



## Halloween fun hits GRIC with departments and programs joining the fun



Children from schools across the Community take part in the annual trick or treat event at the Governance Center on Oct. 29. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Trail of Doom participants make their way across the various candy stations at the trunk or treat activity. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community always gets in the Halloween spirit with schools, tribal departments and programs passing out candy and treats.

It was a howling good time,

as pint-sized ghouls, goblins and a few super heroes descended upon the Gila River Indian Community Governance Center for the annual trick or treat event on Oct. 29.

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The Gila River Police Department recognized officers and employees during an award ceremony for their hard work. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

## GRPD recognizes outstanding employees

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

The Gila River Police Department held an award ceremony on Oct. 18 in Sacaton recognizing employees and officers for their hard work and dedication during the 2017 work year. In total, 20 employees were presented with awards.

After the GRPD honor guard posted colors, Bethany Harkness sang the national anthem. Tim Terry provided a traditional bless-

ing before welcoming remarks from Police Chief Kathleen Elliot.

"You come to work every day and do an outstanding job, you recognize what is going on and you're here because it's in your heart to come here and do the best that you can," said Chief Elliot to the officers and employees. "I am really honored to be able to recognize all of you today that have done an outstanding job."

A certificate of appreciation was given to Barbara Weaver

for her work as a civilian investigator, a newly created position, handling 240 calls of service and 44 follow-up calls during her first year.

For the Community Service Award, Squad C was recognized for service done during the 2017 holiday season, helping cleanup the District 6 park. The beautification project was also a way for them to get to know community members. They also chipped in

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## Blackwater teen sworn in as 30<sup>th</sup> Youth Council president

### Akimel O'odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council holds inauguration in District 2

**Roberto A. Jackson**  
Gila River Indian News

Tribal leaders and supporters attended the Akimel O'odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council Inauguration in District 2 on Oct. 20, to see 24 young men and women begin their terms. Precious Vicente, 19, from District 1, was sworn in as the 30th president in the organization's history. Vice-President Lorenza Aleman, Secretary Angel Molina and Treasurer Hunter Nish were the other officers who

took the oath of office from Judge Jay Pedro.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis recognized the youth for their commitment and professionalism. He called them leaders among their peers and in their respective districts. "They are leaders now," said Gov. Lewis.

Out-going president, Randel Curran, who will serve as an at-large member, thanked his fellow youth council members in the Annual Membership Address. "Thank you for everything," said Curran.

Following the oath of office, Vicente gave the Presidential Address and reflected on her growth as a youth council member. "As time continued on, I didn't know how much youth council would have an effect on me," she said.

Vicente experienced many

new things thanks to her time on youth council and she pledged to continue their work in the Community. "Remember the reason our youth council was established was to be a voice for the youth and also serve as a resource for the Community."

A reception with family and friends followed the ceremony.

District One Representatives  
Precious Vicente  
Alexander Bustamante

District Two Representatives  
Dedric Osife  
Junior Pancott

District Three Representatives  
Elaysia Colt  
Haili Gonzalez

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Precious Vicente takes the oath of office at the Youth Council inauguration in District 2 on Oct. 20. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

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## Gila Crossing Community School student finds success in cross country

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

Gila Crossing Community School's Diego Rhodes is in his first year running cross country but has been quite the all-star rookie. Just a seventh-grade student, he has finished either first or second during the regular season.

"Cross country is something I like to do and something I love," said Rhodes. "It's something to do instead of just doing nothing."

Rhodes is looking forward to running in the season ending finals, which took place on Oct. 31.

This is the first year that Gila Crossing Community School has had a cross country team, being a part of a team is something that Rhodes has enjoyed. Although he has played baseball, Rhodes said cross country is his first sport. The

encouragement he hears from teammates and family gives him the motivation to compete at his best during his races.

"I think of them saying 'good luck' and that keeps me motivated," he said.

The ending of races can be nerve-racking for Rhodes because everyone is trying to pass each other before the finish line, saying that you have to keep focused and not get nervous. His nerves have gotten the best of him, being slightly intimidated by another runner at the end of a race.

Every evening, Rhodes runs with his brother and aunt. His aunt is a runner and helps him with tips and has helped him progress this season.

He plans to continue running cross country and hopes to compete in high school. He started running in grammar school when his friends would continuously beat him

in friendly races. He said that he started running to start beating his friends but seeing the progression really motivated him to continue past school-yard races.

Being on an organized team, Rhodes learned that he can run longer and faster than he thought he could, attributing his coach and teammates for pushing him.


"Knowing that other racers are giving it their all gives me a chance to be competitive," said Rhodes.

He also knows the importance of school, saying that his favorite class is the one that challenges him the most: language arts. He said that he does really well in other classes but that language arts is challenging for him and feels he is up to the challenge, much like he was when he was losing races to his friends in second-grade.



Thirteen year-old David Rhodes has been running away from the competition during his first year running cross country. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

**CORRECTION:** In the Oct. 19 issue of the Gila River Indian News in the "VFSO Assisting Veterans and Families in GRIC" article veteran Lynn Dixon's last name contained a misspelling.




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**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Middle School Room D-8



No personnel issues will be discussed during this. We value your input for these meetings and discussions. Please send your topics of discussion directly to Mrs. Paul  
[Cpaul@sacatonschools.org](mailto:Cpaul@sacatonschools.org)

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November 30 from 5:30pm to 9pm  
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<sup>1</sup> GRIC PD Crash Data FY 2017      <sup>2</sup> GRIC IPP Seat Belt Observation Data FY 2017



# GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

## *Congratulations Priscilla Foote!*

Gila River Health Care is pleased to announce the promotion of Priscilla Foote, a member of District 6 as the new Chief Behavioral Health Officer effective October 2nd. BHS is one of the largest divisions within GRHC, with Priscilla serving as the Executive Director of the Behavioral Health Services Division since 2016.

Priscilla's dedication to her profession and the Gila River Indian Community is unparalleled, leading the division to unsurpassed growth. In 1998, Priscilla started as a Clinical Social Worker, Administrative Director, eventually becoming the Interim Executive Director in April 2016 and the Executive Director of Behavioral Health in October 2016.

GRHC is proud to announce the promotion of Priscilla Foote to Chief Behavioral Health Officer, and we look forward to her leadership in her new expanded and well-deserved role.



*In observance of*

## VETERANS DAY 11.11.18

*Administrative Offices will be*

### Closed Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>



The following departments will be open at HHKMH only during the holiday weekend:

- Dialysis East & West
- ER
- Inpatient & Wound Infusion
- Medical Imaging
- Pharmacy
- Primary Care

Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, November 13th.

If you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.



*In observance of the*

## Thanksgiving Holiday

*Administrative Offices will be*

### Closed Thursday and Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

The following departments will be open at HHKMH only during the holiday weekend:

- Dialysis East
- Dialysis West (open 11/23)
- ER
- Medical Imaging
- Inpatient & Wound Infusion
- Pharmacy

Normal business hours will resume Monday, November 26th.

If you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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

## Incident Log

October 07-13, 2018

Calls for services this week: 661

Arrest made: 48

District One- (Blackwater)

Theft- The victim notified Police when they returned home to find they were missing some miscellaneous items along with a computer. The victim had been away from the home for awhile and was just getting back.

Status: Under investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No Incidents Involving Part I Crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the hospital in reference to the victim being struck multiple times with a machete type weapon. The victim was treated at HuHuKam Hospital for their injuries. The victim stated the suspect was calling him a different name during the time of the attack. A person of interest has been identified

and a follow up will be conducted.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault- Officers were dispatched to a shots fired call. The incident resulted in the victim suffering potentially life threatening injuries due to gunshot wounds. The officers were able to determine the identity of the suspect as well as a potential witness. Officers were unable to locate the suspect and witness during the investigation.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault- Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to an assault. The investigation revealed that the victim was assaulted in the residence. The suspect had kicked, punched and stabbed the victim. The victim was transported to an area hospital to be treated for their injuries. Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – The reporting party advised that their nephew came to the house after being stabbed. The investigation revealed the victim had been stabbed on the ear and in the back of the neck. Officers were able to determine a possible suspect and

the victim was transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Auto Theft- While at work the victim stated an unknown subject took a Ford F-250 without permission. The vehicle belonged to a family member that was out of town. The victim recently became employed with the Sheraton Resort and was parked in the employee parking lot. The vehicle was gone at the end of the victim's shift.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft- The victim called law enforcement to report a theft of a vehicle. The investigation revealed the victim parked his 1995 Ford F-150 truck in the early morning hours at Love's Truck Stop parking lot. When they returned late in the afternoon to retrieve the vehicle it was discovered it had been stolen. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Two subjects shoplifted items from a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlets. The two male subjects had entered the store and walked to a table. The sub-

jects grabbed items from the table and ran out of the store without paying.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) - While at the Chevron Gas Station female took ten baseball caps from the display and walked out without attempting to pay for the merchandise. The female subject entered a black sedan and left the property. Video surveillance is pending review to identify the suspect and vehicle the suspect left the premises in.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) - Officers were dispatched to a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet. The investigation revealed a male suspect entered the store with two other males. While two of the subjects appeared to watch the area, the other placed clothing under his own. As the males left the store the anti theft alarms were activated. Officers attempted to locate the suspects in the shopping Outlet area but yielded negative results.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft- Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Chevron Trading Post. Employees stated a male and female subject had stolen merchandise and left the area in a blue sedan. The female had placed the items in her shorts and used her sweater to cover the bulges. Video surveillance is pending to identify the subjects and the vehicle they left the premises in.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft- While at an event at the Rawhide facility the victim reported an iPhone as missing. The victim attempted to locate the phone for a couple of days. A stolen affidavit was filled out and the phone was listed as being stolen.

Status: Under investigation

Theft- Officers responded to Lone Butte Casino in reference to a reported theft. Further investigation revealed a cell phone was taken from a charging station without the owner's consent. The suspect's information was obtained and Officers will be conducting follow up.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a domestic in progress. The suspect was arrested and booked for assaulting the victim. The suspect had possession of a screw driver and had made motions as

if trying to stab the victim.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

Burglary- The suspects committed burglary while the victim was away from the residence. The investigation revealed the victim's residence was left unattended while they had stayed with family off the Community. Two male subjects were observed arriving in a red truck and forced their way inside the residence by kicking the back door open.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to an abandoned residence where the suspects committed burglary by forcing entry into a storage room located within the carport area. Copper wire was exposed where someone had cut and removed. Photos were taken of the damages as well as the graffiti throughout the residence.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a shot fired call due to a male coming out of a house and firing in their direction. The investigation revealed the victims were parked on the side of the road on Baseline and 87th Ave taking photographs. While victims were taking photographs the suspect fired a single shot after yelling at the victims about being parked there. All three victims advised they were in fear for their lives to the point where they took cover behind the vehicle. There were no injuries reported and the rifle used was seized for evidence and booked into evidence. The suspect was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

Incident Log October 14, 2018 – October 20, 2018

Gila River Police officers responded to 553 calls for service and made 55 arrests.

District One:

Theft – The suspect stole paperwork belonging to the victim while at the victim's residence. The victim realized the documents

were missing several days later and reported the incident to law enforcement.

Status: Under investigation.

District Two:

Robbery – The suspect knocked on the front door of the victim's residence and then forced

entry by pushing past the victim. Upon entering the residence the suspect proceeded to pick up food items and then attempted to leave the residence. The victim stepped in front of the suspect in an attempt to prevent him from stealing the items. The suspect pushed the victim to the ground causing abrasions and swelling to their arm and back. The suspect fled the residence prior to police arrival. Officers responded to the area and located the suspect along with the stolen item.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

District Three:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect put a handgun to the victim's neck and threatened her. The suspect ordered the victim to retrieve their backpack which they did and placed it outside of the residence. As the suspect walked out the door to retrieve their backpack the victim locked the suspect out. The suspect then fired two rounds into the front of the residence which caused damage to the house along with items in the house. The suspect fled the scene on foot and was unable to be located by law enforcement.

Status: Suspect has been identified and Police are conducting follow up.

Burglary – Suspect(s) forced entry into an office building by breaking a window to gain access. The victim arrived at his office the following day to discover the office had been broken into and a number of items had been taken. The victim contacted law enforcement and officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Burglary – Suspect(s) unlawfully entered the Sacaton Elementary School triggering the security alarm. The Police Department was contacted and advised of the active alarm. Officers responded and checked the campus but could not locate any subjects in the area. The following morning the victim contacted law enforcement and advised when she entered the classrooms she observed several items scattered on the floor.

Status: Under investigation.

District Four: (Stotonic Area)

Aggravated Assault – The suspect assaulted the victim by punching her on the head after an argument. The suspect then grabbed a trash bag and placed it over the victim's head while

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# Community implements VAWA with ordinances and grants to prosecute offenders

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The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was passed in 1994 and since has been reauthorized a variety of times to provide funding to improve criminal justice efforts to investigate and prosecute domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault in the United States.

The landmark legislation was signed into law by former President Bill Clinton, which was reauthorized in 2000, 2005 and 2013, and has helped give a voice for women to speak out on heinous crimes.

Under the Obama Administration, the 2013 reauthorization provided protections to members of the LGBTQ community. It also provided law enforcement with better resources to investigate rape cases, provided tools for college students on dating violence and sexual assault and allows relief for immigrant victims of domestic violence.

It also empowered tribal courts to prosecute those that commit domestic violence on tribal lands whether or not that offender is a member of that particular tribe or is non-Native.

Community Council adopted ordinances in May to implement Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (SDVCJ) over non-Natives who commit certain domestic violence of-

fenses within the Community.

Part of those ordinances was to have non-Community members register their residency with the enrollment department. The residency ordinance, which went into effect on June 1, was so that they could be included in jury pools for the SDVCJ non-Native cases.

The Community received a federal grant of \$495,000 to assist with VAWA implementation. A majority of the grant covers costs related to inmate housing of non-Natives as well as medical care. Another portion of the grant, covers training and technical assistance for the Community's criminal justice department.

The Community's police department has undergone training to recognize VAWA cases. The investigations are handled the same but now have a special code to identify the case.

An incident took place in District 7, between a female Community member and a non-Native male. The pair have children together and an argument turned into a physical fight. Another incident took place when a non-Native male swung at a female Community member, an assault did not take place.

The number one crime committed in the Community is domestic violence, with 20 percent of police calls being related to domestic violence.

# MISSING



**Name: Jacqueline Lewis "Jackie"**  
**Age:54 Hair:Dark Brown Eyes: Brown**  
**Height:4ft 11in Weight:165**

**Tattoos: Has the letter "A" on left forearm, letter "B" on right forearm, and "ARIES" on the inside of her left wrist.**

**Family is worried about her. If you have any information on where she is please call 480-828-9188.**

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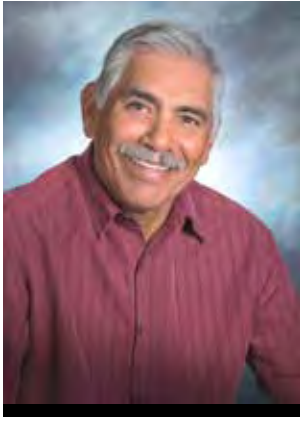
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12:00pm	Native Planet - Canada <i>Traces pipeline to understand why First Nations are opposed.</i>	Medicine Game <i>Shares the remarkable journey of two brothers from the Onondoga Nation</i>	Circus Without Borders <i>Two figures committed to change, with the talent to achieve it.</i>	First People of Kumeyaay <i>Share a heritage that goes back, in their words, "to the beginning of time."</i>	Lived In History: The Story of the Wind River <i>Oreland C. Joe</i>	Touching The Past <i>Joe Morris Sr. shares his experience working as a Navajo Code Talker.</i>	Dust N Bones <i>Issues and controversies that threaten the First Nations.</i>	
12:30pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>Eagle of the Dawn</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Remembering Celilo Part 2</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Eagle of the Dawn Part 2</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Haida Gwaii</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Paradox of Attribution</i>	Champions of the North <i>Modern Times</i>	
1:00pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening <i>Preserve Fresh Herbs</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Welcome to Vitality Garden</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Planting Our Northern</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	
2:00pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Working It Out Together <i>Love is Best Medicine</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Letting Go</i>	Working It Out Together <i>About the Journey</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Taking Control of Health</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Shillee McNaughton</i>	Wassaja <i>Beyond Standing Rock</i>	
2:30pm	Urban Native Girl <i>Is Blood Thicker Than Love</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	From The Spirit <i>Michael Massie</i>	From The Spirit <i>Laura Lee K. Harris</i>	From The Spirit <i>Andy Everson</i>	From The Spirit <i>Lee Claremont</i>	People of the Pines <i>Uncharted Territory</i>	
3:00pm	Havana Curveball <i>13 yo Mica launches a grand plan to send baseballs to Cuba.</i>	Native Planet - Canada <i>Traces pipeline to understand why First Nations are opposed.</i>	Indian Pride <i>Myths &amp; Real Truths</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders <i>Head of the Bay Story-telling sculptor, hot rod hero, and a senior.</i>	Storytellers in Motion <i>Brenda Chambers</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	
3:30pm	The Creator's Game <i>Lacrosse team faces issues travelling and competing in other countries.</i>	First Talk <i>10 Pow Wows</i>	First Talk <i>Balance</i>	First Talk <i>Model Secrets</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	First Talk <i>Residential Schools</i>	Children of the Desert	
4:00pm	Medicine Game <i>Shares the remarkable journey of two brothers from the Onondoga Nation</i>	Circus Without Borders <i>Two figures committed to change, with the talent to achieve it.</i>	Wassaja <i>She Represents</i>	Lived In History: The Story of the Wind River <i>Oreland C. Joe</i>	Touching The Past <i>Joe Morris Sr. shares his experience working as a Navajo Code Talker.</i>	Dust N Bones <i>Issues and controversies that threaten the First Nations.</i>	The New Zealanders <i>Head of the Bay Story-telling sculptor, hot rod hero, and a senior.</i>	
4:30pm	Native Voice TV <i>Michelle Montanez</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Ollie &amp; Emma 6</i>	
5:00pm	The New Creative India	Ancestral Languages Never Heard Again	Osioy, Voices of the Cherokee People	Osioy, Voices of the Cherokee People	Wassaja <i>Beyond Standing Rock</i>	Sharing Circle <i>Sacred Sites Part 2</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	
5:30pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Petroglyphs</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Wapos Bay <i>Dance, Monkey, Dance</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Dance, Monkey, Dance</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Red Bank First Nation</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Seminole Tribe</i>	Wild Archeology <i>Innu of Sheshatshiu</i>	
6:00pm	Toa Hunter Gatherer	Wild Archaeology <i>Haida Gwaii</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Ollie &amp; Emma 6</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Ollie &amp; Emma 6</i>	Kvcarts <i>Pete Sands Part 1</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Hit The Ice <i>Battle of Winnipeg</i>	
6:30pm	Native Shorts <i>X Nikamowin/Chrysalis</i>	Indians and Aliens	Well What Do You Know?	Well What Do You Know?	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	The Aux	Fish Out of Water <i>Haida Gwaii</i>	
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## By Billy Allen

Sometimes the I-8 drive to San Diego seems like a monotonous chore. But from Casa Grande to near downtown San Diego, one can travel back in time and remain on Native land. Ancient trails long etched onto the desert still exist, but are now known only to a few. Long forgotten villages have given way to modern towns and signs have taken over what the landscape told early travelers. Before the present-day freeway, the akimel was a major link to California. The river also represents a tie for our West End neighbors; the Halchidoma, Kohuana, Kavelchadom, and the Maricop, to their first homeland along the Colorado.

With a tip of the hat to an old song lyric, "but when you cross that ol' Red River hoss," Mondali, O'odham for California, things are different. The I-8 from Yuma to San Diego is also known at the Kumeyaay Highway. A California Courts site informs that the state is home to more people of Native American/Alaska Native heritage than any other state. There are 109 federally recognized tribes in California with 78 petitioning for recognition. Tribal numbers range from 5 to 5,000 members. About an hour out of San Diego, the freeway begins to ascend then descend, and the names of tribal "Rancharias" appear: Campo, La Posta, Manzanita and Viejas. California Natives, "Indians," have been through a lot of court battles involving termination and restoration of their existence as Native entities. Though our reservations back home may not be perfect, one can appreciate them.

The Indian reservation system established tracts of land called reservations for Natives to live on as settlers moved in and took land. Reservations were to bring Native Americans under U.S. government control, minimize conflict between Indians and settlers and encourage Native Americans to take on the ways of mainstream society. Many Natives were forced onto reservations. In Arizona, Akimel O'otham were given the option to move, but declined. For the most part, O'odham have been fortunate to remain on the land

# A'AGA

## Something to be told or talked about

of our ancestors. The Gila River Indian Community was established by an act of Congress in 1859 and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was created by an Executive Order June 14, 1879. The Ak Chin Indian Community was created in May 1912 when then President Taft signed documentation which originally created a 47,600-acre reservation, but that was reduced to less than 22,000 acres the following year. The Tohono O'odham Nation consists of four land bases. San Xavier was established in 1874; San Lucy was set aside in 1882, and the "main" land base recognized in 1917. In 1978, Florence Village officially became part of the Nation. However reservations have not always been a popular idea in Ali son, O'odham for Arizona.

During the Apache Wars, Cochise asked for a reservation for his people in southeast Arizona. A Chiricahua reservation was created but was only in existence for about 4 years before being abolished. On February 10, 1883, the Arizona territorial Legislature petitioned the federal government to have "hostile" Indians removed and the reservation system ended. When that did not happen, a couple of years later, the legislature specifically requested that the San Carlos and White Mountain reservations be abolished. Politics; settlers had votes, and Natives did not.

Then the federal government decided that instead of separating Natives, we should be assimilated (to be like) into mainstream society. Many whites coveted Native land and felt it would be easier to take Native land – if the Natives were no longer. Assimilation of the Natives and elimination of reservations became a federal goal. Congress passed the Dawes Act, also known as the General Allotment Act, in February 1887.

In November of 1891, Arizona Territorial Governor Murphy made his annual report to Washington in which he recommended that all Indian reservations be turned over to white men for sale and settlement, with the possible exception of the Navajo lands.

In Arizona, President Woodrow Wilson combined the lands of the Tohono O'odham into one Pajago Reservation in 1917. This was opposed by the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, the Arizona State

land commissioner, and the Pima Farm Improvement Association. However, non-Indian cotton farmers were not opposed. Their reasoning was Native workers were needed for 3 to 4 months and when not working, they needed a place to go. Thus efforts to eliminate the reservation failed. In 1920, Ralph Cameron, an Arizona Congressional candidate, campaigned with the idea to give part of the Colorado River Indian Reservation to war veterans for settlement. School, jobs and family continue to draw O'odham to Mondali but it is always better to come back, the drive home is picturesque and pleasing. For the most part, Ali son Natives are holding their ground.

Information was taken from the following sites; <http://www.courts.ca.gov/3066.htm>,

<https://www.history.com/topics/native-american-history/indian-reservations>,

<https://blog.oup.com/2012/02/dawes-act-congress-indian-reservations/>,

From: The Culture and Language cohort:

Nina Allison  
Priscilla Espinoza  
Starleen Somegustava  
Edwardine Thomas



We held our "I CHEKTHO HEG ETH HIMTHAG" event, on Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>. On the first day of the event the participants were given t-shirts, which they wore proudly throughout the event. The lessons that were conducted by the cohort, was done in the Pima language. This was our purpose to teach our Culture, Language, and be able to give some insight to how our Himthag once was.

We would like to thank the participants that signed up for the event, and continued to attend daily regardless of the rain. If it was not for the participants having such a strong interest in wanting to learn more of the Pima Language, and wanting to know more of the Himthag. Our event would have not been a reality.

We give much respects, and thanks to our presenter for sharing their knowledge, and gifts with our participants. Thanks to our presenters: **Luzelva Middaugh, Leland Thomas, Billy Allen and Antonio Davis.**

A big thank you goes out to **Dr. Brayboy, Dr. Chadwick, and Dr. Bixby**, Our professors from ASU for believing in us, and standing with us from the beginning to the end so that we could provide this event for our community. Thank you for being our biggest supporters! Thanks to our ASU mentor **Taylor Strelevitz**, for assisting us through classes and for assisting us with our event.

Thanks to **Ge'e Ki A'al Vepeg A Mashchuakud (Sacaton Head Start)** for all of your support. Thank you to our caterers: **Wayne Delowe, and Dewsky's**. Thank you to our **G.R.I.C. Council** for your approval to conduct our event for our community. A big Thank you to **Robert Espinoza** for designing our logo, you are awesome! Thank you to **Casa Blanca Community School**, and the **Caring House** for allowing us to use your awesome props.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/arizona/articles/2017-11-08/today-in-arizona-history,https://nativeamerican->

[netroots.net/diary/tag/Indian%20Reservations. In addition the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona site, Tohono](https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/arizona/articles/2017-11-08/today-in-arizona-history,https://nativeamerican-netroots.net/diary/tag/Indian%20Reservations. In addition the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona site, Tohono)

O'odham Nation site and the book *The Apache Wars* by Paul A. Hutton.

## Winter Bird Count



## December 1, 2018

**7a.m. Meet at one of the locations nearest you:**

District 5: Casa Blanca Chevron Station (Casa Blanca Rd. & I-10)

District 6: Komatke Chevron Station (51<sup>st</sup> Ave. Pecos Rd.)

District 7: Service Center (83<sup>rd</sup> Ave & Baseline Rd.)

**11 a.m. Cultural Activities Begin**

Huhugam Heritage Center, 23159 S. Maricopa Rd.

**1 p.m. 2018 Winter Bird Count Concludes**

## FAMILY EVENT – EVERYONE WELCOME

Participants will receive a T-shirt upon arrival

**Please Note: Transportation is not provided for this event**

**ALL Minors Must be Accompanied by an Adult**

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**(520) 562-2234**

# Former saddle bronc champion proud to represent O'otham in Las Vegas



The Gila River Indian Community flag make its way around South Point Equestrian Center during a flag parade for Indian National Finals Rodeo sponsors. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

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

Jalen Joaquin's return to the 43rd Annual Indian National Finals Rodeo at South Point Equestrian Center in Las Vegas, Nev., did not end in a repeat as saddle bronc world champion but it did end on a positive note and that's what he plans to build off of moving forward.

"It started out rocky," said Joaquin of the week-long event. "I know I didn't have a shot at winning (overall) but I let it all hang

out there and won the round on Saturday night. I got to end on a high note, I had a good horse and proud that I could represent all O'otham people out here."

The rodeo started on Tuesday, Oct. 23, on his first ride he scored 75 points and was in fifth place standing. He was bucked off of his second horse on Wednesday. During his ride on Friday night, he did not turn in a score and was out of the running to defend his INFR world champion title.

He was penalized on the "mark out or spur out"

rule which requires saddle bronc riders to have the rowels of both spurs in front of and touching the break of the bronc's shoulders on its first move out of the chute. The rider's feet must still be in this position when the bronc's front feet hit the ground for the first time.

"The second round, [the horse] just flat out bucked me off, he was a real, real good horse," said Joaquin. "I feel like I should have rode him. He kind of got to me a little bit but I finished strong and



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone attended the INFR in Las Vegas, Nev. to cheer on Community member Jalen Joaquin in the saddle bronc competition. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

took the positive from that. I won the go-around for [Saturday]."

On Saturday night in front of a full arena that included Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Joaquin rode "Who Made Who" from X3 Rodeo and finished with an 86-point ride, the highest of the round.

Joaquin is enrolled in the Gila River Indian Community but is also Tohono O'odham, in a show of support for their cowboy, both the Gila River Indian Community and the Tohono

O'odham Nation sponsored the saddle bronc competition.

He plans to take the lessons he learned from this rodeo as he continues his Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association season.

"There are still a few

rodeos going on," said Joaquin. "I'm going to keep hitting the rodeos and keep conditioning and watching film. I'll try to critique my riding and take what I did from here and try to improve on that, just taking it one horse at a time."



Jalen Joaquin takes a victory lap after winning the go-around on Saturday night at the INFR hosted at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN





**You may now drop off old electronic items at the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality**

- Computers & Monitors
- Phones (all types)
- Printers
- Power cords
- VCRs
- Stereo Equipment
- TVs (no projection televisions please)
- Small household batteries

**We are located at 45 S. Church Street in Sacaton (520) 562-2234**

For your convenience, you may still place larger items such as TVs & computers in the bulk trash. These items will be separated from the load and taken to a recycling facility




Don't you DARE throw electronics in the trash!

## Motor Vehicle Crashes and Injuries and the effect on the Gila River Indian Community

**Tribal Health Department**  
Gila River Indian Community

The latest GRIC severe injury report indicates that motor vehicle crashes were the number one cause of mortality and severe injury in the Gila River Indian Community. Did you know that there were six deaths related to motor vehicle crashes in the Gila River Indian Community in 2017?

By wearing a seat belt, the chance of losing your life or suffering a severe injury during a motor vehicle crash decrease dramatically. If someone loses their life in a vehicle crash there is a great impact and affects everyone in the community through countless potential years of life lost. In a scenario where a twenty year old Gila River Indian Community member gets into a car crash and they are not wearing a seat belt, that person could be ejected from the vehicle and killed. The potential years of life lost for this incident is approximately forty-five years. Potential years of life lost is calculated by taking the approximate life span of a person to be about 65 years and subtracting the age at

the time of death, in this case, twenty years. Did you know the current seat belt use rate in the Gila River Indian Community is 78 %, based on observations completed in the community? That means about three out of four drivers and/or front seat passengers are wearing their seat belt. The underlying loss to the Gila River Indian Community can be viewed by the positive role the member may have played in the community by the following: they could have been a teacher, a coach, or a tribal council member that might have changed the face of politics. Their family is now missing a mom or dad, daughter or son, or niece or nephew.

The GRIC Injury Prevention Program encourages our community members to buckle up, use child safety seats, and drive sober while in a vehicle. The life we save each day by buckling up is important to families and members of the community as a whole. If you have any questions about seat belt use and child safety seats please call Teri De La Cruz – Injury Prevention Specialist with the Tribal Health Department at 520-562-5114.



# Career fair brings job opportunities



Laramie Kisto encourages attendees of Employment and Training's Career Fair by sharing his story of working with WIOA before finding his footing in a career field. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

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

Employment and Training (E&T) held their annual career fair on Friday, Oct. 26, with different booths set up highlighting different career paths and open job opportunities for Community members seeking employment.

Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Arizona Department of Corrections, Henry Brown Ford, Gila River Broadcasting Corp., Gila River EMS, wildland firefighting and Gila River Health Care were just a few of the organizations and job industries that had booths available. Some of them were doing onsite interviews.

The morning event was started with a blessing by Barnaby Lewis. The welcoming address was given by E & T's Director Lana Chanda.

There were participant shout-outs for Michael Molinar and Laramie Kisto who were both participants of the program.

Molinar graduated from barber school and became a licensed barber. He has started his own business and provided free haircuts to attendees of the career fair.

Kisto is a former WIOA participant and now works with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Wild Land Fire and discussed his journey. He said that when his friend circle started changing from his time with the Gila River prevention coalition, his life started changing.

Utilizing resources the Community has to offer, Kisto enrolled in classes at Chandler-Gilbert Commu-

nity College. Working as a wildland firefighter, he has seen many different parts of the country. He encouraged attendees to reach out to those resources that are available because they are life-changing.

Tamara Dill also gave a presentation on dressing for success.

There were raffle prizes given out to attendees and a lunch was provided by Gila River Hotels and Casinos. If you were unable to attend the career fair but would like more information, contact employment and training at (520) 562-3388.



Business owner Michael Molinar provided free haircuts during the Career Fair for attendees. Molinar is a former participant in the program. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

## ATTENTION AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES LIVING IN ARIZONA

If you have a problem while voting during the **GENERAL ELECTION**, please call for help from a trained volunteer!

This is a toll free **Non-Partisan Voting Rights** helpline:

# 1-888-777-3831

Voting Rights Helpline Hours:  
6 AM – 7 PM on Election Day  
Open in the days leading up to Election Day

**EARLY VOTING BEGINS: OCT. 10, 2018**  
**ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE: OCT. 26, 2018**  
**GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

### CALL IF:

- If you are at the wrong polling location
- You don't know whether you are registered
- You are turned away from the polls
- The polling place does not open on time
- The polling place is closing early
- You are denied native language assistance or a helper of your choice for any reason
- There are not enough ballots
- You are told you have to come back later to vote
- Your vote was challenged and you don't know why
- Your Tribal ID was not accepted for identification



## NATIVE VOTE ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINE UP AND RUNNING ON NOV. 6

**Indian Legal Clinic**  
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Native American voters who have questions about voting or who have problems voting in the General Election should call the Native Vote Hotline at 1-888-777-3831. Potential problems include: voter

challenges, voter identification, failure to receive a ballot, language assistance, polling location confusion, machines malfunctioning, and voter intimidation.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6. Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. The Arizona Native Vote Election Protection

Project is led by the ASU Indian Legal Clinic in partnership with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona and the Native American Bar Association of Arizona. Native Vote Arizona is a state member of Native Vote, a nonpartisan campaign initiated by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE

### District Four Representatives

Lorenza Aleman  
Belen Burnette

Hunter Nish  
Randel Curran  
Joseph Cooper III.  
Sandra Pablo

### District Five Representative

Deirdre Copperfield

### Honorary Representatives

Miss Gila River Autumn Cooper  
Jr. Miss Gila River Samaira Juan  
UNITY President Joseph Davis

### District Six Representatives

Marcus Villa  
David Hernandez

### District Seven Representatives

Angel Molina  
David Romero

### Associate Representatives

Charles Garcia  
Justine Williams  
Logan Miguel  
Sineca Jackson  
Yolanni Blaine  
Brianna Knox

### At-Large Representatives

Shantell Terrazas  
Adam Cardona Jr.

## 2018-2019 Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council



The Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council with Youth Council staff Michael Preston (right) and Gwendolyn Morago (left). Amy Davila Photo



# REVOLT RUN

**NOVEMBER 17, 2018 - 6:00 AM**

**HASHAN KEHK – DISTRICT 2**

**COURSE: HALF MARATHON (13.1 MILES)**

**10K (6.2 MI)**

**5K (3.1 MI)**

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**ALL COURSES ARE TRAIL TERRAIN**

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**WATER STATIONS WILL BE LOCATED EVERY 2 MILES**

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# Phoenix Indian Center Announces Recipients of Annual Leadership Awards Recognition

## Gila River Indian Community teenager from Cesar Chavez named Male High School Student of the Year

**Patricia Hibbeler**  
Phoenix Indian Center

October 17, 2018 – Phoenix, Arizona – The Phoenix Indian Center has announced the recipients of the 2018 Arizona American Indian Excellence in Leadership Awards. For 36 years, the Leadership Awards has recognized individuals, companies, and organizations for their excellence of work, innovation in approach, and impact in the American Indian community.

“The honorees represent outstanding leadership in Arizona and across the nation,” said Patricia Hibbeler, Chief Executive Officer of the Phoenix Indian Center. “Each of these individuals are exemplary advocates who are dedicated to the advancement and wellness of Indian country through their unique expertise. It is my honor to congratulate and recognize them for their contributions,” added Hibbeler.

The 2018 honorees are:

Kent C. Ware Lifetime Achievement Baje Whitethorne, Sr (Navajo), Renowned Artist  
Phyllis J Bigpond Lifetime Achievement Delia Carlyle (Ak-Chin Indian Community), Tribal Council Member and former Chairwoman  
Man of the Year Gabriel Ayala (Yaqui), Classical Guitarist  
Woman of the Year Dawn Melvin (Navajo/Hopi), Tribal Tourism Relations Manager, Arizona Office of Tourism

Business of the Year KUYI Hopi Radio  
Volunteer of the Year Phoenix Indian Medical Center Auxiliary  
Friend of the Community Eve’s Fund for Native American Health Initiatives, Barbara Crowell Roy - President  
Female College Student of the Year Jennifer Jones (Navajo), Senior – Arizona State University  
Male College Student of the Year Lyndon Guy (White

Mountain Apache), Junior – University of Arizona  
Male High School Student of the Year Adam Cardona, Jr (Gila River Akimel O’odham), Senior – Cesar Chavez High School  
Female High School Student of the Year Jowun Ben (Navajo), Senior – Camelback High School  
KJ Bowen Scholarship Awardee  
Netawn Marsoobian (Navajo), Senior – Chandler High School

The Arizona American Indian Excellence in Leadership Awards dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas in Scottsdale, Arizona, dinner and program begin at 6:00 p.m. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$60. Sponsorship and table purchase opportunities are available. For details and to purchase tickets, visit [www.phxindcenter.org](http://www.phxindcenter.org).

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Filling their bags with sweet treats provided by several departments, the kids sauntered their way through the Governance Center lobby and into the Executive Office, which was decorated wall-to-wall in Halloween décor.

Some of the munchkin-sized visitors from St. Peter Indian Mission School sang a few songs with a Halloween twist.

The annual trick or treat event at the Governance Center is a collaborative effort between Human Resources and GRIC departments, and entities, to bring some festive cheer to

the children from schools across the Community.

For those who dared to venture out to the Sacaton Fairgrounds, they were in for a night of fright at the annual Trail of Doom event on Oct. 30. For individuals wanting a little more thrill, there was a short trail into the darkness, where beings of an unearthly origin greeted them along the Fright Walk.

The annual Halloween event is hosted by the Gila River Wellness Center, who changed things up a bit with a kid’s fun maze, rides and fitness games to participants of all ages.

Elsewhere, the distant sounds of Gertie and the T.O. Boyz could be heard on the main stage, for those wanting a little step in their night.

Community departments were also setup at their truck or treat stations to hand out tasty treats to the children decked out in their scary, entertaining and creative outfits. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, was in on the festivities with his Executive team passing out treats to the children. Dressed in a werewolf costume, Lewis greeted people, before going to the main stage to welcome all of the trail of doom participants.

This year’s event drew an even bigger crowd and was hailed a success



Parents and children take part in the annual Trail of Doom event at the Sacaton Fairgrounds on Oct. 30. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

## GRPD employees from Page 1

their own money to purchase gift bags that were given to Community members.

Members of Squad C are Sergeant Vanessa Enos along with Officers Michael Fairburn, Karl Wischhusen, Brandon Merkley, Bryan Davis, Alex Johnson, Andrew Rodriguez and Manuel Ruiz III.

On July 4, 2017, the police received a 911 call from a distraught female who feared for the life of a male who was in distress and took off in the desert on a 110-degree day. Through joint efforts, the man was found and given medical attention. Officers Austin Himes, Manuel Ruiz III, Brandon Merkley, Sandy Brown and Sergeant Jeff Faulkner were given the Chief’s Citation Award for their quick response and understanding the severity of the call.

The Meritorious Conduct Award was given to Gordon “Shoni” June for his understanding and upgrading of the MIS system so that the police department can adequately serve the Community and is always ready to take on any IT issues that arise.

Officer Jeremy “the Man” Williams exemplified the Going Above and Beyond Award when heading home from an 18-hour shift, he observed a vehicle blocking the roadway and saw two subjects leave the scene. He recognized the pair as part of a vehicle theft operation. He confirmed the vehicle was stolen and called for backup, leading to the arrest of the suspects.

Receiving the Heroism Award was Detective William Morago, who was off-duty and driving with his family when he came across a vehicle crash involving a semi-truck and a car on fire with the driver still inside. After parking his family a safe distance away, Det. Morago attempted to save the occupant of the vehicle despite knowing the risks that were involved in the rescue. While not able to save the occupant, he was able to take a picture of the license plate which was used to identify the driver before the car was fully engulfed in flames. He also maintained the safety of those in the area until responding officers arrived.

The 2017 Communications Employee of the Year was Heather Gray

who in her ten-year career has taken over 40,000 calls of service. She has served as a supervisor and has expanded her skillset to help the police department be successful.

The 2017 Employee of the Year was Randall Lara who was hired as an inventory specialist but soon became a jack-of-all-trades for GRPD, learning many different areas. Chief Elliot said that he demonstrates “mature, capable and knowledgeable opinions beyond his years” and that helps him receive praise from throughout the police department.

Officer Amanda Swinehart was named the 2017 Officer of the Year, also described as a jack-of-all-trades. She has researched and applied for many different grants while overseeing the evidence project to help address major issues. She sacrifices time with family and friends while remaining flexible to make sure assignments and projects are completed on time.

Following the presentation of awards, there were light refreshments for the officers, employees and their family that was in attendance.



## ELDERS DAY 2018

“REFLECTIONS ON LIFE EXPERIENCES”

The Elderly Concerns Group invites you to attend this special event with music, entertainment, raffle prizes, food and great company!

**DATE:** Friday, November 16, 2018

**LOCATION:** Rawhide Event Center

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

**Registration 7:00 A.M.**

**Breakfast 7:30 A.M.**

**Pre-Registration is REQUIRED**

**Please contact your**

**District Elder Coordinator to sign up and to request transportation.**

**Deadline for registration is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018**





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Stephen Roe Lewis  
Governor



Robert Stone  
Lt. Governor

## Stakeholders meet for Tribal Water Summit

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community and a national water advocacy group, hosted a Tribal Water Summit to review how water management is carried out by tribes across the Western part of the U.S.

At the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and GRIC representatives, spoke about the Community's management and use of Central Arizona Project water at the summit on Oct. 25-26.

The summit, co-organized by Westwater Research, brought tribal voices together around regional water issues and how Native communities are using litigation to move water policy forward at the local and state level of government.

Gov. Lewis talked about the Community's long history of ties to the Gila River and how it was the life source of the Akimel O'otham, who are the descendants of the Huhugam, an industrious people, who farmed what is

now the Phoenix Metropolitan area.

"The Huhugam, built an extensive network of canals that rivaled the River Nile Valley, that is how advanced the people were, that farmed, what is now Phoenix," said Lewis.

He said the same principals the Huhugam valued continue today, as the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh revitalize the land through the Community's water rights settlement.

"When we talk about the issues that we are facing, it is great that we can meet and talk about how we can tackle them here today," said Lewis, "It's about how we are going to be charting our use of water through effective water management for future generations."

Gov. Lewis was honored by WilmerHale, a law firm based in Washington D.C., on behalf of his late father Rodney Lewis, for his tireless efforts in Indian law on water issues. WilmerHale partner Michael Connor, said Rod was a champion for all tribes, who continue to advocate for issues related to natural

resources, like water rights.

Others speakers, who presented at the summit talked about the need to protect access to traditional waterways that have been used by Native peoples for fishing and other recreational uses.

A panelist, representing the Shoshone Bannock Tribes Funding Tribal Water Programs, talked about the reality of tribal water management.

He said maintaining tribal rights to water is always going to be an on-going negotiation between Native tribes and governments. He said for tribes, who have gained their water rights, a good leadership is the most effective way to maintain and manage water, as increases in demand rise over the short and long-term future.

District 4 Council Representative Barney "BJ" Enos, Jr., talked about the financial management of CAP water to offset the costs of bringing it to GRIC.

Enos talked about the implementation of the Community's water plan, which was adopted in 2015



WilmerHale partner Michael Connor presents Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with an award, in appreciation for the Community's sponsorship of the summit.

to increase farming and recreate the Gila River in an affordable way.

On another panel called "What Approaches are Tribal Water Departments Taking," Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Director David DeJong provided an overview of the construction of the PMIP canal system that brings CAP water into the Community. One of the main points of the presentation talked about the history of the Gila River and how it was dammed

upstream of the Community and the subsequent 2004 Arizona Water Settlement Act, that allowed the Community to get an allocation of CAP water.

DeJong said, "a lot of what we do, is within the context of history, we are constructing this new system on the shoulders of a 2000 plus year history of agriculture in Southern Arizona." He said at the height of the Community's agriculture, it was the center of 15,000 acres of producing

agricultural produce.

He said what has led to the Community's success is having the foresight of knowing what was needed to ensure the development of land for agricultural use, that was made possible through a, "Strong political leadership that goes back to the last hereditary chief Antonio Azul, to restore the water, because they understood how important it was to the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh people."

## Indigenous Australians spend two days in the Gila River Indian Community



Members from Nyamba Buru Yawuru Ltd., stand with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and GRICUA Chairman John Lewis at the GRTI headquarters on Oct. 18.

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community hosted visitors half-a world away, who are interested in how Native people are thriving in this corner of the globe.

For two days visitors from the Yawuru Native people from the Western Australian city of Broome, toured the Community's economic infrastructure and government on Oct.

18-19. Their first stop on the tour was the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority headquarters located in the Lone Butte area of District 4.

The visitors are part of the corporate arm of the Yawuru called the Nyamba Buru Yawuru Ltd. It is a not-for profit company, that is owned and operated by Yawuru title holders, who's purpose is to develop

the economic capital of the people.

Their trip is part of a tour to gather information on how Native people in North America are managing their own affairs to achieve self-determination.

The NBY representatives, were greeted by GRICUA Chairman John Lewis and General Manager Leonard Gold, and Board Member Neil Banketewa. Gold answered

questions about the history of GRICUA, while Lewis talked about the utility enterprise's goal of bringing power to the people.

NBY Deputy Chairman Cara Peek, said learning about how other indigenous people are taking care of their people are the same goals they have in regards to the well-being of the Yawuru. She said they weren't recognized until 1994 and after a series of talks with the Australian government, they are able to move in a direction that provides opportunities to improve their economic situation, culture and health.

NBY Chairperson Debra Pigram, said there are a lot of projects they would like to get off the ground that are related to the development of land. She said a common consensus, that they share with other Indigenous populations, is how to use the land in a way that is respectful to the land and the people.

"A lot of projects going-on, we hold the land collectively for the people, so before it is done, we

have to back to the people to receive approval," said Pigram.

The group said that in their region of Australia, the cost of energy is high and that a need for cost-effective sources of energy has led them to look into solar farms, which like Arizona is a perfect situation for starting such a business.

Peek said, the ideas of looking into alternative forms of energy is part of a strategy to, "To relieve the burden of the people."

The NBY representatives, also paid a visit to the Gila River Telecommunications Inc. and on the next day, visited the Pee Posh Wetlands, Governance Center, Hau'pal Health Care Center and Huhugam Heritage Center.

The group was impressed by the Community's ability to build health facilities to address the health needs of the people and the vast array of specialized care that is provided at one facility like the Red Tail Hawk health center. Gov. Stephen Role Lewis welcomed the

group of visitors at GRTI, after their day of touring some of the Community's economic infrastructure.

"It's really an honor to have you coming to our homelands, the Gila River Indian Community. I think it might be similar with the desert landscape, we have been traditionally agriculturalist, who lived off of the bounty of the Gila River and Salt River," said Lewis.

He talked about the Community's water rights and being proactive in advocating for a better way of life for its members.

"I am glad that you can take a lot of our contemporary achievements, some of the great economic development opportunities, that we have been able to grow. We are celebrating 30 years in being able to grow our economic infrastructure, with GRTI," said Lewis.

He said, although the Community has taken leaps forward in other areas of the progress away from farming, it is indicative of the same values practiced by the Akimel O'otham of the past.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

# 5TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S PRAYER RUN 2018

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THE ABUSE AGAINST OUR WOMEN.~

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**NOVEMBER 9TH - 11TH**  
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November 9th : Campsite - D7 Service Center - 8035 S 83rd Ave., Laveen Az 85339

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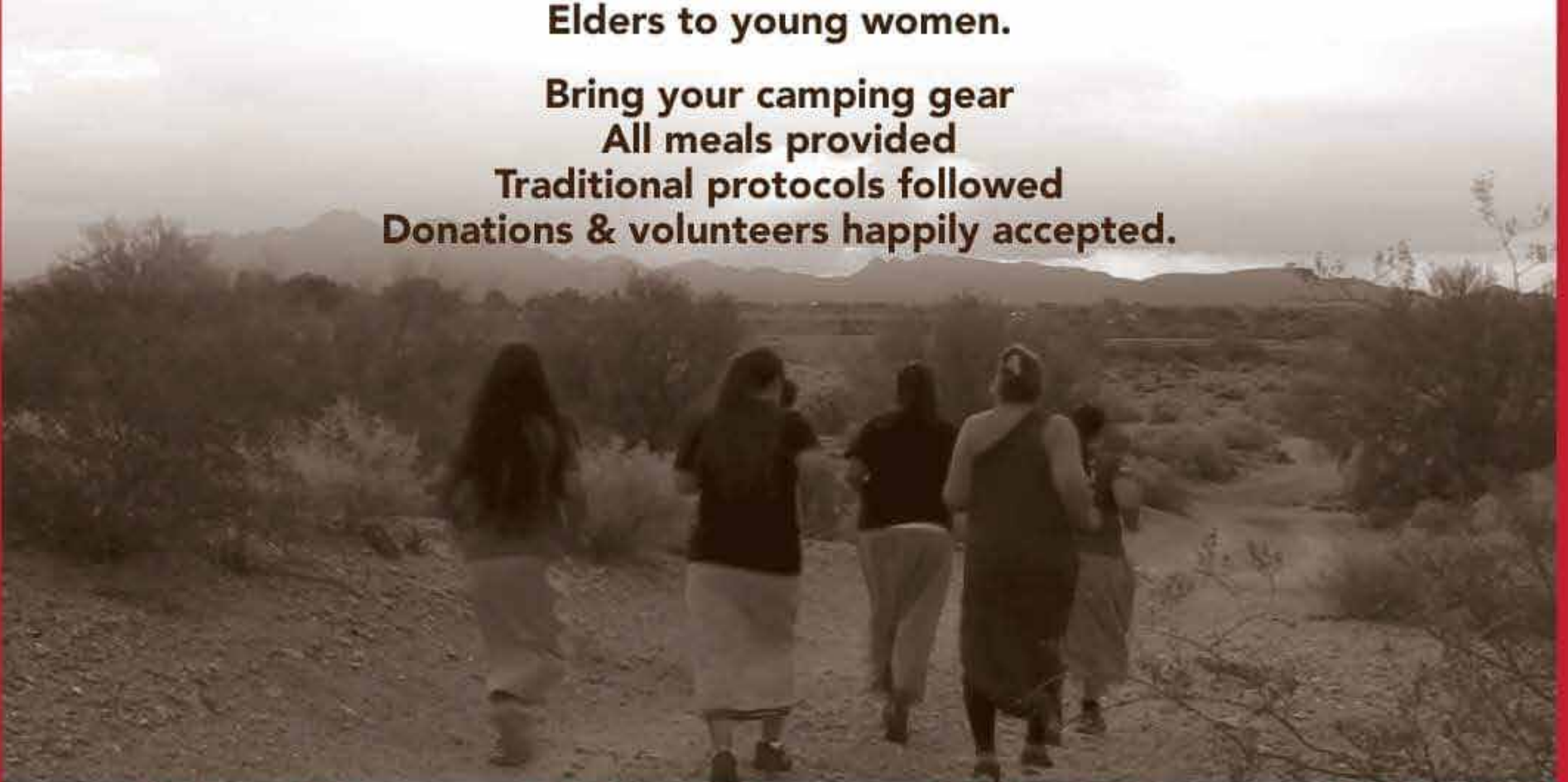
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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018**

**6:00 P.M.**

**SACATON, AZ**

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Celebrate the light parade theme Christmas in Toyland!  
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In partnership with the River of Lights Parade the Huhugam Heritage Center will host First Friday in the Ira H. Hayes Park. Visit the park for arts and crafts, vendors and food booths!

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Alie Walking Badger (520) 562-9713 or Shannon Redbird at (520) 562-9859



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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • October 3, 2018

## ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. 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, October 17, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:11 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Janice Stewart

## ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Jennifer Allison (10:00), Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr., Thomas White; D6- Terrance Evan

Council Members Absent:

D4- Monica Antone; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth; D7-Devin Redbird

## APPROVAL OF A GENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

## REPORTS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Monthly Financial Report Ending September 30, 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Suzanne Johns, Treasurer Robert Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. The Caring House Quarterly Quality Report July 2018-September 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Ron Preston

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gookin Engineers, LTD. For Fiscal Year 2019 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Homeland Security For Staffing For Adequate Fire And Emergency Response (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Thomas Knapp

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Gila County For The Hellsgate Fire District Critical Technology Upgrade (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #3 THRU #20

4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Banner Health Foundation For Better Beginnings: A Neonatal Intensive Care Support Program For Mother And Child (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Pinal County For Pinal County Attorney's Office Guardian Alerts (G&MSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Pinal County For Regional Fire And Rescue Department, Inc. Building Phase II (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For The Native American Fatherhood And Families Association Parent Education Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

8. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Save The Family Foundation Of Arizona Homeless Families Intervention Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

9. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Furnishing Dignity Essential Home Furnishings (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

10. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For The Mesa Chamber Of Commerce Business In Education Foundation For East Valley Teen Suicide Prevention (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

11. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Junior Achievement Of Arizona, Inc. Biztown Program For Low-Income Mesa Students (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

12. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Elevate Phoenix For Improving Urban Youths' Safety, Mental Health, And Academic Achievement (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

13. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For NotMYkid Amplif(l): Peer-To-Peer Prevention Education Programming (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

14. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Tempe For The Tempe Community Action Agency Hunger Relief Runner Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

15. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Coolidge For Developmental Services Department Emergency Housing Repair Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

16. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Coolidge For The Developmental Services Department Cultural Resources Identification Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

17. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Tusayan For The Tusayan Fire District Cardiac Monitoring And Advanced Life Support (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

18. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Apache County For The Apache County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Vehicles (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

19. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Apache County For White Mountain Regional Medical Center Equipment (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

20. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Coconino County For The Forest Lakes Fire District Ambulance Replacement (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) \Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

21. A Resolution Approving The Credit Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Michael Carter

APPROVED

22. A Resolution Approving And Ratifying The Design Build Construction Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Tutor Perini Building Corp. To Design And Construct The Gila Crossing School (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Michael Carter

APPROVED

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

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Neomi Martinez

APPROVED

24. A Resolution Amending Resolution GR-110-18 By Changing the Lessee's Name On The Ground Lease From Kinder Morgan G.P., Inc. To El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

APPROVED

25. A Resolution Approving The Removal Of Florence Enos AKA Florence Antone From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED

## ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Rescinds Title 17, Chapter 3, Foster Home Licensing, Of The Gila River Indian Community Code And Enacts The Revised Title 17, Chapter 3, Entitled "Kinship Care And

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**GRPD Incident Logs  
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placing a machete against the victim's neck. The suspect released the victim who was ultimately able to flee and contact law enforcement. The suspect fled the scene in a white and grey vehicle prior to police arrival. The victim suffered no life threatening injuries and refused medical treatment.

Status: Suspect has been identified and Police are conducting follow up.

Theft - Suspect(s) walked up to the victim's back porch and took a brown and white pit bull puppy. The victim contacted law enforcement and officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect was not located and gone prior to police arrival.

Status: Under investi-

gation.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

Auto Theft - Suspect(s) stole the victim's beige vehicle after she left her vehicle at the Loves Truck Stop. Gila River Police Department was contacted and officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting - The suspect entered a store within the Phoenix Premium Outlets and concealed several items on his person before exiting the store without paying for the merchandise. Law enforcement was contacted and officers responded to the area. The suspect was later located by officers at a nearby gas station.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Shoplifting - The suspect entered a store within the Phoenix Premium Outlets and concealed a t-shirt on his person. The suspect then exited the store without paying for the merchandise. Law enforcement was contacted and officers responded to the area.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - The suspect, while at a store within the Phoenix Premium Outlets picked up the victim's Lane Bryant shopping bag which had been left on the checkout counter. The victim was advised by a store employee that another woman had taken the bag as she assumed it was hers. The victim contacted law enforcement several hours later after she had left the property.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - The victim,

while at the Wild Horse Pass Casino, cashed out but forgot the voucher when they moved from one slot machine to another. The suspect approached the machine, grabbed the voucher and left the property. The victim, upon realizing their mistake, returned to find the voucher had been taken and notified casino security. Law enforcement was notified and officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

District Five:

Aggravated Assault - The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic dispute when it escalated and became physical. The suspect threw a radio in the victim's direction striking her in the face and fractured her nose. Law enforcement was contacted and officers responded to the residence.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into Jail.

Theft - Suspects committed theft by taking the electronics from the victim's residence. Witnesses stated the items were taken out of a bedroom window which the suspects had been occupying. The Gila River Police Department was notified and officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft - Suspect(s) stole temporary chain link panels belonging to All Pro Fencing out of Mesa, Arizona that were securing a new build site located in District Five. An employee of the company arrived to work and noticed the fence missing. Gila River Police Department was notified and officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investi-

gation.

District Six:

Aggravated Assault - The suspect struck the victim with a coffee mug, along with other items causing a laceration to the victim's forehead. During the assault, the suspect stated "I hope you die" to the victim and told another individual at the residence your next. A third victim was present during the incident, causing him to become frightened for his and his sister's safety. One individual was transported by paramedics to a local trauma hospital for treatment of their injuries.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven:

No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

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Where: BLACKWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

When: Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Time: 1:15p.m. - 3:00p.m.

**For Children Ages:  
Birth to 5 years old**

Where: GILA CROSSING COMMUNITY SCHOOL

When: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Time: 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
In the matter of the Estate of: CARMELITA JUAN  
CASE Number: PB-2018-0004-DE CIVIL  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
To: Michelle Villegas,  
Please take notice that a Review Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court.  
This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:  
Monday, December 3, 2018  
at 9:00 AM in Courtroom VII, Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ. GMN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.  
DATED this 25th day of October, 2018,

**COURT DATE NOTICE**

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
COURT DATE NOTICE  
In Re Case: In the Matter of the Estate of Carmelita Juan  
Docket Number : PB-2018-0004-DE  
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.  
Review Hearing  
Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, 4285339  
3rd day of December, 2018 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom VII before the Honorable Lucille Antone-Morago

**COURT DATE NOTICE**

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
COURT DATE NOTICE  
In Re Case: Lorina Allison vs. Regis Sabori  
Docket Number: CV-2008-0351-ZPT  
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.  
Motion Hearing  
Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ 85339  
19th day of November, 2018 at 11:00 AM in Courtroom VII before the Honorable Lucille Antone-Morago  
Lorina Allison Civil Plaintiff  
Regis Sabori\*\*\* Defendant  
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**CALL TO ACTION**

Sacaton Elementary School District is in their 2nd year of gathering input from stakeholders (employees, students, governing board members, community members, business partners, etc.) to complete the SESD 5-year Strategic Plan.  
Through recent professional learning opportunities, collective thoughts created five key objectives for Excellence in Employee Engagement:  
Key Strategic Objectives:  
• Implement effective and efficient hiring processes to address district needs.

- Create a family-friendly workplace that encourages a work-life balance.
  - Provide a competitive salary and benefits package for all employee groups.
  - Appreciate and recognize performance improvement.
  - Establish and maintain a collaborative learning environment.
- Your input is extremely valuable and stakeholder feedback is being collected to ensure necessary and sufficient objectives will lead to Excellence in Employee Engagement. Please visit the following link: <http://bit.ly/statobj2>. In addition, feedback may also be provided on Key Strategic Objectives in Excellence in Student Learning by accessing our website [www.sacaton-schools.org](http://www.sacaton-schools.org). If you would like clarification or have additional feedback, please contact Superintendent Paul at 480-204-8577 or [cpaul@sacaton-schools.org](mailto:cpaul@sacaton-schools.org).

**PUBLICATION REQUEST**

O'odham Action News & Gila River Indian Community Newspaper for the months of October 1st & 2nd printing and November 1st & 2nd printing  
Apodaca, Vincent - Review / Evidentiary Child Support & Evidentiary Guardianship Hearings  
Case: J-12-0227 / J-16-0152 / J-17-0025 Court Date: December 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.  
Apodaca, Vincent  
Review / Evidentiary Child Support & Evidentiary Guardianship Hearings  
Case: J-12-0227 / J-16-0152 / J-17-0025 Court Date: December 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Court Room #3

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Foster Home Licensing" (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)  
Presenters: Sunshine Whitehair, Julian Garza  
APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
NEW BUSINESS

1. District Two Motion Sheet For The Housing Advisory Committee (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to appoint Rita Pancott)  
Presenter: William Picotte  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT RITA PANCOTT

2. Special Council Meeting Request - Housing Departments Update - NAHASHDA & RHIP (G&MSC forwards to Council)  
Presenters: Governor Stephen Lewis, Lt. Governor Robert Stone, Treasurer Robert Keller

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

3. Request to Submit to the NCAI A Resolution Titled - Request that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Improve It's Broadband Data to Ensure Tribal Lands are Connected to Broadband (EDSC forwards to Council)  
Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE MINUTES

1. September 19, 2018 (Regular)  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. October 3, 2018 (Regular)  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

>GRIIDD MEETING, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018  
>APS MEETING, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018, 9AM, D5  
>H&SSC WORK SESSION, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18,

2018  
>ESC WORK SESSION, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018  
>NCAI TRAVEL: ARZIE HOGG, ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR., MONICA ANTONE  
>CEOT MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018, 9AM,  
>IOPC MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018, 1PM  
>JUVENILE COURT CONFERENCE, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018, 9AM  
>ABORIGINAL GROUP VISIT, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018  
>SPECIAL JOINT MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018, 9AM  
ADJOURNMENT  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:17 a.m.  
\* Denotes Tabled from previous meeting(s)



# DRYER FIRE

## PREVENTION TIPS



- Dryer duct made of solid metallic material. Vinyl and foil burn easily and the spiral surfaces can catch lint more rapidly
- Avoid kinking or crushing the dryer duct in tight areas which blocks airflow
- Dryer duct should vent to the outside
- Use a 4-inch diameter vent pipe for dryer duct



- Clean the lint screen/filter before and after each use
- \* Lint buildup and blocking airflow could start a dryer fire. Lint is a highly combustible material, easy to burn which makes it very dangerous. Many dryer vent problems



- Clean the vent duct and dryer drum of lint
- Clean behind and around the dryer, where lint can build up
- Minimize the length of the exhaust duct, keep as short as possible
- Ensure you have a Fire Extinguisher readily available at all time

**THE LEADING CAUSE OF DRYER FIRES IS THE FAILURE TO CLEAN THEM.**



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# TOY DRIVE



COLLECTION DATES:

**NOVEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 5, 2018**

TOY DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

GOVERNANCE CENTER – 525 WEST GU U KI SACATON, AZ

FIRE STATION 426 – 4793 W. PECOS RD. LAVERN VILLAGE, AZ

FIRE STATION 423 – 599 EAST SEEDFARM RD. SACATON, AZ

FIRE STATION 429 – 5002 NORTH MARICOPA RD. CHANDLER, AZ

FIRE STATION 421 – 829 BLACKWATER SCHOOL RD. COOLIDGE, AZ

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY UTILITY AUTHORITY – 6640 W. SUNDUST RD. STE. 5091 CHANDLER, AZ

GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT – 639 W. SEED FARM RD. SACATON, AZ

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