting, or you may also contact your Council representative, and/or the LSC's Chairperson at (520) 562-9720, Comments may also be mailed to Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147
Attn: Michael Carter.

TITLE 5. CRIMINAL CODE
CHAPTER 18. SPECIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION

5.1801. Authority.

A. This chapter implements the provi-

sions of the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. § 1301, et. seq.) as amended by the Violence Against Women Act of 2013 (Pub. L. 113-4) in order to exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction over non-Indians.

B. The Gila River Indian Community Court shall have Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction over any non-Indian who commits an offense under this chapter, when the offense occurs within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation.
5.1802. Applicability.

This chapter applies only to arrest court proceedings, detention and sentencing of non-Indians as authorized under this chapter.

5.1803. Conflict with Other Laws.

Where any conflict exists between this chapter and any other provision of the Code or the Rules of Criminal Procedure, this chapter shall prevail only regarding the exercise of Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction over non-Indians. Where no conflict exists, the other provisions of the Code and the Rules of Criminal Procedure shall be applicable

to the exercise of Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction over non-Indians.

5.1804. Definitions Used in this Chapter.

A. Non-Indian means any person not defined as an Indian under Section 5.102.

B. Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction means criminal jurisdiction exercised by the Gila River Indian Community Court over any non-Indian accused of committing an offense under this chapter.
5.1805. Special Domestic Violence.

A. A person commits the offense of special domestic violence if he commits an offense of violence against:

L A person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the defendant, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship;

2. A current or former spouse or intimate partner ;

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ESTED COUNCIL MEMBER

5. RES 2018 – March 5-8, 2018 Las Vegas, Nevada (EDSC forwards to Council for any interested Council Member to attend using the Dues & Delegation line item)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

6. GRTI Declaration of Board Vacancies Two (2)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCIES AND ADVERTISE FOR 60-DAYS

MINUTES

1. December 20, 2017 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. February 7, 2018 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> ESC WORK SESSION THURSDAY CANCELLED AND ALL ITEMS MOVED TO FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

>GRIIDD SPECIAL MEETING, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018, 9 A.M.

>LITIGATION TEAM MEETING, MARCH 8, 2018, 1 P.M.

>IWO JIMA DINNER AND PARADE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:01 p.m.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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