



Tribal Education honors GRIC students at annual Chief Azul awards banquet

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Gila River Indian News

The 2018 Chief Azul Scholar and Citizenship awards were resting on stage on a burgundy table cloth at the Vee Quiva Event Center. The awards wouldn't stay on the table very long. Before the night ended, each award was given to a young Gila River Indian Community member for their academic excellence and inspirational behavior. The annual Chief Azul Scholar and Citizenship Awards Banquet, hosted by GRIC's Tribal Education Department on May 4, honored students from fourth to 12th grade with family, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone,

Community Council representatives, school administrators and board members in attendance to support the students. Council Representatives included Arzie Hogg of District 1, Carol Schurz of District 2, Carolyn Williams and Rodney Jackson of District 3, Jennifer Allison and Pamela Johnson of District 4, Marlin Dixon of District 5 and Charles Goldtooth from District 6.

"I want the students that are being honored tonight to feel proud," said Tribal Education Department Director Isaac Salcido.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis delivered a recorded video message to the students praising their accomplishments. "As Governor of

the Gila River Indian Community I want to congratulate you on your achievements. I am extremely proud of you and I know your families are sharing in your success."

Before the dinner portion of the agenda, Lt. Gov. Stone addressed the students, and the approximately 150 in attendance. His message to the students was to enjoy their success, but to also expect future prosperity if they continue to work hard. "Your real reward is still coming," said Lt. Gov. Stone

Following the dinner, David Martinez, Associate Professor,

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The 2018 Chief Azul Citizenship Award winners, 15 high school students, pose at the Vee Quiva Event Center on May 4. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



GRIC breaks ground on a new educational preserve at the MAR 5 site on May 14. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Educational Preserve coming to MAR 5 site

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The Gila River Indian Community announced plans to develop the Managed Aquifer Recharge Site 5 along the Keli Akimel.

"This is going to be very exciting for our Community and is historic as well. What we're doing for the MAR 5, for a special unique reason is something that is bringing back the flow of the river," said Governor Stephen Roe Lewis.

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis spoke at the MAR 5 site just before turning the soil to break ground on a new development project to transform the area into an educational preserve on May 14.

Called the Gila River Interpretive Trail and Education Center, the sprawling development will offer visitors a chance to learn about the traditional uses of native plants to the area and about the importance of the Gila River to the Akimel O'otham.

"That's the whole goal of the MAR 5 is to re-establish that historic cultural and spiritual connection between us and the Keli Akimel," said Lewis.

He said the site was an idea driven by the Community's desire to educate its members about how important the river is to the people and the generations that looked to it for nourishment and sustenance for decades.

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ASU American Indian Convocation

Ten GRIC students graduate from Arizona State University

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Members of the Gila River Indian Community were recognized for their hard work and commitment in their field of study at Arizona State University.

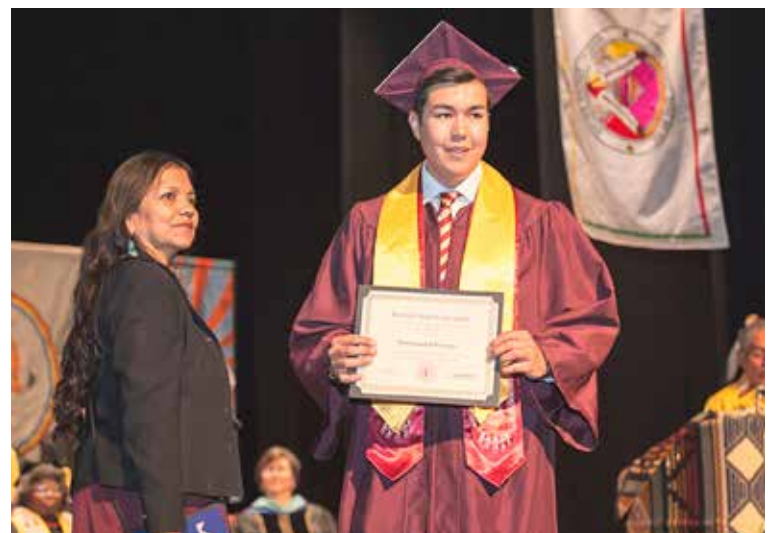
In an annual tradition ASU hosted the American Indian Convocation, to recognize the accomplishments of Native students at Grady Gammage Auditorium on May 9.

In addition to the over 140 graduates present at the convocation, five Community members received their degrees through the Gila River Culture and Language Teacher Cohort program at ASU.

Community members Edwardine Thomas, Nina Allison, Marcella Hall, Priscilla Espinoza and Starleen Somegustava, all received their master's degrees for successful completing the teacher cohort program, were recognized at the convocation before a packed audience.

Other Community members, who completed their degree programs at ASU were: Emmanuel Whempner, Jordyn Woodard, Cerena Molina, Katherine Smith, and Leonard Bruce.

In total, there was over 300 Native students who graduated from ASU, that represented over 30 tribal communities from across the state and country.



Emmanuel Whempner with his bachelor's. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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Ages 10-18 years old

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Prescott, AZ
Ages 10-18 years old

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Community gives feedback on plans for new Gila Crossing school



Attendees listen to District 6 Council Representative Anthony Villareal Sr. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Gov. Lewis talks about future school plans. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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District 6 stakeholders and tribal leaders hosted a meeting to

talk about the future of education in the west end of the Gila River Indian Community.

Community council representatives from District 6 and 7

met with the public to talk about the Gila Crossing School design project.

The project is a first of its kind for sovereign tribal communities, looking to build an education facility of their own, because the Community will be using its own funds to back the initiative without relying on the Bureau of Indian Education.

JCJ Architecture firm and the Community are working together to reach out to the members from the Districts 6 and 7 to receive feedback on the new school.

Steven Heely, from Akin Gump, said there is a lot of interest from congress about the Gila Crossing School project and that there is a lot of support for the project.

Heely said the owners team had one message for the design team, "This has to be a model, this has to be unique to the Community and has to show a symbol of pride for District 6 and District 7 and the Community as a whole."

The Community will finance the construction of the school and will be compensated for the construction cost by the federal government in rent payments each year for using the facility.

He said, "This has never been

done before in Indian Country, so the administration and congress are very interested in seeing the success of this construction model, so it can be replicated with tribal communities across the country."

The Community is taking this approach out of timeliness to address the concerns stakeholders have had over the state of the current school and the need to have a new one built to replace it.

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis said, "This is going to be a cutting-edge school that probably doesn't exist in Indian Country today and is on par with the best schools off the Community... that's what the children deserve, that's what our future deserves."

He said the input on what the school will look like and what it will provide in terms of facilities and educational offerings, was provided in part by the Community leadership, the Gila Crossing School staff and students.

"One of the things that this school is going to be educating is our future leaders, wherever they may go, whether it's going to be a governor, a community manager, or the head of our water delivery program (Pima Maricopa Irrigation Project), whether it's going to

be an engineer, they're going to be from this school."

JCJ Architecture is leading the designing of the school under the direction of tribal leaders and GCCS students, faculty and staff.

JCJ group is known for projects in education, hotels, gaming and public infrastructure across the country.

The team is led by Principal/Chief Architectural Officer Jim LaPosta, Jr. who was present to give an overview of the three-day work session and project.

He said the team is working on a fast-paced schedule to deliver the final design of the school in a timely manner.

LaPosta said the driving force behind the design process of the school came from the surrounding area and rich cultural history and the input provided by the school.

Although an exact start and completion date has not been finalized, the work is underway to design and build a new school in the west end of the Community.



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CORRECTION

A caption in the May 4 Gila River Indian News mis-identified Darrell Justin Sr.



Crime Victim's Services host sexual assault awareness event in District 2



Speakers discuss being more aware in unsafe situations. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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Gila River Indian News

Community members came together to recognize an important form of violence during a public outreach event.

The Gila River Indian Community Crime Victim Services Department hosted a Sexual Assault Awareness event at the District 2 Multipurpose building on April 28.

The theme of the event was "Embrace Your Voice," emphasizing the

importance of speaking out against sexual assault and sharing stories about how to identify unsafe situations.

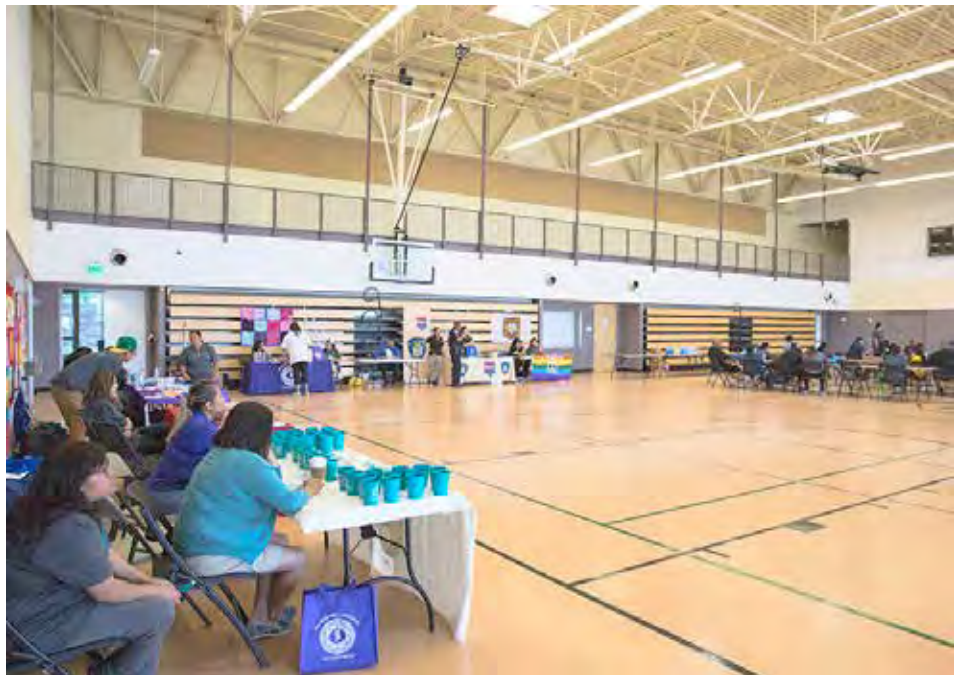
The line-up of speakers recalled instances of unsafe situations, that went from normal to very harmful, and that talking with your children about the awareness can prevent them from becoming a victim of sexual assault.

The ultimate message of the event was letting anyone, who has been the victim of a sexual assault to speak out and that

something can be done to prevent it from happening again or to someone else.

Although it is a tough topic to discuss, especially from the experience of a victim or one who knows a survivor, the speakers talked about the importance of being aware of your surroundings and knowing what to do in such a situation.

Awareness booths from Community departments and the United States Attorney's Office were present to offer information on what do, outreach



Booths at the Crime Victim's Services Event in District 2. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

services and what are the rights of a victim of sexual assault.

United States Attorney's Office Tribal Victim Assistance Specialist Haley Guss, said her office provides victim services to the 22 tribes in Arizona and tries sexual assault cases in federal courts.

"We take cases from off the reservation and we provide services the same way Gila River victim advocates do," said Guss, "We prosecute a lot of sexual assault cases and we try to connect our victims to services throughout the whole process."

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis said there is a need

to talk about sexual assault and how that impacts someone who has been the victim of a crime because people seldom talk about it.

"We have to make sure that we have those resources to deal with the issue and that we are proactive in taking a stand against sexual assault," said Lewis, "We also have to remember that sexual assault is a crime that effects both genders and those from various backgrounds and ages."

He added, that in order to combat the issue, the Community has established a connection with the U.S. Attorney's Office, who is instrumental in prosecuting perpetrators of sexual as-

sault to bring justice to the victim.

District 2 Council representative Carol Schurz said we need to bring this awareness to the forefront so that the people can be aware and careful of their surroundings and the dangers that are out there.

"It starts with talking about it, sitting down and talking with your children about this awareness and how they can protect themselves wherever they are," said Schurz.

Lewis said, "Your voice has meaning, it's about making sure, that if something does happen to you, you don't keep it inside."

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Lewis pointed out that the land is healing itself, thanks in part to the MAR 5 that is recharging the underground aquifer, providing vegetation the all-important resource of water to thrive.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone said the site is important for the elders that remember when the river flowed and how that is coming back into reality with projects like MAR 5.

"The water is running as it should within our river system and is beginning to bring life back to the river with the return of plants and wildlife," said Stone.

Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Director David DeJong said it took a coordinated effort of people from various departments to get the project going.

He said the project was led by a cultural committee that included members of the Community and experts on the native vegetation to the area that identified the many species of plants.

Yolanda Elias, from District 6, was recognized as part of the cultural committee that is responsible for the identification of the native plants that serve an important role in the Community's traditions.

She thought back to childhood memories of the river and how it played a recreational and cultural role in her family.

"I was always interested in the river and how much it pro-

vides to the people. I would remember harvesting willow with my uncle," said Elias, "Before we could swim, there was work involved, because we would peel and strip them."

She said her first involvement with similar projects were with the Department of Environmental Quality Aquatic Scientist Charles Enos, who introduced her to the restoration projects involving the willow tree.

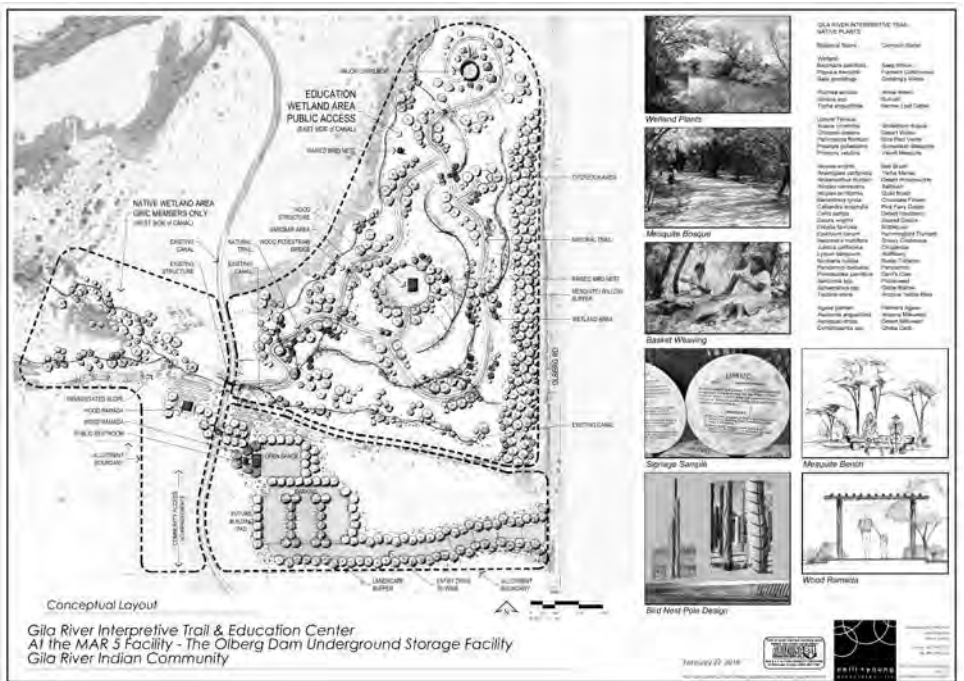
From there DEQ had asked her to help write a grant letter to support the restoration effort, which also lead to an opportunity to serve on the cultural committee.

According to Lewis the project is about recognizing the contributions of Community members that have had an influential part in the return of water to the river.

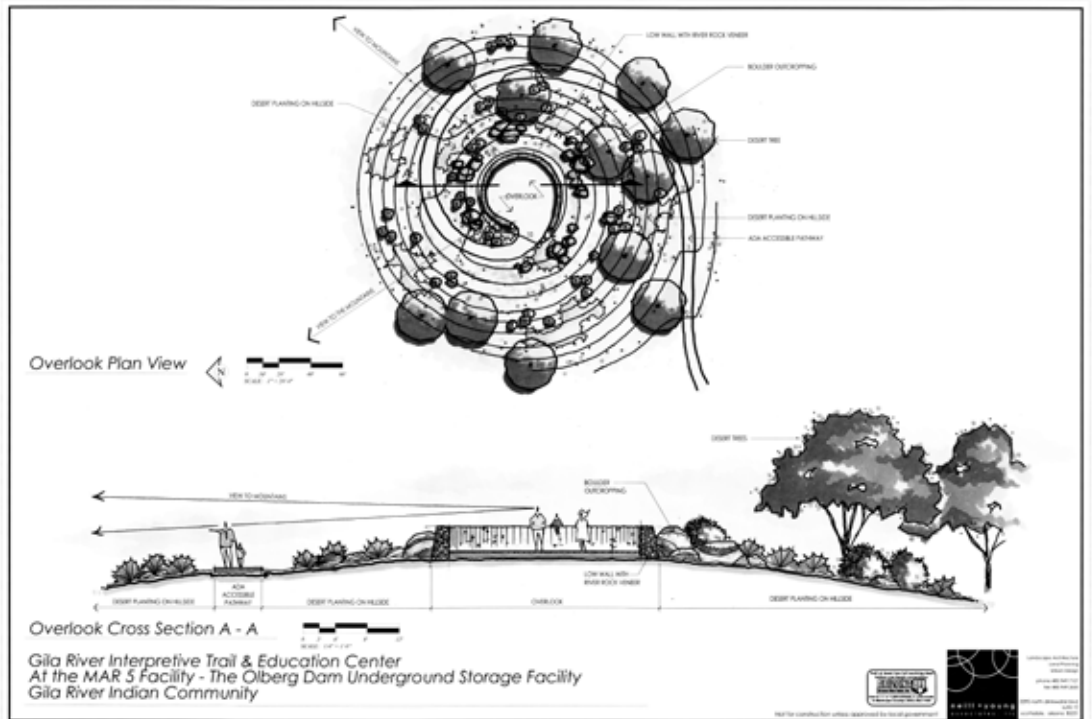
In his closing remarks, Lewis said his father Rodney Lewis envisioned that one day the site could be used as a way of telling the story of people and to serve as a testament for what has been accomplished.

"[It] is symbolic of our water settlement and everything that our people have been through and fought for and have regained," said Lewis.

Stone said, "To hear the water flowing and going back into the river is something special and to offer a place to depict what is happening, will educate Community members about what is coming back, the water."



Visual conceptions of development for the Education Preserve at the MAR-5 site. Courtesy of P-IMP



A rendering of the overlook proposed at the MAR-5 Education Preserve. Courtesy of P-IMP

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12:00pm	Native Planet-Canada <i>Traces the path of the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline.</i>	Defending The Fire <i>The journey of continued conflict resolution to survive, secure resources</i>	HHC - U'UVIG CLASS Hohokam At Peace With The Land	Looking Toward Home <i>The life of urban Indians attempting to maintain their cultural identity.</i>	7A R O W B A C K 7A U R S D A M!	Mad Money Hunters	Smoke Traders <i>Tells the story of the contraband tobacco trade from a Native perspective.</i>	
12:30pm	Storytellers in Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>Haida Art</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>Naxine Weaver</i>		Torn	Seasoned With Spirit <i>Food Upon the Water</i>	
1:00pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening <i>Gardening Therapy</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>We're Going Berry Picking</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Warehouse Garden</i>		Ravens and Eagles <i>From Hand to Hand Pt 1</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	
1:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Working It Out Together <i>Flying Past Fears</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Love is the Best Medicine</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Letting Go</i>		Vitality Gardening <i>The Harvest Feast</i>	Champions of the North <i>The Great Whale Cup</i>	
2:00pm	Urban Native Girl <i>Is Blood Thicker Than Love</i>	From The Spirit <i>Jim Hart</i>	From The Spirit <i>Eli Nasogaluak</i>	From The Spirit <i>Jane Ash Poitras</i>		Working It Out Together <i>Taking Control of Health</i>	People of the Pines <i>Reservation and Survival</i>	
2:30pm	The Young Ancestors <i>Historical reasons behind Native language loss and how language can heal.</i>	Voices of Hope <i>Tribute to a Beautiful People</i>	Indian Pride <i>Health and Healing</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report		From The Spirit <i>Rocky Barstad</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
3:00pm	Our Spirits Don't Speak <i>English - Indian Boarding</i>	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk		Storytellers in Motion	Children of the Desert	
3:30pm	Schools <i>Uncovers the dark history.</i>	Behind The Brush	People of the Pines <i>Invasion and Response</i>	Making Regalia <i>Roach Spinners</i>		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	The New Zealanders- The Chathams <i>Take a tour with the islands' policeman, meet the chief pilot.</i>	
4:00pm	Defending The Fire <i>The journey of continued conflict resolution to survive, secure resources</i>	Hohokam At Peace With The Land	Looking Toward Home <i>The life of urban Indians attempting to maintain their cultural identity.</i>	Sousa on the Rez: Marching to a Different Drum <i>Journey to Opportunity</i>		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Smoke Traders <i>Tells the story of the contraband tobacco trade from a Native perspective.</i>	
4:30pm	Native Voice TV	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>		First Talk	Indigenous Focus <i>Dancing w/Red Wolf</i>	
5:00pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Wapos Bay <i>A Mother's Earth</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Going for Gold</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Raven Power</i>	Native Report	Dabiyiyuu <i>A Hunter's Wisdom</i>		
5:30pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Prawn Opening - Sidney</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Kahnawake</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Navajo Village Heritage</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>White Mtn Apache Tribe</i>	Smoke Traders <i>Tells the story of the contraband tobacco trade from a Native perspective.</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People <i>Wild Archeology</i>		
6:00pm	Toa Hunter Gatherer	Urban Native Girl <i>Lisa vs. Lisa</i>	Urban Native Girl <i>Lisa vs. Lisa</i>	Kvcarts <i>Pete Sands Pt. 1</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Inuit of Rigolet, Part 2		
6:30pm	Native Shorts <i>OK Breathe Auralee</i>	Indians and Aliens	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Wapos Bay <i>Dance Dance</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Walking the Plank</i>		
7:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Songcatchers: The Gathering <i>Mary Youngblood, Thirza Defoe, Tony Redhouse and more.</i>	The Process <i>The desperation of a secret base means that violence is met with violence.</i>	The Tundra Book <i>A rare glimpse into a community determined to preserve it's ancient cultures and traditions.</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Fort Edmonton</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Kahnawake</i>		
7:30pm	Injunuity: Live at the McSwain Theater <i>Traditional elements fused with modern music styles.</i>	Still Tibet <i>Discover those fighting to preserve their spiritual and national identity.</i>	LaDonna Harris: Indian 101 <i>Educate the unique role of American Indian tribes and their relationship to the U.S.</i>	Black Indians: An American History <i>The cultural and racial fusion of Native and African Americans.</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Fort Edmonton</i>	Mixed Blessings <i>Choices</i>		
8:00pm	American Outrage <i>The US gov't has spent millions persecuting 2 elderly women grazing a few hundred horses, cows.</i>	Standing On Sacred Ground - Fire & Ice <i>Indigenous customs help try to protect biodiversity on sacred lands.</i>	Hooked Rx - from Prescription to Addiction Alcohol-Cocaine-Painkillers		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS		
8:30pm	The Aux				Native Report	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS		
9:00pm	K'ina Kil: The Slaver's Son				Smoke Traders <i>Tells the story of the contraband tobacco trade from a Native perspective.</i>	Legends from the Sky <i>A Native Vet, burdened by survivor's guilt after a disastrous military tour, is forced to search for his missing grandfather.</i>		
9:30pm					Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Every Emotion Costs <i>An exploration of the reality of returning home on the reserve to face family, community and death.</i>		
10:00pm					Wapos Bay <i>Dance Dance</i>			
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Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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Incident Log

April 22-28, 2018

Calls for services this week: 642

Arrest made: 66

District One (Blackwater):

No Incidents Involving Part I Crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No Incidents Involving Part I Crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The victim reported that a tan suburban passed by him as he was watering the crops. The male passenger appeared to point a black handgun at him from the moving vehicle. The description of the suburban and suspects were given to officers.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The reporting party stated that household appliance and some electronics were missing from the residence. The victim believed it was a family member who may have taken the items without permission.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

No Incidents Involving Part I Crime

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Robbery – Officers responded to a fight in progress. The investigation revealed that the victim was chased down in his jeep by two suspects in a ford explorer. The suspects threatened to kill the victim and assaulted him with his own baseball bat, which they stole from him. The suspects attempted to rob him of any cash while brandishing a knife. The victim stated that the two suspects told him that he did not “belong here” The suspects fled before officers arrived. Photos were taken of the skid marks, tire impressions, shoe impression, the jeep and the victim’s injuries and impounded into evidence.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers responded to a call of shoplifting at a store located at the Phoenix Premium Outlet. The investigation revealed that a female suspect entered the store, stuffed her bag with merchandise and then exit-

ed the store. Officers were able to identify the suspect and charges were forward to Maricopa County Attorney’s Office.

Status: Charges have been long formed

Theft – A female subject entered a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet, took a children’s shirt off the shelf and left the store without paying. The Police Department is currently reviewing surveillance and attempting to ID the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The suspects took a wallet, car keys and cell phone from Aji Spa which were stolen from a guest. A description of the male and female suspect and their vehicle were given and currently being followed up on. Wild Horse Pass security officer had also observed the couple in the area.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim was at the Lone Butte Casino and reported her purse was stolen as she played a slot machine. A video review revealed that the suspect took the purse and stashed it in a friend’s vehicle. The suspect was arrested on several felony warrants and long formed charges in regards to the theft. The friend of the suspect was also cited and released in regards to the theft.

Status: Suspect 1 – charges were long formed; Suspect 2 was cited and released

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No Incidents Involving Part I Crime

District Six (Komatke):

Auto Theft – A male and female had stolen a vehicle from the parking lot at the Vee Quiva Casino. The reporting party, informed officers that he arrived in the vehicle owned by The Element Corporation and misplaced his keys. It appears the suspects then found the vehicle keys and were able to locate the vehicle in the parking garage. The vehicle was later located by Phoenix PD and Towed by All City Towing. A follow up will be conducted with Vee Quiva Casino surveillance staff to obtain the identity of the suspects.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (from a vehicle) – Officers were called to Vee Quiva Casino in reference to the victim wishing to report that his vehicle was broken into while parked on the second floor of the casino garage.

The victim reported his cell phone and his girlfriend’s purse missing from the vehicle. The dash was taken apart as if the suspect was attempting to take the car stereo.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a victim that had walked up to the residence stating the suspect had beaten her up. The investigation revealed the suspect had struck the victim with a metal bat and was last seen driving away in a grey Nissan Altima. The victim suffered a three inch laceration to her right eyelid and multiple contusions to her head as well as her hand.

Status: Charges forwarded

Incident Log
April 29, 2018 – May 5, 2018

Calls for services this week: 633

Arrest(s) made: 42
District One (Blackwater):

No incidents involving part I crime.

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part I crime.

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) assaulted the victim in the parking lot of the Sacaton Post Office. The victim’s girlfriend transported the victim to a nearby residence. A call was placed to Gila River Police Department requesting law enforcement and medical response for an unconscious victim. The victim was later transported to a nearby trauma hospital for treatment of his severe injuries.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) entered a shed belonging to a Community Department and took a canopy, snow cone machine, along with some other property. This incident occurred previously and was not noted until



from the victim’s residence. The suspect is a relative of the victim and is the current lead in the case. The victim also reported several fraudulent transactions were made using his debit card which was also reported.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) entered the victim’s vehicle and took cash which belonged to the victim. The vehicle was left unlocked overnight when the theft occurred.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered a store located at the Phoenix Premium Outlets, and concealed merchandise. The suspect attempted to leave the store without paying for the items but security identified the suspect(s) before they were able to leave the store. Staff then called the Gila River Police Department to report they had said suspect(s) detained and required police presence. Officers responded and found the suspects to be juveniles. Parental notification was made.

Status: Juvenile suspects were apprehended and handed over to their parents (Charges filed).

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No incidents involving part I crime.

District Six – (Komat-

ke): Arson – A juvenile suspect intentionally started a bush fire while at the District 6 Park. Security reported seeing the juvenile run from the area. The juveniles’ guardian waved down officers and advised she had the suspected juvenile in her care. The juvenile came forward and confessed to officers that he started the fire because he was bored.

Status: Charges will be forwarded.

Theft – The suspect committed the offense of theft from the Komatke Market by taking and removing merchandise from within the store.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) entered the Vee Quiva Casino and approached the bar. While at the bar the suspect(s) noticed the victim’s cell phone unattended and plugged into a wall charger. The suspect(s) took the cell phone and left the casino. Once the victim noticed his phone was gone he notified casino security and called Gila River Police Department.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Theft – Suspect(s) stole tractor batteries from the District 7 Multipurpose Building. Staff advised the suspect(s) cut locks to access the items.

Status: Under Investigation



GRPD participates in Law Enforcement Torch Run to promote the Special Olympics

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Police Department Officers traded in their blues for running clothes during the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run held on May 1.

The run raises awareness for the Special Olympics Arizona and is a show of commitment for supporting the games.

According to a statement by GRPD Officer Chavez, this year is the 50th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

According to the Special Olympics Arizona website, it is the largest fundraising event for the games and is a source of financial contributions that create opportunities for the gifted athletes.

Sgt. Chavez said, "The route started at SR 187/SR 387 and proceeded through Sacaton to SR87. The route continued westbound on SR87 and ended at Hunt



Gila River Police Department lend their support for the Special Olympics during the Law Enforcement Torch Run on May 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Highway," said Chavez. He said the route is approximately 18 miles and participants had the choice

to ride a bicycle or run. Some of the participants were a mix of members from GRPD, family and colleagues, who took

part in accompanying the torch. Chavez said the GRPD outpouring of support is something, "We are always

proud to participate in this event every year." He added, the event was made possible by volunteer organizers like Dis-

patcher Christina Hughes, who took the lead in organizing the GRPD effort this year.



The fifth grade Chief Azul Scholars, from left, Blackwater Maudicia Osife (winner), Dylan Siquieros (honorable mention) and Seth Enos (honorable mention). Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Arizona State University, discussed his early experiences as a college student at the University of Rhode Island in his keynote address. He was regretful and homesick during his initial time away from home, but his self-esteem and confidence grew with encouragement from his family. "What I was going through is what many students go through when they are away from home for an extended period of time. I was discovering my true identity," said Martinez.

Sienna Whittington, K-12 Education Manager,

announced the 22 recipients of the 2018 Chief Azul Scholar Awards, which included the winners and the honorable mentions for fourth through 12th grades. With a strict selection criteria, the students were chosen based on grade point average, attendance, behavior, accomplishments and extracurricular activities. Tribal Education along with Lt. Gov. Stone and Council Representative Hogg handed out each award and the students in each grade posed for applause and photographs.

Following the Chief

Azul Scholars, Whittington announced the 2018 Chief Azul Citizenship Award winners. Fifteen students from seven high schools received the award for their exceptional behavior, attitude, desire to succeed, and knowledge of GRIC culture among other qualifications. The Citizenship Award winners won't be in town for the entire summer. They'll be packing their bags for an upcoming one-week educational trip to Washington D.C.

Council Representative Hogg, Chairman of the Education Standing Com-

mittee, closed out the evening by reminding the students about the individuals who supported them during their education and to also show humility and respect. "Stay humble and remember where you come from," he said.

2018 CHIEF AZUL SCHOLARS
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Natalie Garcia
Ivan Gage
Maudicia Osife
Dylan Siquieros
Seth Enos

Ariyanna Charley
Angel Marquez
Angel Molina
Adriana Burrell
Theodore Hendricks
Selena Ordonez
Sophia Moreno
Rachel Whempner
Tafv Dillon
Susanna Osife
Erica Blackwater
Mercedes Madrid
Jose Canez
Lehua Lani Dosela
Alyssa Sandoval
Karissa Escalante

2018 CHIEF AZUL CITIZENSHIP AWARD
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Angel Ortiz
Kiona Allison
Colleen Kisto
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GRIC FIT NEWS

Fitness class highlights:

Tribal Recreation & Wellness program also extends the fitness work-outs to Tribal departments. This is the GRIC Fire department attending a fitness work-out session.



Events:



Employee Fitness Week started this week and the crowds were great. Awesome teamwork was exhibited. Thank you to the Wellness staff for producing an exciting and organized event. It was quick, fun and a good workout. Congratulations to all...



Tour the District Tour

Tour the District tour has now completed their visit to all seven districts. There was a great following of dedicated participants. A secret incentive will be given to all who completed this tour with a full passport in order to learn about and visit each district

Sports Highlights:

Elder's chair volleyball legends Tournament is May 4th from 8am to 2pm.



Champs - Silver Hawks



2nd Salt River Majestics

Strong Man/ Strong Women Fitness event 2018

Strong Man/ Strong Woman Fitness Event 2018 was a huge success. Who knew we had so many strong men & women in our Community. Well, the Wellness staff did! There were many participants and spectators out that day. And if you finish it was an accomplishment. Many had so much fun that the question was asked several times, "when will you do another event?"



Gila River Tribal Recreation



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In the 1690's Father Eusebio Kino introduced wheat to the Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh and since that time, this food crop has played a major role in the history of farming for our Community. The last hereditary Chief of the Akimel O'otham, Antonio Azule informed the anthropologist Frank Russell in the early 1900s about Pilkañ Baithag Mashath meaning the 'ripening of the wheat month.' Our fertile soils enabled Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh to grow many wheat fields in our middle Gila River valley. Pilkañ has its own category of language and words associated with growing and harvesting the food crop. A Pilkañ oithag is a wheat field. The head of the wheat is called eshpo (beard) and the stalk is called va'ogach. As days gone by the Tohono O'odham would come north and helped the O'otham and Pee-Posh with the wheat harvest. Men and

women formed a line in the pilkañ oithag to pilkañ hi:k (cut the wheat with a sickle) then tied it in a sheave with a short piece of rope as they walked along. These were left on the ground and a horse and wagon was driven at a walk by the driver, and was flanked by men who voksha (picked up the sheave's) and tossed them to another man who stood in the bed of the wagon. The man in the wagon quickly untied the sheaves and tossed the rope back on the ground. He piled as much pilkañ as he could into the bed of the wagon and when it was full it was driven to the threshing floor. A pole was set up in the middle of the threshing floor and a team of horses was driven around the pole and keihiva (to separate wheat seed by stepping) on it. The threshed wheat would be removed from the floor and placed in a pile before more was added to the threshing floor. At the

pile men used a pitchfork and thaichtha (pitched the wheat and straw up into the wind). The wheat seed fell back straight down as the wind carried away the mo:gach (dried wheat straw). The mo:gach and strips of wet ku:jul (Screw-bean Mesquite) bark is used to weave the vashom (granary storage basket) where the pilkañ was stored. When flour was needed for chemaith, the women and girls ground the wheat seeds into flour on the mach'chud (grinding stone). The Tohono O'odham were paid in wheat for their labor and they knew when to come up north to help with the great wheat harvest each year. Today, the Gila River Farms and Independent Growers raise a brand of wheat called Desert Durum and most of our annual wheat crop is exported to Foreign Markets around the world. So when you see the combines out harvesting our pilkañ very soon,

Pilkañ Baithag Mashath: Match the O'otham word with its picture!

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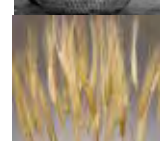
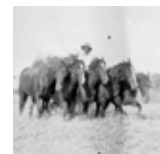
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you will remember a little history of the way men and women worked together

in harvesting the old way. We encourage you to learn the Akimel O'otham words

in the word match and use them in your everyday lives.



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Stephen Roe Lewis
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The Town of Gilbert honors the late Rodney Lewis with a resolution

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

The Town of Gilbert recognized the late Rodney B. Lewis with a special proclamation that was given during a town meeting on Thursday, May 3 with surviving members of Lewis' family in attendance.

"It's a special honor and privilege to recognize someone who has made a tremendous impact on the state of Arizona," said Gilbert town mayor Jenn Daniels. "I often think it's unfortunate that sometimes we wait until people are gone to express how much they meant to us. I am truly grateful to recognize a tremendous leader, Rodney "Rod" Lewis."

The proclamation highlighted his life legacy,

which including serving in the military, attending universities for higher education, highlighting his work within the Gila River Indian Community as well as helping other Native communities with legal work, including but not limited to water settlements.

Mayor Daniels acknowledged, had he not fought for water rights, the town of Gilbert would not be what it is today, the water settlement was key in the growth of the greater Phoenix area.

"We are thankful for Rod Lewis and the lasting, positive impact that he has had on our community, state and nation," Mayor Daniels said. "It is fitting for us to provide a special recognition... we will at-



Gov. Lewis holds a proclamation in honor of the Late Rodney B. Lewis. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

tempt to serve our community, to dedicate ourselves to the better world around us in the example of Rod

Lewis."

In attendance at the town meeting were his children Governor Stephen

Roe Lewis and Katherine Lewis and his widow, Wilardene Lewis.

Following the reading

of the proclamation, Gov. Lewis spoke briefly to the town council and attendees, thanking them for their recognition. As a leader, Gov. Lewis mentioned how his father reminded him how vital it is to have positive relationships with the neighboring communities.

"The proclamation was beautifully articulated," said Gov. Lewis. "He was committed to public service and giving back to the community. The water truly connects us and will always connect the Gila River Indian Community with the great [Town] of Gilbert. I want to say 'thank you' so much from the bottom of my heart, my family's hearts, for the recognition that you have given my father."

House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Testimony of Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community May 10, 2018



Gov. Lewis at the House Appropriations Subcommittee on May 10. GRIC Photo

Chairman Calvert, Ranking Member McCollum and distinguished Members of the Subcommittee, I want to thank you for providing us with an opportunity to present testimony to you regarding the budget for Fiscal Year 2019. I am Stephen Roe Lewis, the Governor of the Gila River Indian Community ("Community"), which is a federally recognized Indian Tribe of over 22,000 tribal members, located near Phoenix, Arizona. The Community utilizes many programs within the Department of the Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, and Indian Health Service to provide essential services to our citizens and others who live and work on our tribal lands. All of these federal programs are critical to our ability to protect the health, safety and general welfare of our citizens. We oppose any funding cuts to these

essential tribal programs and believe that steady increases are warranted given the clear need in Indian Country. I am here today to testify on the specific problem of Bureau of Indian Education ("BIE") schools and the need for the BIE to work with tribal governments and this Subcommittee to develop innovative approaches to funding the construction of replacement schools within the BIE system, and the need for this Subcommittee to provide some direction to the BIE on this matter.

I. BIE School Construction Issues are Pervasive Across Indian Country

It is well-known that BIE-funded schools are marked by remoteness, extreme poverty and a lack of construction dollars. This translates to poor and failing school conditions that are not conducive to a 21st Century education for tribal students. In an era when

educators across the United States emphasize science, technology, engineering and mathematics as keys to students' future success, BIE-funded schools lack the basic supplies necessary for the most basic lessons. Rather, tribal students attend dilapidated schools that are rundown, with poor circulation and pose serious safety concerns.

The Department of the Interior is responsible for providing safe and healthy environments for students who attend BIE schools, and the federal government is failing to meet its trust responsibility. Recently, before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Secretary Zinke recognized that "[w]hile economic development and infrastructure investments will play an important role in revitalizing Native communities, the immediate issues facing the Bureau of Indian Education must be addressed to

ensure long-term stability in Indian country."

Secretary Zinke further acknowledged that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) High Risk Report for 2017 determinations regarding Indian education "were disheartening and devastating" and that "[w]ords cannot capture how terrible it is that children in schools overseen by Bureau of Indian Education are so poorly served. Each of them deserves a high-quality education that prepares them for the future. It is unacceptable that some of our students are attending schools that lack the most basic necessities, like insulation and clean water." Secretary Zinke further stated he was personally invested in "making real changes that will last."

Despite the widespread recognition that there is a significant need for BIE school construction replacement funding, there simply are not enough funds allocated in the budget to meet the needs for BIE school construction across Indian Country. The Community has one BIE school that is on the school construction priority list, however, it is still projected to take years before that school construction will be completed. While that process continues, two other BIE-funded schools in the Community, Gila Crossing Community School (Gila Crossing) and Casa Blanca

Community School (Casa Blanca), remain in disrepair with no plan to address the construction deficiencies of these schools. As discussed more fully below, the Community is extremely concerned that continued delays to the replacement of structurally-deficient BIE schools has created a dangerous environment that threatens the ability of our students to receive the 21st century education that they deserve. The long-term prosperity of the Community depends on the education and retention of our citizens. We need our students adequately educated on or near their homes located on tribal lands so that they can become a part of the Community workforce and be productive Community citizens and leaders. A key component of this is to ensure that our students are educated in safe learning spaces in up-to-date facilities that achieve measurable academic progress. Otherwise, our citizens are forced to leave our Community to receive a sufficient education. This often results in these students not returning to the Community and effectively reducing our membership and economic progress.

Recognizing the reality that the Community faces, much like the rest of Indian Country, the Community has vowed to make education a priority. We are committed to finding a solution to this pervasive

problem of lack of school construction dollars and propose in this testimony a path forward for our Community that can also serve as a model for other tribes to replicate.

II. The Three BIE Schools within the Community are in Dire Need of Replacement

The Community is home to three schools that are funded by the BIE: Blackwater, Casa Blanca and Gila Crossing. Casa Blanca was built in 1935 and has a current enrollment of 284 students that span grades K-4. Gila Crossing opened in 1871 and currently enrolls 510 students in grades K-8. Finally, Blackwater opened in 1939 and currently enrolls 217 BIE-funded students in grades K-2. In addition, the Community is home to three independent state-chartered schools, two state public schools and two parochial schools. Other students attend off-reservation public schools and boarding schools. The Community regularly supplements federal funding for on-Reservation education activities but woefully deficient learning conditions remain a significant obstacle to student success at each of the Community's three BIE-funded schools.

The BIE recognizes that the three BIE-funded schools within the Commu-

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Gila Crossing Fourth Grade Banquet consists of agriculture presentations

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Gila Crossing Community School hosted a banquet for their 4th grade classes on May 11 where they had a chance to demonstrate their knowledge from their agriculture curriculum in front of their families and guests.

After an opening music performance, agriculture teacher, Mr. Elijose Rodriguez, spoke and gave a brief overview of the curriculum that the fourth graders have been learning throughout the school year.

From reading seed packets, to planting the seeds and seeing their growth in the school's garden the students have been hands-on. He also discussed how the finding of earthworms in the soil led to a new learning topic. The fourth-grade classes planted spinach, beets and Swiss chard, which acted as



Students created a displays for their corn presentation on May 11. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

center pieces on the table.

Rodriguez also said that he wanted the students to be proud of where they come from and to know their culture. The students also learned how to pronounce some of the crops in the O'otham language.

"Without your ancestors planting a lot of these plants and harvesting these plants and being the farmers that they were, [they] would not be here," said Rodriguez of explaining the importance of agriculture throughout history and

in the area.

Following the overview of the agriculture class, each class did a presentation to demonstrate what they've learned. Mr. Williamson's class did a presentation on earth-

worm as they entered the cafeteria, providing interesting facts as well as explaining how they are beneficial to soil.

After their presentation, a trivia game was played to demonstrate one of the interactive ways the students learn with technology.

Mr. S.

Rollin's class discussed compost, explaining what it is and how it provides nutrients to the soil as well as reduces waste. They also gave tips on starting a compost pile.

Mr. Britton's class presented on corn and traced its path throughout history as a long-growing crop essential to many different cultures.

In addition to their oral presentations, the classes had PowerPoint visuals as well as poster boards that were available to view.

Following the class presentations, Lt. Governor Robert Stone gave a few words to the students.

"It was heartfelt for me to hear the enthusiasm and the energy from the kids," said Lt. Gov Stone, who also referenced his agricultural background. "This is an important time in their lives to engage in education and having the willingness to learn."

On behalf of the fourth-grade classes, the school presented the Lt. Governor with a wolfberry plant that was grown in the school garden.

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nity are in need

of replacement but competing funding priorities at Interior have allowed these schools to fall into even greater disrepair. Two of the schools, Casa Blanca and Gila Crossing, are considered by Interior to be in "poor" physical condition. The third BIE-funded school, Blackwater, is also in a deficient physical condition and is undersized but is unable to make improvements without jeopardizing its ability to receive BIE construction funding. In 2016, the BIE announced that Blackwater would be one of ten BIE schools on a "priority list" that will be considered for replacement by the BIE in the coming years. However, Blackwater's listing on the BIE priority list provided no solace to Community leaders, parents, and teachers who must continue to watch their students be educated at the Community's other BIE-funded schools.

Gila Crossing and Casa Blanca were not on the BIE construction priority list despite their poor condition and the fact that both schools have buildings with expired life expectancies. School replacement funding levels have lagged far behind needs and have left Community leadership and the parents of BIE-educated students wondering when or if their children will have an opportunity to learn in a productive and safe educational environment. The prolonged timeframe for school replacement coupled with the unsafe and inadequate quality of BIE schools within the Community has

forced the Community's leadership to explore innovative ways to solve this problem.

III. BIE School Construction Innovative Funding Solution

In January of 2017, the Community wrote to BIE leadership to request the exploration of a partnership to develop alternative funding mechanisms to replace BIE-funded schools that are not on the BIE construction priority list. In November of 2017 the Acting Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs responded that the Indian Affairs Office of Facilities, Property and Safety Management (Facilities), in conjunction with BIE, were willing to discuss alternative school construction funding options under existing statutory authority. Since that time, the Community has been working with Facilities and BIE staff to explore an innovative approach to fund school construction.

We have made significant progress in these efforts to craft a funding solution such that the Community has proposed fronting the costs of construction to replace Gila Crossing and leasing back the facilities to the BIE through a commercial lease. The Community, BIE and Facilities staff worked together to calculate the total square footage, based on appropriate school enrollment numbers and programming, and to calculate the total cost of construction and applicable costs of the facility. Interior leasing staff then prepared an estimate of the commercial lease based on those numbers which resulted in an annual lease amount of \$5.8 million. While the Community would initially

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front the construction costs, it would seek to subsequently finance the project costs using existing programs, such as New Markets Tax Credits or a USDA program.

The Community and Interior would enter into a commercial lease for the newly constructed Gila Crossing while keeping Blackwater on the BIE priority list. Because this is the first BIE school construction replacement project of its kind, assuming the venture was satisfactory to both the Community and Interior, the Community would envision this model being a model for a leasing-construction program at the BIE.

The Community wants to have the school operational by the 2019-2020 school year. Given this short timeframe, the Community has already dedicated its own funds to retain a design build contractor, architect and project manager for the new Gila Crossing school in order to provide momentum and significance to the discussions with the United States and make progress on the project.

As noted above, although the Community is

launching this critical initiative with its own capital funding, the Community plans to use existing federal programs to finance the endeavor. If successful, utilizing these existing federal programs to finance this innovative approach to solving the crisis in school construction in Indian Country will carve a path that that other tribes may be able to follow in the future, to build much needed schools across Indian Country. While access to capital may vary across Indian Country, the proposed innovative funding approach will result in replacement of more schools than the current system would permit. Our Indian students deserve nothing less.

IV. Conclusion

In conclusion, BIE school construction is absolutely critical for the Community and the future of our children. The Gila Crossing school campus is overcrowded, lacks sufficient classroom space and consists mainly of modular structures that date back to the 1970's or have been acquired from other tribes in the 1990's. The Community's goal is to work with the BIE to construct a new school where our children

will be able to walk through the halls of new, safe and clean schools that they can be proud of as we provide them with an appropriate education to equip them for careers and higher education. And the new Gila Crossing facility will provide the best investment of the Community's funds, with the greatest return for students, parents, staff and community members.

This is a unique opportunity to create a state-of-the-art learning environment for our students and one that offers exceptional educational programming. If the Community hopes to experience a dramatic improvement in the state of the education system, it starts with the "house" the students are educated in, and requires that our students have access to the types of classes that are offered to other students across the country. We believe that this innovative approach, where the Community is willing to cover the costs of construction and have the BIE lease back the facilities, will enable the United States to fulfill its trust responsibility to the Community while solving the lack of funding for school construction that is prevalent

across Indian Country. This funding solution creates a model for other tribes to pursue should this endeavor prove successful, which we strongly believe is probable. In order to be successful, however, this innovative approach requires a commitment from Congress and the Administration to provide funding for BIE to lease back the facilities from the Community in the amount of the annual commercial lease, which is \$5.8 million, beginning with a prorated amount in fiscal year 2019 once the school construction is completed. The Community appreciates Interior's efforts to work cooperatively with the Community to explore this innovative approach to solving the BIE school construction problem. We hope that this Subcommittee and the full Committee will also see this venture as an opportunity to solve this pervasive problem and support an allocation of additional funding for this project and other schools in the future.

Thank you for considering this request and providing the Community an opportunity to share our views with the Subcommittee on this matter.

State tribal leaders call on federal government to maintain Native health care coverage

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

Many Native Americans could be facing the possibility of having to meet work requirements to continue receiving health care. Medicaid reform, now adding a work requirement, was passed in three states with 10 more eyeing the possibility.

Native Americans receiving health care at Indian Health Services, which is under the Health and Human Services Department, would be affected because low federal spending on IHS has left tribes dependent on Medicaid to help supplement costs.

Tribes are seeking an exemption from the work requirements but the Trump Administration is contending that such preferential treatment, based on race, is unconstitutional. The Trump Administration is viewing Native American tribes as one race rather than sovereign, individual governments.

The state of Arizona passed HB 2228, which provides a waiver for Native Americans from the work and lifetime requirements of Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AH-CCCS), which is Arizona's Medicaid program. The effort was bi-partisan and signed by Governor Doug Ducey but federal officials have the power to reject such requests.

"We are calling on the Trump Administration to catch up with the times, re-read your constitution and treaty obligations and get with it," said Rep. Eric Descheenie-D. "It's the law of the land in the state of Arizona, we just need the federal government to do their jobs."

State Representatives, Descheenie-D and Wenona Benally-D, were joined by Tohono O'odham council member Daniel Preston, San Carlos Apache Healthcare board member Dr. Vicki Stevens and Alida Montiel, Health Policy Director of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, for a press conference at the state capitol's rose garden to call on President Trump to recognize treaties that relate to health care coverage for Native Americans.

"Our hospital depends on Medicaid to fund the healthcare we provide to members of our tribe," said Dr. Stevens, a member of the

San Carlos Apache Tribe. "[Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services] policies will in effect bankrupt our hospital."

In 2016, the Native American unemployment rate was 12 percent, nearly three times the national average. With some Indian reservations in rural areas finding employment is hard.

Arkansas, Kentucky and Indiana are the first three states to begin establishing Medicaid work requirements with 10 more states looking at the same option. Based off 2014 census data, nearly 620,000 Native Americans live in those combined 13 states.



Tribal leaders gathered at the Arizona State Capitol to discuss health care coverage for Native Americans. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

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Department of Public Works Annual Water Quality Report 2017

This report is a snapshot of your water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

WHY ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN MY DRINKING WATER?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small

amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity including:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants,

including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

WATER QUALITY TABLE

The tables in the report list all of the drinking water contaminants detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires monitoring for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Public Water System #090400047 Sacaton - 2017 Water Quality Table									
Your water comes from 4 ground water sources. Community Districts served are Districts 1, 2 & 3.									
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
				Low	High				
Disinfection By-Product:									
Five Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Units: ppb	N/A	60	2.2	N/A	N/A	2017	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Total Trihalomethanes (THMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	6.3	N/A	N/A	2017	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Inorganic Contaminants:									
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	3.7	2.6	3.7	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes	
Barium Units: ppm	2	2	0.061	N/A	N/A	2013	No	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Chromium Units: ppb	100	100	3.4	N/A	N/A	2013	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride Units: ppm	4	4	0.55	0.53	0.55	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	7.2	3.3	7.2	2017	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Sodium Units: ppm			170	130	170	2017	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion	
Radiological Contaminants:									
Adjusted Alpha (Excl. Radon & U) Units: pCi/L	0	15	2	N/A	2	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Uranium (combined) Units: ppb	0	30	29	7.7	29	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Contaminants	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Number of Sites Over A.L.		Sample Date	A.L. Exceeded	Typical Source	
Lead and Copper Rule:									
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.16	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	
Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile	0	15	0.86	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits	

Microbiological Testing:					
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.					
Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E.Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted	
6 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0	

Public Water System #090400096 Stotonic - 2017 Water Quality Table									
Your water comes from 2 ground water sources. Community District served is District 4.									
The two ground water sources are from Public Water System #090400047 & #090400092.									
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
				Low	High				
Inorganic Contaminants:									
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	3.7	2.6	6	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes	
Barium Units: ppm	2	2	0.061	N/A	N/A	2013	No	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Chromium Units: ppb	100	100	3.4	N/A	N/A	2013	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride Units: ppm	4	4	0.55	0.53	1.2	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	7.2	1.2	8.9	2017	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Sodium Units: ppm			170	130	180	2017	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion	
Radiological Contaminants:									
Adjusted Alpha (Excl. Radon & U) Units: pCi/L	0	15	2	ND	2	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Uranium (combined) Units: ppb	0	30	29	7.7	29	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Contaminants	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Number of Sites Over A.L.		Sample Date	A.L. Exceeded	Typical Source	
Lead and Copper Rule:									
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.36	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	
Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile	0	15	1.1	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits	

Microbiological Testing:				
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Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E.Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
2 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

Public Water System #090400092 Casa Blanca/Bajpohle - 2017 Water Quality Table									
Your water comes from 2 ground water sources. Community District served is District 5.									
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
				Low	High				
Disinfection By-Product:									
Five Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Units: ppb	N/A	60	2.2	N/A	N/A	2017	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Total Trihalomethanes (THMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	3.7	N/A	N/A	2017	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Inorganic Contaminants:									
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	6	5.8	6	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes	
Fluoride Units: ppm	4	4	1.2	0.83	1.2	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	8.9	1.2	8.9	2017	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Sodium Units: ppm			180	140	180	2017	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion	
Radiological Contaminants:									
Uranium (combined) Units: ppb	0	30	11.9	7.897	11.92	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Contaminants	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Number of Sites Over A.L.		Sample Date	A.L. Exceeded	Typical Source	
Lead and Copper Rule:									
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.188	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	

Microbiological Testing:					
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.					
Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E.Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted	
2 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0	

Public Water System #090400691 Aerodyne - 2017 Water Quality Table									
Your water comes from 1 ground water source which served the Aerodyne Subdivision.									
The ground water source is from Public Water System #090400345 (Lone Butte Industrial Park).									
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
				Low	High				
Disinfection By-Product:									
Five Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Units: ppb	N/A	60	1.9	N/A	N/A	2017	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Total Trihalomethanes (THMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	4.5	N/A	N/A	2017	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Inorganic Contaminants:									
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	4.6	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes	
Barium Units: ppm	2	2	0.071	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Chromium Units: ppb	100	100	12	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits	
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	5.6	N/A	N/A	2017	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Sodium Units: ppm			170	N/A	N/A	2016	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion	
Contaminants	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Number of Sites Over A.L.		Sample Date	A.L. Exceeded	Typical Source	
Lead and Copper Rule:									
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.102	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	

Microbiological Testing:					
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.					
Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E.Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted	
1 Sample due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0	

Public Water System #090400692 Wild Horse Pass - 2017 Water Quality Table									
Your water comes from 4 ground water sources. Community Districts served are Wild Horse Pass, Districts 6 and 7.									
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
				Low	High				
Disinfection By-Product:									
Total Trihalomethanes (THMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	2.4	ND	2.4	2017	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Inorganic Contaminants:									
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	5.6	4.2	11	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes	
Barium Units: ppm	2	2	0.046	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Chromium Units: ppb	100	100	17	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride Units: ppm	4	4	0.99	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	1.3	0.89	1.3	2017	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Sodium Units: ppm			240	N/A	N/A	2016	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion	
Radiological Contaminants:									
Adjusted Alpha (Excl. Radon & U) Units: pCi/L	0	15	3.5	N/A	N/A	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Uranium (combined) Units: ppb	0	30	9	N/A	N/A	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Contaminants	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Number of Sites Over A.L.		Sample Date	A.L. Exceeded	Typical Source	
Lead and Copper Rule:									
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.144	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	
Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile	0	15	1.132	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits	

Microbiological Testing:					
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Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E.Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted	
25 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0	

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • April 18, 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, April 18, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Robert Stone at 9:15 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Marlin Dixon

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present:
Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Executive Officers Absent:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr., Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth; D7-Devin Redbird (9:35)

Council Members Absent:
D4- Jennifer Allison; D6- Terrance Evans

APPROVAL OF A AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Request For Council Agenda Item Presentation River Of Dreams d.b.a. Daring Adventures
Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED MS. ANN WHEAT. MS. WHEAT PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM AND EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND PRESENTED A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION TO THE COMMUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

2. Introduction of GRHC Chief Medical Officer – Robert Patel
Presenter: Myron Schurz

MR. MYRON SCHURZ INTRODUCED MR. ROBERT PATEL. MR. PATEL PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

3. Introduction of Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation Executive Director – Michelle Fox
Presenter: Jennifer Allison

MS. NADA CELAYA INTRODUCED MS. MICHELLE FOX. MS. FOX PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

4. 2018-2019 Gila River Royalty Court Introductions
Presenters: Gila River Royalty Committee

MS. LISA HENDRICKS INTRODUCED THE 2018-2019 ROYALTY COURT. JR. MISS GILA RIVER SAMAIRA JUAN AND JR. MISS GILA RIVER 1ST ATTENDANT GABRIELLE GARCIA INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AND PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THEIR BACKGROUNDS. MISS GILA RIVER AUTUMN COOPER AND MISS GILA RIVER 2ND ATTENDANT ASHLEY PASQUAL INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AND PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THEIR BACKGROUNDS. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENT

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:23 A.M.]

(15 minute reception to follow)

REPORTS

*1. Pee-Posh Veterans Association First And Second Quarter FY2018 Reports
Presenter: Arnie Bread Sr.

REPORT HEARD

*2. January & February Head Start/Early Head Start 2018 Monthly Report
Presenter: Lori Stinson

DISPENDE AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services 2nd Quarter Report
Presenters: Anthony Young, Diana Jones-Lopez

REPORT HEARD

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority For The Construction, Operation, And Maintenance Of Sacaton 2 Substation Site (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Kathy Galloway

APPROVED

*2. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community 2018 Procurement Policy And Rescinding The Existing Procurement Policy Authorized Pursuant To Resolution GR-230-08 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Lawrence Makil, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Maricopa County For Street Lighting On 51st Avenue/Beltline Road And Saint Johns Road (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Luis Durazo, Howard Reno

APPROVED

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

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Suzanne Johns

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. WHPDA 2018 Annual Plan Request D (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Dale Gutenson, WHPDA Board

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. FAA Proposed Amendments for West Flow Area Departures at Sky Harbor (NRSC forwards to Council for further discussion and action; and recommend Council initiate a Consultation Team to meet with FAA; CRSC concurs)

Presenter: Barnaby V. Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND COUNCIL INITIATE A CONSULTATION TEAM TO MEET WITH FAA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR., TERRANCE EVANS, GOVERNOR OR LT. GOVERNOR AND RODNEY JACKSON

3. Gila River Gaming Commission Appointment of Two (2) Gaming Commissioners

Presenter: Reviewing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY GARY WILLIAMS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DENISE ALLISON

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Gila River Indian Irrigation Drainage District Board of Director Appointments Three (3) (Executive Session)

Presenter: Reviewing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE FOR 90-DAYS

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

5. Code of Conduct Follow Up

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE, SECOND AND DEFEATED TO MOVE THE HEARING TO MAY 10, 2018, 9AM

NEW BUSINESS

*1. Seeking Guidance on Bald Eagle Mortality (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval to have Governor write a formal request to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services for the remains of the juvenile bald eagle that was fledged from the Hayfield/Pee Posh Wetlands nest site, CRSC concurs)

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

DISPENDE AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. District Two Letter Of Appointment (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT ANN LUCAS-STEWART

3. District Three Letter Of Appointment (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT ANTONELLI ANTON

4. District Four Letter Of Appointment (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT SHARON LEWIS

5. CEOT Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino Expansion & Renovation Plan (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward the Casino Expansion Owner's Team expansion and renovation plan specifically to the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs in Executive Session)

Presenters: Dale Gutenson, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

6. Gila Crossing New School Construction Travel

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE GILA CROSSING NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION OWNERS TEAM TRAVEL MINUTES

1. April 4, 2018 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR BETTY PABLO FAMILY
> LITIGATION TEAM MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018
> GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE AND HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS CANCELED

> ROD LEWIS SERVICES FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018, 6PM
> BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AND SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018, 8AM VAH KI CHURCH

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:41a.m.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • May 2, 2018

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, May 2, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in

Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Robert Stone at 9:10 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Janice Stewart

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (10:30)

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya,

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Jennifer Allison (9:12), Barney Enos, Jr.; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr., Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Gold-tooth; D7-Devin Redbird (9:28)
 Council Members Absent:
 D4- Pamela Johnson; D6-Terrance Evans
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED
PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)
REPORTS
 1. K-12 3rd Quarter Report
 Presenter: Sienna Whittington
REPORT HEARD
 2. Vocational Training Programs
 Presenter: Lana Chanda
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 3. January – February Early Headstart 2018 Monthly Report
 Presenter: Lori Stinson
REPORT HEARD
GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS PROCEEDED TO CHAIR THE MEETING
RESOLUTIONS
 1. A Resolution Terminating The Transportation Technical Team Of The Gila River Indian Community And Rescinding Resolution GR-198-06, GR-76-07 And GR-111-15 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommend for approval)
 Presenter: Javier Ramos
APPROVED
ORDINANCES
 1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends Title 5 Criminal Code To Include A New Chapter 18, Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with revising the enactment date to August 1, 2018. To include All Clergy in 5.1809 E. and include the definition for members of the clergy or a religious order)
 Presenter: Michael Carter
APPROVED

2. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code By Rescinding Title 8, Chapter 9, Residency Ordinance And Enacting The Revised Residency Ordinance (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with revising the enactment date to June 1, 2018, and with revising the deadline for non-members to register with the Enrollment Department to July 1, 2018)
 Presenter: Michael Carter
APPROVED
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
 1. Natural Resources Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancy to the Community Council - (1) Council Seat (NRSC forwards to Council to Declare (1) Council Seat Vacancy)
 Presenters: Natural Resources Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE (1) VACANCY
 2. Education Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancy (1) Council Seat (ESC forwards to Council to Declare (1) Council Seat Vacancy)
 Presenters: Education Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE (1) VACANCY
 3. Declaration of Legislative Standing Committee Vacancies (3) Council Seats (LSC forwards to Council to Declare (3) Council Seat Vacancies)
 Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE (3) VACANCIES
[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
 4. Government & Management Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancy (1) Council Seat
 Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE (1) VACANCY
 5. Cultural Resources Standing Committee Declaration

of Vacancy (1) Council Seat
 Presenters: Cultural Resources Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE (1) VACANCY
 6. Economic Development Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancy (1) Council Seat
 Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE (1) VACANCY
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES ADDING #7 & #8
[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
 7. Travel Delegation to Washington, DC
 Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE TRAVEL FOR COUNCIL, LITIGATION TEAM, HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE AND THE GILA CROSSING OWNER'S TEAM
 8. NCAI Travel Extension
 Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AUTHORIZE TRAVEL AND EXTENDED TRAVEL FOR COUNCILMAN FRANKLIN PABLO, SR.
MINUTES
 1. April 18, 2018 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS
 > PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR JACOB RODRIGUEZ FAMILY
 >PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR ARLINDA RAPHAL FAMILY
 >PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR FRANCES INSAMO FAMILY
 >H&SSC WORK SESSION, THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018
 >H&SSC WORK SESSION, FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018
 >SPECIAL GILA RIVER FARM BOARD MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018, NOON
ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:00 a.m.
 * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

DPW Annual Water Quality Report 2017 from Page 14

Special Education Statements:
 Additional Information for Arsenic While your drinking water meets the EPA standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The EPA standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.
 Additional Information for Nitrate Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for

infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.
 Additional Information for Lead If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. PWS system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot con-


trol the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or microgram per liter (ug/L)
positive samples	positive samples/yr.: the number of positive samples taken that year
% positive samples/month	% positive samples/month: % of samples taken monthly that were positive
N/A	N/A: Not Applicable
ND	ND: Not Detected
mrem/yr	mrem/yr: Millirem per year
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED
 Please feel free to contact the number provided below for more information or for a translated copy of the report if you need it

in another language. For more information please contact: Department of Public Works, Chris Huang, Acting Water/Wastewater Plant O&M Supervisor, PO Box G,

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21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER PRESENTS STEAM CAMP



When: June 4-28, 2018

Time: 7:45am-1:00pm, Monday-Thursday

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- Field Trips

CBCS STEAM Camp welcomes students entering Kindergarten to 4th grade for the 2018-2019 school year. Students must be enrolled at CBCS for the 2018-2019 school year to be considered.

Any Questions?

Please Contact: Angela Moreno or Farrah Secody 520-315-3489 X2501

District 2 and District 5 get their custom miniature libraries

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Two more mini-libraries have gone up in the Community, allowing residents of District 2 and 5 to have access to free books as part of the Growing Readers, Developing Leaders initiative.

Casa Blanca Community School teacher and member from District 5 Ted Huerta painted the artwork for the mini library that was installed at the District 5 multipurpose building on April 30.

The library takes several elements from the surrounding area and basket designs, which Huerta said represents one of the Community's most known forms of art.

He also incorporated the Japanese Internment camp memorial and landscape that looks back at the agricultural landscape below.

Huerta said the library holds a special meaning because he dedicated it to



Sara Yucupisio stands with her painted miniature library outside of District 2 Service Center. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

a Casa Blanca Community School student Fabien Vincent, a 6-year-old, who passed away in March.

"I wanted to dedicate the library to him because he was always smiling and he was a part of the school here in Casa Blanca."

Huerta painted a portrait of Vincent and incorporated an image of Spiderman, because it was Vincent's favorite superhero.

"I teach art and mu-

sic and so literacy is a big part of teaching and with today's technology I think picking up a book is still the way to go," said Huerta.

District 2 member Sarah Yucupisio is also a contributor to the Community wide mini-library project.

She said it was her first time working on a project of its kind and was a learning experience about her own district.

"I visualized what I

wanted to put on there, one of them being the Hashen Kehk or Cactus Stand in front. I definitely wanted to start there," said Yucupisio.

Yucupisio incorporated a basket into her artwork, which she said, "The basket on the east side of it is done by a Community member. Her name is Kathy Nish, she passed away, but she was the one that designed the basket."

On the opposite side of the mini library Yucupisio included the St. Michael Chapel that is located down the street from the D2 multipurpose building.

"It's still there and everyone sees it, everyone from the Community knows what it is...there was a Father there, he was Father Augustine," she said.

In addition to the cactus she painted an oriole bird, which represents her mother's uncle, Edward Osife, who was one of the last Oriole singers in District 2.

Another mini library



Side view of the D2 mini library. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

will be installed soon in District 3 Sacaton at the service center. This will conclude one part of the

Growing Readers, Developing Leaders initiative to promote literacy in the home.

COURT NOTICE

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

In Re Case: Marisa Hernandez vs. Jeremy Ray Austin
Docket Number: CY-2017-0139-OP
This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.
Order of Protection Hearing
Westend Judicial Center,
4751 West Pecos Road
Laveen, AZ 85339
4th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 AM in Courtroom WI before the Honorable Dallas Delowe
Jeremy Ray Austin Defendant
Marisa Hernandez Civil Plaintiff

NOTICE

COOLIDGE MAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM IN FURTHERANCE OF DRUG TRAFFICKING

PHOENIX – On May 14, 2017, Bernard Joseph Lee Marrietta, 25, of Coolidge, Ariz., a member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge John J. Tuchi to 60 months in prison. Marrietta had previously pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. At the time of the offense, Marrietta possessed a DPMS, model A-15, 5.56/.223 rifle, and methamphetamine.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Raynette Logan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Casa Blanca Community School is now hiring for the following 2017-2018 School Year positions: Business

Manager, Maintenance Technician/ Groundskeeper, and Substitute Teacher; CBCS is also hiring for the following 2018-2019 School Year positions: Bus Driver, Elementary Teacher (K-3), ESS Teacher, ESS Instructional Assistant, FACE Co-Teacher, Human Resource Coordinator, and Instructional Assistant. Located at 3455 W Casa Blanca Road, Bapchule, AZ 85121. For salary and qualification information, visit www.cbcschools.com/Employment or contact Human Resources at 480.403.8595 ext. 2512.

NOTICE

SACATON MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 22 YEARS FOR MURDER

PHOENIX – On May 14, 2017, Robert Wayne Long, 24, of Sacaton, Ariz., a member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Douglas L. Rayes to over 22 years in prison. Long had previously pleaded guilty to second degree murder. At the

time of the offense, Long was on Federal Supervised Release for assault resulting in serious bodily injury. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Raynette Logan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

GRIC DOT Press Release

Gila River Transit 'West End Shuttle' Detour during Loop 202 construction

The West End Shuttle, one of the Gila River Transit routes, will detour from Estrella Drive to Elliot Road beginning Monday, May 21, 2018 through October/November 2018. The detour will not eliminate any existing bus stops, nor will it change the bus schedule. The shuttle bus will now travel west on Elliot Road on its way to the D7 Service Center and Pee Posh Housing areas.

to temporarily change its routing", said Timothy Oliver, Director of the GRIC Department of Transportation. "Fortunately, the realignment will not negatively impact service and the bus will still continue to serve all existing bus stops".

Bus riders and Community members may call the Gila River Transit Dispatch Office at (520) 562-6020 if they have questions or to request a copy of the West End Shuttle Map & Schedule brochure. Brochures are also available inside the West End Shuttle bus.

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Contact information:
Angela Moreno or
Farrah Secody
1(520)315-3489 Ext: 2501
2521

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