



## Gov. Lewis receives NAFOA Lifetime Achievement Award

*NAFOA selects Lewis for years of dedication and commitment to advocating on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community*



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis won the NAFOA Lifetime Achievement Award on Oct. 2 in New Mexico. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

**Roberto A. Jackson**  
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The Gila River Indian Community's input was heard during the Native American Finance Officers Association's 2018 NAFOA Fall Finance & Tribal Economies Conference in Santa Ana, New

Mexico. The conference featured tribal finance, legal and energy experts at the two-day conference held at the Hyatt Regency Tama-ya Resort and Spa from Oct. 1-2. In addition to breakout sessions with GRIC-related speakers, the NAFOA Board of Directors pre-

sented its Lifetime Achievement Award to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis during the 11th Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards Luncheon on Oct. 2.

Treasurer Robert Keller, General Counsel Linus Everling and Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority General Manager Leonard Gold were among the speakers on panels discussing finance and capital, financial management and economic development and planning.

Keller discussed Gila Crossing Community School's unique funding model at the "New Community Development Financing - Health Care Centers, Energy Projects, & Schools," session.

According to Keller, the Community focused on Gila

Crossing as their "pilot project" for the new school funding concept. "The concept was simple: we construct the school, we finance the construction, [Bureau of Indian Education, the Department of Interior] leases it back to us in a commercial lease," said Keller.

**"I ACCEPT THIS AWARD ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY... AND ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY."  
- GOV. STEPHEN ROE LEWIS**

Gila Crossing is set to open July 2019.

In "The New Realities of Indian Health Care," Everling outlined data from Indian Health Services and

the funding of Gila River Health Care facilities. Gold was on the "Renewable Energy: Unleashing Limitless Energy on Indian Country," panel and gave a presentation called "GRICUA's So-

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Anissa Garcia will be competing in the Miss Indian Arizona pageant on Oct. 13. Photo by Ashley Sue Pasqual

## Former Miss Gila River runs for Miss Indian Arizona

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

Former Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia will be vying for the 2018-2019 Miss Indian Arizona crown on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the 57th annual scholarship pageant at Chandler Center for the Arts.

"I'm definitely looking forward to the bond and memories I'll be creating with the other girls who will be vying for the title as well," said Garcia. "Most of us are pretty good friends but this will give us a chance to get to know one another better."

Her platform is to promote and encourage youth to live a life of wellness through traditions. She is a toka player, a traditional female game of the O'otham. In addition, she is also a traditional basket dancer with the Keli Akimel O'odham Hua Modk Cudkam. Two examples of living a life of wellness through her heritage.

An Akimel O'otham part of the of ban (coyote) clan, Garcia will be singing a traditional song as her talent.

At just 23-years-old, Garcia is very active in the Gila River Indian Community having volunteered at the Mustering In Day Celebration, Five Tribes Treaty of Peace, GRIC wellness center and Huhugam Heritage Center.

She has been a member of the Akimel O'odham Pee-Posh Youth Council and currently serves as the Western Region representative of the UNITY Executive Committee. She was also honored by UNITY as one of their 25-under-25 youth leaders in Indian Country.

Currently, Garcia is a studying at Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

Garcia is the daughter of Darren Pedro-Martinez and Mario Garcia and has three brothers and one sister.

"With all the things I do and have accomplished this far I hope that it motivates and inspires the youth to believe in themselves that they, too, can do anything they put their mind to," Garcia said. "So please come and support not only myself but all the other women who will be vying for Miss Indian Arizona."

## Family Foam Fest returns to Rawhide

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community members turned out for a fun-filled afternoon of music, exercise and suds during an annual event that promotes physical activities for the whole family.

The third annual Family Foam Fest once again was a hit, drawing a record number of Community members, who ventured over to the Rawhide Event Center on Sept. 15.

"It's grown a lot since we started this event, our first year we had 300 [participants], and the last was 600," said Special Events Coordinator Alie Walking Badger



Over 830 individuals registered in the 3rd Annual Family Foam Fest on Sept. 15. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

of the over 830 registered individuals and their families, who participated in this year's event.

The foam fest included a 1/2-mile elder walk, 5k non-competitive run and 1.5-mile family walk,

which began with a sprinkle of foam at the starting line. As a reward for their hard-earned efforts, each participant was treated to a lite meal and given a swag bag, but that was not all.

Walking Badger said they added a couple of new attractions to the event from the previous year, which is a nice addition for those not participating in the

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# Behavioral Health Services organizes family activity with horses

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Families at the District 4 Ballpark connected with horses for an activity organized by Behavioral Health Services and an equine therapy organization. Community members petted, brushed and interacted with three horses on Sept. 18 to promote teambuilding, and a way to learn more about horses.

Hoofbeats with Heart, a 501 (c)(3) charity out of San Tan Valley, worked with Behavioral Health Services for the event and Behavioral Health Services Prevention & Education Specialist Lead Anna Pacheco said, "The focus is on connecting with the horses and through a family night activity."

Pacheco also said that they partner with Sacaton Elementary School District for a weekly class with the horses and families.

Hoofbeats with Heart works with many organizations to provide therapy for clients of all types. "I started the therapy center about 12 years ago, we focus with kids with disabilities, we also provide rides for any one," said Kelly Hullahen, founder of Hoofbeats with Heart.

The organization has been working with the Community for six years and does all types of equine related activities with the children, who may have a disability both mental and physical.

"We definitely connect with other people and other groups and departments," said Pacheco, "Activities like the family equine night are one small piece of the other things that we do for the Community."

Pacheco said this is one of several ways Behavioral Health reaches out to the Community by providing opportunities that strengthen the family unit while building an environment that promotes a sense of belonging.

In District 4, the children spent time with the horses and learned their names and their breeds.

The horses, Arrow, Pace and Charlie are "retired" from racing, trails and horse shows, and the children quickly developed a bond by communicating with the horses and brushing their manes.

The classes in Sacaton are once a week, with six families currently participating in the activity and they cover communication, overcoming obstacles and setting family goals.

"We're going to continue through the fall and spring," said Pacheco, "This one was just the first partnership with the Sacaton School District."

Throughout the year, BHS will be providing different activities based around social interactions with families, but also on an individual level with trainings on a variety of subjects related prevention initiatives, that build strong relationships and educate about mental health and awareness. For anyone interested in receiving information about the BHS program, you can go to: GRHC.org/BHS.



Hoofbeats with Heart brought out horses for a family event with Behavioral Health Services in District 4 on Sept. 18. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Children learned about the horses who are used in therapy and family activities. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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# Desert Vista runner sets new 5k school record in Casa Grande

*Lee Nasewytewa finishes in the top ten at the Nike Desert Twilight XC Festival*



Lee Nasewytewa competed against the top runners and teams from across the Southwest at the Nike Desert Twilight XC Festival held in Casa Grande. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

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

Community member Lee Nasewytewa, a senior at Desert Vista High School, had a top-10 finish at the Nike Desert Twilight XC Festival held in Casa Grande on Sept. 28. He ran in the Sole Sports Sweepstakes race, the most competitive race of the night, which featured the top runners and teams from across the Southwest.

He finished the race in 15:16 which set a new school record for a 5K race, this was the second time this season that he has broken a school record. Earlier this season at a 3-mile race

in California, Nasewytewa set a school record with a time of 14:25.

"It was a great race," said Nasewytewa. "I loved the competition, everybody coming down from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Nevada. I ran [15:16] which is still good. I'm satisfied but me, personally, I feel like I could have executed that race better than I just did. I guess I just went out too fast but I'm still satisfied."

As a team, Desert Vista finished in sixth place with a team score of 217, three-points behind the top finisher from Arizona, Page High School. There was a total of 30 teams in the ex-

clusive Sweepstakes race, which were hand-picked by the race committee to ensure top-notch competition.

El Paso Eastwood finished first place with 112 points, second was Niwot

High School (113), Durango High School (167), Air Academy High School (191) then Page and Desert Vista.

"We competed," said Desert Vista head coach

Chris Hanson after the meet. "I think we still have some in the tank and we're going to find it. I wouldn't use the word 'disappointed' but I wouldn't say elated, either. We had some good teams here from the southwest, obviously, a team from Texas who is nationally ranked. We toed the line with them but we didn't come out on top."

The state of Colorado also had a strong showing with Niwot, Durango and Air Academy all hailing from the Rocky Mountain state. The top two finishers, Valor Christian's Cole Sprout (14:33) and Niwot's Cruz Culpepper (14:43), were from Colorado and currently their times rank as the fastest in the nation for a 5K race.

Nasewytewa finished third among Arizona runners. Highland's Leo Daschbach finished fifth and Page's Bowen Martin finished eighth. Daschbach competes in Division I along with Nasewytewa.

"He set a school record and that's saying some-

thing," said Hanson of his top runner. "He's got more to go and more to give and he knows it. He's fit, we just got to sharpen our racing skills a bit. You either get worse or get better and we plan to do the latter. We're excited for Lee."

The meet serves as the Nike Cross Nationals (NXN) Pre-Southwest Regional meet and is an opportunity to race on the same course against elite competition while earning at-large points to qualify for Nike Cross Nationals. In roughly six weeks, most of the teams will be back for the regional meet.

Desert Vista is the four-time defending state champion and will have a break before their next meet on Oct. 20 in Walnut, Calif. at the Mt. SAC Invite.

"We have to focus on running as a team and work towards getting our spread down, the team aspect is way more important than the individual aspect," said Nasewytewa on his outlook for the rest of the season.

## Mul-Chu-Tha theme contest closes October 15

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

The Communications and Public Affairs Office is accepting theme submissions for the 57th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo that will be held in March 2019. The theme contest will be open until October 15, 2018 at submissions can be emailed or hand delivered by 12 p.m.

Ideas for the theme should be limited to 15 words or less and should be an empowering positive message that highlights the legacy of the annual event held within the Gila River Indian Community.

The contest is available to all Community members, GRIC employees and employees from GRIC business entities.

Last year, a sous chef

from the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass won the contest for his theme of "Honoring Our History and Everyday Heroes." The prize for winning will be four movie ticket passes to Harkins Theaters, a family fair fun pack that includes four adult passes, two all-day ride wristbands and a VIP parking pass, as well as a reserved table at the Community BBQ and a gift card.

For more information, contact Alie Walking Badger at (520) 562-9713 or Shannon Redbird at (520) 562-9859.

Submissions can be emailed to [special.events@gric.nsn.us](mailto:special.events@gric.nsn.us) or hand delivered to the CPAO department in the Governance Center in Sacaton.

## 57TH ANNUAL FAIR AND RODEO

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## Theme Contest

Theme should be an empowering positive message which highlights the legacy of the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo held within the Gila River Indian Community.

Please limit submission to a short phrase/sentence limited to 15 words or less

Contest is open to all Community Members, GRIC Employees, and GRIC Business Entity Employees.

Contest will be open from September 24, 2018 to October 15, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

### Prize pack includes:

- Harkins Movie tickets (4 passes)
- Family Fair Fun Pack (4 adult passes, 2 all day ride wristbands, 1 VIP parking), Reserved table at the Community BBQ, and gift card.

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# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

Gila River Police Department reserves the right to restrict the release of certain reports which may not be available or are currently under investigation.

Incident Log August 19, 2018 – August 25, 2018

Gila River Police officers responded to 607 calls for service and made 54 arrests.

District One:  
No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Two:  
No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Three:  
Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) fired a shotgun at the victim while he was standing in the front yard of his residence and then fled prior to police arrival. A third uninvolved party contacted law enforcement who responded. Officers arrived on scene and applied first aid while medics were en route. The victim was treated by Gila River Emergency Medical Services and transported to a local trauma hospital.

Status: Under investigation

Aggravated Assault – The suspect drove into the front yard of the victim's residence and confronted the victim about a previous dog bite incident. The suspect then pointed a pistol at the victim and later discharged it towards the victim's feet. The projectile ricocheted off the ground and struck the victim on the outside of his left foot. The victim sustained a non life threatening injury and refused to be transported by the Gila River Emergency Medical Services.

Status: Under investigation.

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and the victim were involved in a domestic dispute which escalated to a physical altercation. The suspect struck the victim in her mouth with his fist and then proceeded to strangle her. The victim was assessed and transported by Gila River Emergency Medical Services and transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

Burglary – Suspect(s) forced entry into a vendor stand by tearing down a board on the side of the structure. The victim was made aware of the burglary by neighboring vendor. Police was notified and responded to the scene.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) walked onto the victim's property and stole an Ari-

zona license plate belonging to a 2000 Chevrolet Malibu. The plate was entered into the national crime information database as stolen.

Status: Under investigation

District Four:  
(Stotonic Area)  
No incidents regarding Part I crime.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

Theft – Suspects entered a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlets and removed merchandise without paying for it.

Status: Under investigation

District Five:  
Burglary – A suspect was witnessed removing an A/C unit from an abandoned residence. Police was contacted and the A/C unit was located and recovered. The suspect was gone upon police arrival.

Status: Under investigation.

Homicide – The suspect fired one round striking the victim. Officers responded and CPR was conducted on the victim. Gila River Emergency Services arrived on scene and advised the victim had no pulse. He was booked into the Gila River department of rehabilitation center and supervision.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

District Six:  
Motor Vehicle Theft – The suspect entered the victim's vehicle and drove away without permission from the Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino. Security captured the incident on surveillance footage. The victim also stated there were tools inside of the truck at the time of the theft.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – The suspect drove his truck to the rear of the Vee Quiva Casino and loaded a trash can into the bed of his truck before leaving the premises. The incident was captured on surveillance footage.

Status: Charges forwarded to the Maricopa County Attorney's office for theft.

District Seven:  
Aggravated Assault – The suspect struck the victim on their forehead with a sword after a verbal argument escalated. After a struggle the victim was able to remove the sword from the suspect but suffered small lacerations to their forearm from the serrations on the sword.

Status: Suspect was

arrested and booked into DRS.

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) walked in front of the victim's vehicle, pulled a handgun out, and pointed it at the victim. The suspect(s) made threats to use the weapon against the victim but then fled on foot instead. The victim called and reported the incident to law enforcement after he arrived home.

Status: Under investigation.

Burglary – Suspect (s) forcefully entered an unoccupied residential structure that is in the process of being built. The suspect (s) entered the construction site through an unsecured fence removing cable wire and electrical wiring. The burglary was noted when the construction project manager arrived in the morning.

Status: Under investigation.

Incident Log August 26 – September 01, 2018

Calls for services this week: 650

Arrest made: 52  
District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were walking in the desert area when a verbal altercation ensued which escalated to a physical altercation. The suspect bite the victim's left ear, removing a small section of the upper ear. The victim was transported to the hospital for further medical treatment and the suspect was taken into custody.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No Incidents Involving Part I Crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Auto Theft – Officers responded to a residence in reference to an auto theft. The victim stated that during the night the vehicle was taken without permission and was unsure who would have done it. A stolen affidavit was filled out and the vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen. A neighbor stated they heard the vehicle leave around 0130 or 0200 hours but thought it was the victim.

Status: Under investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – The reporting party stated while riding in a medical transport van the victim was assaulted by the driver's boyfriend. The victim was hit in the face with a closed fist and was then

dropped off in the area of State Route 87 and Gilbert Rd. The victim requested officers to Chandler Regional where the victim received stitches.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a domestic altercation. Upon officer arrival the investigation revealed the suspect physically assaulted the victim while in their bedroom. The victim stated the suspect pushed the victim to the ground face down and began strangling the victim with his forearms around her neck. The victim stated the altercation occurred over a couple of hours. The suspect was placed under arrest.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a domestic call advising a couple was fighting and one had a gun. Contact was made with the victim who stated that the suspect engaged in a verbal argument with the victim that escalated into a physical altercation. During the altercation the suspect displayed and pointed a gun at the victim stating, "I should just shoot you and end this right now". The suspect then struck the victim with the gun on the shoulder causing injury.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet. Contact was made with a store associate who stated two individuals were in the store and were greeted and asked if there was anything they needed help with. The female suspect stated she was looking for leggings. She was pointed in the direction and the store associate walked away. The store sensor beeped but security was not notified. In reviewing the surveillance the female was observed hiding leggings in her bag and then leaving the store without paying for the items.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino reference a theft of a ticket voucher. Investigation revealed the suspect removed a ticket voucher from a slot machine belonging to the victim. The suspect was located and admitted to his actions, and was then booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched the victim's residence in reference to an auto theft. Contact was made with the victim who stated the suspect took the victim's vehicle without permission. A stolen affidavit was filled out and entered into NCIC. The suspect was not located during a search of the vehicle in the area.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Auto Theft – Officers were advised by dispatch the victim was wishing to report her vehicle stolen. Further investigation revealed the victim was not currently on the Gila River Indian Community but was en-route. The victim stated that her vehicle was stolen sometime last week from the residence it had been sitting at. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No Incidents Involving Part I Crime

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District One:

Theft – Suspect(s) removed the license plate from a White Ford Expedition that was parked in front of the victim's mother's residence. The license plate was later recovered by Border Patrol.

Status: Under investigation.

District Two:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a physical altercation which turned physical. The suspect attempted to strangle the victim and then struck them with a shovel. The victim was assessed and transported to a local trauma hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

Status: Under Investigation

District Three:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect struck three pedestrians with their vehicle and then fled the scene of the accident. Bystanders contacted law enforcement and rendered first aid until Emergency Medical Services could arrive. All three victims were transported to a local trauma hospital for

further medical care. Gila River Police Officers located and made contact with the suspect.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a domestic dispute that became physical. The suspect strangled the victim and struck her in the back of the head with a closed fist. Law enforcement was notified and the suspect was detained upon their arrival. The victim refused medical attention and the suspect was arrested.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Burglary – Suspect(s) broke into the victim's residence by damaging a security door and then stole multiple items. The victim stated they had been away from the residence for approximately 4 hours and found the door to their residence open upon their return.

Status: Under investigation

District Four (Lone Butte / WHP Area):

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered a store, located inside the Phoenix Premium Outlets, and stole various items. This was a delayed reporting as the incident had actually occurred approximately 2 weeks prior.

Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Lone Butte Chevron, concealed merchandise under their arm and left the store without paying. The incident was captured on the store's security video surveillance and is currently being followed up on.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) siphoned and stole diesel fuel from a semi-truck while it was parked in the Wild Horse Pass parking lot.

Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered a store, located inside Phoenix Premium Outlets, and took pairs of sunglasses. The suspect concealed them inside of a black shopping bag and left the store without paying for the merchandise. The incident was captured on the store's security video surveillance and is being followed up on.

Status: Under investigation.

District Five:

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**Aggravated Assault** - The suspect and victim were involved in a domestic dispute that became physical. The suspect strangled the victim and prevented her from leaving the residence. Once the victim was able to leave they notify law enforcement. The victim refused medical attention but the suspect was taken into custody.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

**Theft - Suspect(s)** removed the license plate from a vehicle that was parked in front of the victim's residence. The license plate was entered into the national database as stolen.

Status: Under investigation.

**Theft** - The suspect located the victim's wallet on the ground inside the Casa Blanca Store where the victim had unknowingly dropped it. The suspect proceeded to purchase items with the money inside the wallet and then left the premises. The incident was captured on the store's security video surveillance and the suspect was identified.

Status: The juvenile suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Six:  
No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Seven:  
No incidents regarding Part I crime.

Incident Log  
September 9 - 15,  
2018

Calls for services this week: 607, Arrest made: 70

District One (Blackwater):

**Auto Theft** - The suspect and driver of the vehicle were at a residence in District One. The suspect advised the driver he was going to the bank in the victim's vehicle and would be right back. The vehicle was never returned to the driver and the vehicle was reported stolen. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Vehicle was located by Casa Grande Police Department

**Theft (Shoplifting)** - A male subject stole merchandise from the Uhs Kehk Store. The suspect was not identified but the store would be contacting the other employees to identify the suspect. The morning supervisor would be able to gather video surveillance and would notify PD when it is ready for pick up.

Status: Under Investigation

**Weapon** - The bus monitor observed two stu-

dents with razor blades on the bus. They advised the students were giving the blades to another student who they know to be a person who had self harmed in the past. The bus monitor confiscated the razor blades and the parents were all contacted.

Status: Closed

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No Incidents Involving Part I Crime

District Three (Sacaton):

**Aggravated Assault** - Officers responded to a residence in reference to people who were not allowing a subject to leave a residence. The reporting party called back and advised subjects were now fighting at the neighbor's residence. A female victim was located who was bleeding profusely from the neck and stated she was hit with a bat. Other victims were identified and taken to various hospitals for further medical treatment for their injuries.

Status: Under Investigation

**Theft** - Officers were dispatched to a residence in District Three reference to a stolen license plate. Contact was made with the victim who stated the license plate to her vehicle had been stolen. The victim only knew her plate was stolen after being stopped by Arizona Department of Public Safety for no license plate.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

No Incidents Involving Part I Crime

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

**Auto Theft** - Lone Butte Casino Security called to report an auto theft for one of their patrons. Upon further investigation, it was discovered the victim arrived at the casino with his friend, the suspect. Approximately a half an hour later the suspect left in the victim's vehicle. The victim stated he never gave permission to the suspect to take his vehicle. A stolen vehicle affidavit was filled out and the vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Vehicle was located by owner, charges still being requested.

**Theft (Shoplifting)** - Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlet reference to shoplifting. The investigation revealed a male subject stole items from the store when they walked past the point of sale without purchasing. The items were later recovered by security but the male subject was

not located.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

**Aggravated Assault** - The suspect committed aggravated assault by pointing a black air soft gun at the face of a family member. The victim, believed the handgun to be real and felt their life was in danger. The suspect fled the scene prior to officer arrival and the weapon was located near the last known location of the suspect. The suspect was contacted the next day and was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested

**Weapon** - Officers were dispatched to Casa Blanca Middle School in reference to a weapon on school grounds. Contact was made with the school counselor who stated the suspect had a knife in his possession. It is against school policy to have any edged weapons while on the premises. Officers were informed this was the third incident involving the suspect bringing this type of item to school.

Status: Charges forwarded

**Weapon** - Officers were dispatched to the Sacate Housing in reference to shots fired. Upon officer arrival a male was located in the alley running with a shotgun in his hands. The suspect was later apprehended in the desert area and while in possession of the firearm, live ammunition, and 4.9 grams of marijuana. All items were seized and booked into evidence. The suspect was booked into DRS on weapon and drug charges.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Six (Komatke):

**Aggravated Assault** - The victim called police and reported while she was at the home of her boyfriend they engaged in a verbal altercation. As the altercation became physical the suspect placed the stock of an AR 15 in the middle of her chest and pushed it into her body. The victim reported the suspect also struck the victim in the right upper arm with a hand held taser and electrocuted her skin.

Status: Under Investigation

**Aggravated Assault** - The victim was taken to Banner University for medical treatment after the victim was assaulted by unknown suspects. The victim only stated they were "jumped up the way" from their residence. The victim's facial area was significantly swollen, with a long laceration which re-

quired stitches.

Status: Under Investigation

**Auto Theft** - The suspect took a vehicle belonging to the victim without permission while at the Vee Quiva Casino. During the morning hours while the victim was in the shower the suspect took the victim's car without permission. Upon getting out of the shower the driver found a note stating the suspect left to get money and would promise to return. The driver did not locate the vehicle on casino grounds and alerted security as well as the registered owner.

Status: Under Investigation

**Theft (Shoplifting)** - The suspect grabbed merchandise from the shelves and proceeded to walk out of the store without paying. A staff worker was walking into the store at the time of the juvenile walking out and grabbed the juvenile, detaining him. Officers arrived on scene and took custody of the juvenile, who also had a valid warrant out of Maricopa County. The juvenile male was booked into JDRS. During the altercation the staff was hit in the face by the suspect, but declined to press charges.

Status: Suspect arrested and booked into jail.

**Theft** - Officers were dispatched to a residential area for a report of a theft. Upon the officer's arrival contact was made with housing security who stated an A/C unit had been stripped. The suspect committed theft and criminal damage by removing and taking the various components and parts of the a/c unit. Evidence was collected on scene and officers are conducting follow up.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

**Weapon** - Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to shots fired. No vehicles or sus-

pects were located. Eleven spent rounds were located and entered into evidence which will be sent to AZ DPS for fingerprint analysis.

Status: Under Investigation

Incident Log  
September 16, 2018 - September  
22, 2018

Gila River Police officers responded to 595 calls for service and made 87 arrests.

District One:

**Shoplifting** - The suspect entered the District 1 Shell Gas Station, took merchandise from the shelves, and then walked out of the store without paying. The reporting party stated the suspect first attempted to open the refrigerator that houses the alcoholic beverages but the doors were locked. Officers located the suspect and a second subject in the desert area.

Status: Suspect was arrested for shoplifting.

District Two:

No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Three:

**Aggravated Assault** - The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal altercation at a residence during a party. The suspect followed and assaulted the victim while she was walking home by striking her in the face with his hands and feet. The victim was able to walk herself to the Huhkam Memorial Hospital where she received medical attention and was transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment. Hospital staff notified law enforcement and officers were dispatched to the hospital.

Status: Under investigation.

**Aggravated Assault** - The suspect entered the victim's residence without permission. When asked to leave the suspect refused and attempted to stab both victims with a kitchen

knife. Other occupants inside the residence reported being awoken by the suspect's disruptive behavior. The suspect fled the residence prior to police arrival, but was located in the area.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

District Four:  
(Stotonic Area)

**Aggravated Assault** - The suspect struck the victim on the head with an object causing a 1 inch laceration. The victim was transported to a local trauma hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Under investigation.

**Burglary** - Suspect(s) forced entry into the victim's residence and stole money along with various personal items. The victim stated he was gone for approximately two hours from his residence in the early evening.

Status: Under investigation.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

**Auto Theft** - Suspect(s) committed the offense of theft of means of transportation at the Wild Horse Pass Casino after they located the victim's keys unattended on a blackjack chair. The suspect(s) proceeded to walk around the parking lot until they located the victim's vehicle, at which time the female suspect got into the vehicle and drove off. The security surveillance footage was provided to law enforcement and submitted as evidence.

Status: Under Investigation.

**Theft** - Suspect(s) committed theft at the Loves Truck Stop after they broke into the victim's semi truck and stole various personal items. The victim stated the passenger-side window had been left par-

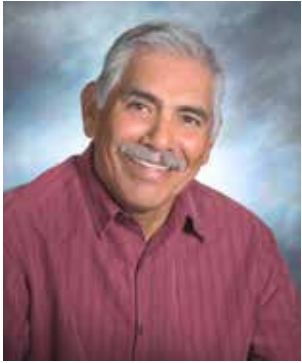
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# A'AGA

## Something to be told or talked about



By Billy Allen

Traveling through our community, some might wonder about the traditional, historical villages. Traditions and culture change – so, it would depend which time period (the Hohokam, the Spanish, American or twenty years ago), that someone wants information about. Can you imagine what people may have said when the first O’otham rode a horse INTO the village? “That’s not traditional! Who do you think are?” But it sure beat walking. Native cultures have always accepted changes. Today we avoid famine, talk English, and ride in steel horses (with air on full blast). Many of us make a good living because the “guardians” of our himdag adapted to new and better way of doing things.

With that written, let’s examine where our ancestors settled according to historical documents. I was loaned a copy of From Hohokam to O’odham, The Protohistoric Occupation of the Middle Gila River Valley, and Central Arizona by E. Christian Wells and am sharing what I learned. “Traditional” villages moved up and down along the river in an effort to find better water sources, food and for protection. Village elders who were seldom questioned usually made the travel decisions. However, families were not bound to obey, and were free to move or stay. But many hands make light

work and there is safety in numbers, so the entire village usually migrated.

Four major settlement areas in which our villages moved in our early history were identified: Sacaton, Sweetwater, Casa Blanca, and the Pima Butte (Aji) areas. In the Sacaton area, a village called Tusonimo or La Encarnación existed in the 1700s. However Apache raids may have forced people to move to Sweetwater and Casa Blanca for safety. A Piipaash village existed in the area from about 1840 but was abandoned by 1870. Then beginning in about the 1850s, American facilities being built here such as a stagecoach stop, trading post, a school, and an Indian Agent’s home in Sacaton drew people from many different places into the area. Sacaton became the commercial and administrative center we know today. (Makes me think of that great baseball movie: “If you build it, they will come.”)

The Sweetwater area had several large villages dated from the 1700s. More than one early Spanish explorer mentions a large village called Uturituc or corner in this area. In 1914, Charles Southworth was placed in charge of identifying early irrigation areas along the Gila River. Apaches, an O’otham who lived all his life in the Sweetwater area, told Mr. Southworth this village was called “hur-churl-jurk”. It meant a bare or open place by itself. In the early 1800s, Stotonick became the big village, as the result of O’otham tribal and military alliances dating from roughly 1697 to 1846. The alliance has been labeled as the Pima-Maricopa Confederation. Sweetwater village also appears in the 1800s and still exists.

The Casa Blanca area

is a large area near the center of our current reservation. The area also experienced population growth due to Apache raids. Villages were forced to relocate to the southern bank of the akimel as villages moved closer together. Sratuka (full, will be known as Wet-camp) moved to the south bank but still farmed their fields on the north bank. Prior to 1850, Casa Blanca was the commercial and administrative center. In the early 1900s, the name Va’aki appears and refers to the mound of dirt left from the remains of an ancient

building in the district. Earlier documents labeled this area La Tierra Amon-tonada (Earth Piled Up). It was also known as Tubus Cabors (Jeved Kavuddk or Earth Hill).

In studying the Sacate (a Spanish term for good grass feed) area it shows a continuous area of occupation extending from Pima Butte to Sratuka. This area had an overlap of Piipaash and O’otham cultures. Early writings referred to Sacate as Sudaccson or Sutaquissón, a reference to the abundance of water in the area. Hueso Prado or

Standing Bone was a Piipaash village located near the stagecoach stop of Maricopa Wells, west of Pima Butte or “M” mountain. In the 1870s, when water was being diverted upstream, the people moved. The people abandoned the village, moving to Gila Crossing, Sacate, Sacaton or Salt River. On behalf of all of us, the “guardians” of O’otham and Piipaash himdag were always seeking a better way of life.

It would be nice to begin a conversation with some of the elders you know and ask them about

some of the villages names listed. It may trigger a memory of long ago. A couple of generations in the future, someone will ask where and what were the traditional villages on Gila River Indian Community. The answer may begin with, “Well, I remember a Baloney Town, Dog Town, and Beverly Hills...”

*Other publications were used; Forced to Abandon Our Fields by David H. DeJong and Peoples of the Middle Gila by John P. Wilson.*



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## FROM THE FRONT PAGE

physical events. “Each year we are learning and adding to it and what we can offer to participants, so with next year it’s like ‘where do go with this?’” said Walking Badger on the potential of the event to grow with the inclusion of new attractions.

Like other health activities across the Community this one is taking on an identity of its own, which Walking Badger says offers opportunities for collaboration with other departments

to promote health and wellness.

“It’s about doing things that encourage physical activity, which my goal is to get the family out and get them moving,” said Walking Badger. Some of those activities included dancing to waila music and Zumba, which was a new activity this year.

As with previous years the foam fest has a deeper purpose, one that goes beyond foam and glow, that promotes health and well-

ness with the family.

The event offers a little bit of everything, which is the idea, Walking Badger wants to promote, that there are a number of ways individuals can get involved through each of the Health Initiative’s events.

As the foam fest neared the end of the evening, Gertie & the T.O. Boyz setup shop inside the Event Center, playing a variety of tunes to get the crowd shaking and baking to dance the night away. Outside on the lawn of the Event Center children played on several of the large inflatable jumpers that doubled as water slides.

For more adventurous individuals, there was a rocking climbing wall, mechanical bull rides or a the zip line.

If the temperature wasn’t cool enough by the evening, a snow slide was setup to turn the desert into a winter wonderland, as children literally chilled at the foam fest, and Frances James led glow Zumba dance session.

Walking Badger is looking for more activities for next year and how they can improve the event.

In the meantime, other events are scheduled to take place, which are the Women’s Prayer Run and elder



Families and runners exercise in the foam at Rawhide. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

chair volleyball events going on in the Community. For more more information go to [www.mygilariver.com](http://www.mygilariver.com)

# Gila River Police officer retires after 20 years in the Community

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

In 1998, the Gila River Police Department was hiring 30 new police officers as they transitioned from under the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Joaquin Manuel, from Tucson, applied and came to Sacaton for one of the positions. 20 years later, the now-sergeant is retiring from the force.

But not leaving.

He is retiring but will be stepping into a reserve police officer role. His career was celebrated during a department retirement luncheon on Sept. 27.

Over the course of his career, Sgt. Manuel served in a variety of capacities starting as a patrol officer before serving as a detective, corporal and sergeant of patrol officers and school resource officers. He was a part of many specialty units including the gangs/community response team, crisis intervention team, special response team and special weapons and tactic team. He was also a field training officer.

He had been in a supervisor role for the last 10 years and had a passion for working with the Community youth, serving as head of the cadet program.

"It's been a great ad-



**Sergeant Joaquin Manuel finished a twenty-year career with the Gila River Police Department, and will become a reserve police officer.** Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

venture," said Sgt. Manuel. "I owe this community everything. For them to entrust me to serve the Community for 20 years, to feel a part of the Community for so long, being able to call this place my home, really."

In the post of reserve officer, Manuel will still be commissioned to work out in the field but it's a volunteer basis of 16 hours a month.

"I'm looking forward to still being involved in the Community and continuing to bring awareness," said Joaquin, who has been a

part of many youth initiatives like DARE among others.

During his retirement ceremony, Police Chief Kathleen Elliot thanked him for his service and commitment and joked that they weren't going to let him go and that is why he will be serving as a reserve officer.

Also, speaking at the event was Lt. Gov. Robert Stone and Manuel Johnson, intergovernmental liaison. District 4 councilwoman Monica Antone also said a few words, reminiscing

about the "police building" that Manuel first came to when he applied, which was a house and touched on his commitment and sacrifice over the past two decades.

Longtime friend and fellow retiree, Wayne DeLowe provided a touching tribute to Manuel.

"I'm glad that you chose Gila River and became a Community member," said DeLowe, telling the audience how many people would ask which district Sgt. Manuel was from because his last name



**Lt. Gov. Robert Stone congratulates Manuel at his retirement luncheon on Sept. 27.** Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

is a common name in the area. "Oh, he's from district 8. He got to know a lot of different people and he became like family to us and to the Community."

DeLowe fought back tears while discussing the 2005 homicide of his son and how Manuel and Sergeant Timothy Chavez were there for him through the difficult time and how much he appreciated it.

Another fellow retiree, Raymond Soto, let Manuel know that despite retiring he is not done working because the hard work starts at home, letting him know of the honey-do list that will be waiting for him at home that includes chores

like vacuuming and laundry.

"He was always dedicated to this Community," said Soto. "Even though he is non-Native, you probably wouldn't even know that because he worked really hard and got involved in the Community. His special touch was with the youth of the Community."

In attendance with Sgt. Manuel was his wife, three sons, two brothers, a sister-in-law and his mother. They were thanked by everyone who spoke for allowing Manuel to serve on the police department, understanding the sacrifice it takes to be on the force for 20 years.



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# HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE

*"Putting Our People First"*



**Stephen Roe Lewis**  
Governor



**Robert Stone**  
Lt. Governor



NAFOA President Cristina Danforth congratulates Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the award luncheon on Oct. 2.. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

and an eagle feather from the Grey Snow Eagle House in Oklahoma.

Lewis, in his second term as governor said, "I accept this award on behalf of my family, on behalf of my father, the late Rodney Lewis in his memory, and on behalf of all of the Gila River Indian Community, my 17-member council, and my Lieutenant Governor Robert Stone."

Lewis also recognized the NAFOA staff and thanked the Pueblo of Santa Ana for hosting the conference. Lewis also thanked his friend, director Chris Eyre, who was in attendance.

"Governor Lewis is a pillar of our community who deserves the highest honor we can bestow," said NAFOA President Danforth. "His lifetime dedication and commitment has paved the way for a brighter economic future for not only the Gila River Indian Community but for all Native people."



Treasurer Robert Keller was among the speakers at the NAFOA conference on Oct. 1. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



Gov. Lewis' award was made by artist Robert Dale Tsosie. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE

lar Project Journey," which highlighted the development of a utility-scale solar project.

The award luncheon started with NAFOA President Cristina Danforth highlighting the recipients, which also included Native

American Activist, Susan Masten, member of the Yurok Tribe.

Gov. Lewis' award introduction included a video of Congressman Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.) congratulating Lewis. Lujan said Lewis is, "always willing

to lend a helping hand and always willing to bring people together."

Friend of the Lewis family, John Echohawk, Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund, formally introduced Lewis and recalled his close friendship with Lewis as well as his father, the late Rodney B. Lewis.

Lewis' award included an alabaster sculpture by artist Robert Dale Tsosie

## Blackwater Community School receives federal funding for replacement school

### Communication & Public Affairs Office Gila River Indian Community

On, Tuesday, September 25th, the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Tara Sweeney announced the Blackwater Community School within the Gila River Indian Community will receive \$30.1 million to construct a replacement school. The replacement school will serve approximately 400 students in grades K through 5 who will learn in state of the art classrooms and in a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building.

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis commended Assistant Secretary Sweeney and the Department of the Interior for prior-

itizing the construction of school facilities where Native American students can thrive and learn in environments that are conducive to academic success. Lewis stated, "The education of our youth is vital to our Community and its future. We must invest in our children's education in order for them to reach their highest potential. The Gila River Indian Community is committed in working with the Department of the Interior to build the Blackwater Community School. It is our hope there will be continued collaboration between Indian Tribes and the Department of Interior to find innovative solutions to breaking the backlog of schools needing construction throughout Indian Country."



Aerial view of the replacement for Blackwater Community School. ADM Group



Rendering of the replacement school that will serve approximately 400 students. ADM Group



The replacement school will be LEED certified. ADM Group

# Grandparents and elders visit Casa Blanca Community School



First grade student Kaylee Burnette reads and works on an assignment with her grandfather Ferguson Burnette during Native American Recognition week. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

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

Casa Blanca Community School celebrated Native American Recognition Week during Sept. 17-20 and culminated in a day for grandparents and elders during the shortened week ahead of the Community-wide holiday.

The week-long celebration focused on connecting the students with not only their own culture but other Native American cultures.

"It was very successful," Priscilla Espinoza, community school liaison,

said about the Native American recognition week. "We had a big turnout of grandparents. At Casa Blanca Community School, we have awesome teachers here. They are here for our students and they integrate their culture with our culture. Sometimes you hear the non-Native teachers speaking our language and that makes us feel so good. They are embracing our culture and I think that is so important."

The week started when the school invited the Tribal Education's Cultural Program and Ramona Farms to the school on Monday

for lessons and demonstrations.

Anthony Gray, culture coordinator, provided the students with the history of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh. Jarrod Lewis, culture and language curriculum developer, demonstrated different dances and explained the importance and meanings of the dances. The students also joined in the dancing, celebrating their culture.

Tammy Hestia, assistant culture coordinator, taught the students about the land and plants that are a part of the Community's culture. She showed the

students edible seeds from devil's claw and saguaro cacti. The students had an opportunity to taste the seeds.

Also presenting was Ramona Farms, who discussed a traditional diet with the students.

They discussed the different types of beans and seeds. They sent the students home with seeds to plant on their own.

On Tuesday, the school had a traveling museum display courtesy of the Heard Museum.

On display were the Tohono O'odham, the Navajo, the Hopi and two displays called *Who Are the Apache* and *Remembering Our Indian School Days: The Boarding School Experience*.

The displays came with photographs and artifacts for the students to observe and learn. They also provided books that discussed the history, governments and real-life stories from tribal members. The students were able to touch wool, a major supply for the Navajo Indians. Also, provided were Hopi masks and katsina dolls.

"The kids got to know that their teachers were Native," said Espinoza, who

highlighted the teachers' tribes. "They didn't know and it was important to connect and let them know that we are different nations but we are one."

The fourth-grade classes researched different Native American tribes and created tri-fold bulletin boards on their respective tribes. The boards were displayed in the library and each grade had the opportunity to do a walk through and learn about the different tribes.

The final day of the week was dedicated to elders and the student's grandparents were invited to class for an activity and a lunch meal. Each class had their own activity from making a dream catcher, t-shirt painting, reading and beading.

"It was about honoring them," said Espinoza. "We want to honor our elders and provide those connections for the children."

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# Employees with 20-plus years recognized at Years of Service Awards



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone with Melva Charles, who was recognized for 38 years of service. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community employees were recognized for their years of service at a special lunch reception held to honor their commitment to serving the Community.

There was cheer and stories shared among the individuals, who came together at Fleming's Steak House and Wine Bar for the GRIC Human Resources "Years of Service Awards" on Sept. 26.

GRIC employees who

attended the event were treated to a steak and chicken lunch and a variety of entertainment provided by Human Resources Employee Assistance/Training Specialist, Richard Weschrob and Training Specialist Phillip Morris and Employee Development Manager Marsha Chischilly.

The entertainment consisted of music trivia from the 80s, 90s, 00s, as well as a dance number by a group of sparkling clad ladies, who performed a round of hit songs by Tina Turner. Although there were no

spirits being served during this occasion, the spirits of the individuals were high for some that have put in over 20 years of service to the Community.

HR Employee Development Manager Marsha Chischilly, said the employees were all deserving of recognition for what they brought to the Community.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone provided the welcoming address to the employees and said he and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis are honored to recognize the employees for their hard work.

GRIC has a large workforce said Stone, which requires teamwork and communication to provide an environment that reinforces the values of the Community, which means looking after each other and making sure employees are well taken care of.

"Congratulations to each and every one of you. Some of you are retiring, thank you for your service to our Community," said, Stone, "It's an investment of your time and your family to commit yourself to your job and what you have been able to do all these years."

In closing, Stone said, "It's tireless work that you do and now that we are here



GRIC employees enjoy the company of laughter and stories during the Years of Service reception on Sept. 26. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

together it is important to recognize you in a way that reflects your service, we are a community and that includes you all."

Below is a list of those honored at the GRIC Years of Service Awards:

- 38 Years  
MELVA CHARLES
- 37 Years  
DANIELLE JACKSON
- 36 Years  
ALAN BLACKWATER  
ABIGAIL THOMAS
- 33 Years  
CHERYL PABLO
- 32 Years  
JAY PEDRO
- 30 Years

- AGATHA APKAW
- DOROTHEA GUY
- VALERIE JOHN-SON-ANTONE
- 25 Years

- MARY OSIFE
- 20 Years
- LAVARIA ANTON
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# ASU's AISSS hosts lecture on preserving cultural traditions

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Arizona State University's American Indian Student Support Services held a special presentation into the traditions of Native tribes across Arizona.

The lecture called "Kinship Responsibilities: Protecting a Way of Life," was given by husband and wife Royce Manuel, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Debbie Manuel, Navajo Nation, in downtown Phoenix on Sept. 21. They shared their perspectives on the passing their culture from one generation to the next.

They said it ultimately comes down to sharing

the knowledge about those who came before us.

"There are many teachers, educators and historians, such as grandparents from Native communities, that have their own experiences," said Debbie.

Royce said for his community and the southern O'otham tribes, there is a threat of losing the language and traditions and that it is upon those individuals who have knowledge about how things were done in the past to serve as advocates for the preservation of the culture.

"We are so ingrained within [this] society around us, that the things we had a long time ago were lost and

so what I try to do," is look at what our tribes did in the past.

He said gender plays an equally important role in how it is shared, because either the men or women performed certain duties vital to their position within O'otham society.

"A lot of people today don't recognize some of the things that we have and how men and women functioned within the society," said Royce.

One of these things is weaving, which according to Royce was an action performed by the men, when they made objects like the burden basket, sandals and other everyday items. The



**Debbie and Royce Manuel give a lecture hosted by ASU in Downtown Phoenix on Sept. 21.** Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

couple discussed the importance of learning tradi-

tional gender roles. Royce said, "Take for instance a

little-known item like the flute, which you don't see much anymore, it's a man's instrument and it was used to play at the house where a girl that he liked lived."

He spoke about the use of the term "Pima" and how that translates into "I don't know," which is one word he tries to get people away from using, because it is part of the misinformation of how to correctly identify the Akimel O'otham.

Royce advised the students that language can be an interesting subject, because there are various origins to how the spelling and pronunciation came about. He said, "as an individual and a member of your own tribe you have to look beyond what you see and see where the history is and how that came to be, so you don't get confused."

Debbie said coming in as a non-O'otham speaker there are things that you learn that either represent the singular or plural, but also in the way it is emphasized with extended vowels, for example when explaining how far something is in the distance.

Kinship responsibilities are also expressed in traditional games such as is toka and gins. Toka is played by females and gins by males. According to Royce, toka simulates the battles of male warriors, which was recreated through a game played by O'otham women. Gins is played by the men on a large board of sorts, made out of holes dug into the earth and participants positioned in the cardinal directions. Players toss sticks into the air and move tokens around the board like Hasbro's "Sorry" according to markings on the sticks.

The insightful presentation explained the importance of gender roles within O'otham society and how both the males and females work together to sustain the livelihood of the people and culture.

## LECTURE SERIES

# David DeJong

Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project

## GILA RIVER WATER RIGHTS ACT "THE PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE"


This lecture will be a 6 week series explaining the past perspectives, the present projects and the future endeavors of the Community.

OCT. 11, 18 & 22


NOV. 1 & 8 | DEC. 4

5:30pm-7:30pm | HHC Classroom

Light refreshments will be provided



**PIMA-MARICOPA**  
IRRIGATION PROJECT



**Huhugam Heritage Center**  
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These students were selected for the month of August as the role models for living this pledge. Please congratulate them for setting the bar high for citizenship on the elementary campus.



Kylie Jackson, Kindergarten  
Mrs. Dominguez, Teacher



Myia Garcia, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Mrs. Burruel, Teacher



FeatherLee Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Mrs. Simmons, Teacher



Fallen-Star Lewis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Mrs. Gover, Teacher



Redcloud Terrazas, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Mrs. Valdez, Teacher

**The Sacaton Elementary School District Pledge**  
Today, I will be the best that I can be. I am valuable.  
Today, I will do the best that I can do. I am capable.  
Today, I will be kind. I will respect myself and others.  
I will follow school and classroom rules. I am important.

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- Learn about the benefits of Breastfeeding
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**10/17/2018**  
**1pm-2:30pm**  
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To receive Pack n' Play Crib, the following criteria must be met:

- Mom is breastfeeding baby that is 0-12 months of age
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*Class is Limited to 15 seats*  
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Arrive 15 minutes before class to allow time to complete forms. Out of courtesy of others, if you arrive 15 minutes after the start of class you will NOT be able to attend.  
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Or  
Injury Prevention at 520-562-5100



# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • September 19, 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, September 19, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:15 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Robert Stone

## 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-Monica

Antone, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice

Stewart (9:21), Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr.;

D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:35), Charles Goldtooth

(9:35), Terrance Evan (9:26); D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4- Jennifer Allison; D5- Thomas White

## APPROVAL OF A GENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to

5-minutes)

## REPORTS

\*1. Maricopa Village Christian Allocation Quarter 3 Report

Presenters: Jeffery Thornburg, Patrice Laurel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

\*2. Skyline Gila River School Allocation Quarter 3

Report

Presenters: Jeffery Thornburg, Vaughn Flannigan

REPORT HEARD

\*3. NYCP 3rd Quarter Performance Report

Presenter: Sienna Whittington

REPORT HEARD

4. Yoder & Langford, P.C. – FY 2018 Annual

ReportPresenter: Catherine E. Langford

REPORT HEARD

5. 56th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo Report

Presenters: June Shorthair, Alie Walking Badger

REPORT HEARD

6. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report FY 18 Qtr 2

Presenters: Michael Morago, Bob Gazis

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Monthly Activity Report Ending August 31, 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECON-

VENED AT 11:25 A.M.]

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Homeland Security For Assistance To Firefighters For Health And Wellness (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, LSC concurs)

Presenter: Thomas Knapp

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit An Application For A Funding Opportunity From The United States Department Of Homeland Security Assistance To Firefighters Grant – Regional Training Grant (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Thomas Knapp

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotments 2060 and 2060) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving Amendment No.1 To The Agreement Between The United States Of America And The Gila River Indian Community For The Transfer Of Long-Term Storage Credits And Commitment For Recovery Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Jason Hauter, Akin Gump

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Revenue Internal Audit's Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2019 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive Session)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Gaming Internal Audit's Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2019 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive Session)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED

## ORDINANCES

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Farms FY17 Audit (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation to accept and approve)

Presenter: Anthony Gerlauch

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

2. District Seven Letter of Appointment to Planning & Zoning Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval to appoint Pamela

Thomas)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT PAMELA THOMAS

3. Gila River Health Care Request for Council Orientation (H&SSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: Myron Schurz

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE ORIENTATION ON OCTOBER 15, 2018, 8:30AM

4. District Seven Letter Of Appointment For Joey Biakeddy (LSC motioned to forward Council the Letter of Appointment for Joey Biakeddy to the Citizens Advisory Board with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Joyce McAfee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT JOEY BIAKEDDY

5. Resignation Letter for GRICUA Board Member (EDSC forwards to Council to accept the resignation and advertise for the unexpired term subject to the code of conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

6. Fourth Native American Cannabis & Hemp Conference

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE TRAVEL

7. Special Council Meeting Request

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 11, 2018, 1:00 P.M.

## MINUTES

1. August 15, 2018 (Regular)

Page 2, Report 2; correction Presenter name MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS

2. August 30, 2018 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

> NCAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE TRAVEL

>MEMORIAL AIRFIELD MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

>INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018, 1PM

>EXECUTIVE OFFICE TIMELY CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNS EXPRESSED

>IOPC MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018, 1PM

>GILA CROSSING AMERICAN INDIAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:58 A.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

## NOTIFICATION

### COMPLETED LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE GR-0-4-18

TITLE 20, CHAPTER. 2, HOMESITE

A copy of this Ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinator's offices and the Community Council Secretary's Office.

The Homesite Ordinance is effective on October 1, 2018.

CHAPTER 2.

HOMESITE

20.201. Authority.

This chapter is adopted pursuant to Sections 1 (a) (9), (13), (19), and

Section 4 of Article XV and Section 2 of Article XVI of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community (1960).

A. Authority; Purpose; Intent. The Gila River Indian Community ("Community") has enacted this ordinance under its inherent legislative, adjudicative, and regulatory authority pursuant to the express delegation of authority by Congress under the Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.C. §§ 461 et seq.), which provides the Community the authority to organize and adopt the Gila River Indian Community Constitution and Bylaws (March 17, 1960) and to enact ordinances governing

conduct within the exterior boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation ("Reservation") (25 U.S.C. §476). The Community enacts this ordinance to regulate certain activities within the Reservation in accordance with Montana v. United States, 450 U.S. 544 (1981). The Community finds that the activities regulated under this ordinance threaten or affect the political integrity, economic security or health and welfare of the Community, including activities of non-members where:

1. the non-members enter into consensual relationships with the Community via commercial dealings, contracts, leases, or other arrangements;

2. the conduct of a non-member threatens or affects the political integrity, economic security or health and welfare of the Community; and

3. the Community provides the privileges and benefits of Community services or other advantages of civilized society to non-members.

B. Findings. The Community Council finds that providing homesites on Reservation land has a direct effect on the health and welfare of the Community and its members and is an action taken pursuant to the inherent powers of the Community to exercise civil authority and to provide for the welfare of its members. The Community

intends for this ordinance to govern the provision of homesites and residential leases on both Community and allotted trust land within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation. The Community Council further intends that this ordinance requires that Community members and non-Community members abide by this chapter and disclose all relevant information to the Community in the assignment of homesites.

C. Residential Leases. Any violation of this chapter is a violation of the residential lease; the lessee agrees not to use any part of the leased premises for any unlawful conduct or purposes

and will comply with all applicable Federal Laws, including the Code of Federal Regulations and Community Code. The Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") is responsible for the enforcement of approved residential leases on allotted land. The BIA administers oversight of residential leases on allotted land pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations 25 CFR 162 "A copy of this ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinator's offices and the Community Council Secretary's office."

**THANK YOU**



We celebrate your day 10-7-18, your memory... the jokes and laughter you gave us all, the good and bad, happy or sad...."Missing You" - forever in my heart John-Boy, till we meet again Love, Mom-Jo.



From the family of John K.Lewis, we would like to thank each and every friend, family member who donated their time and items for the preparations prior to the burial of our son and brother, John. For those gentlemen who gave of their time at the cemetery preparing John's final resting place, the women who prepared the meal for the men, you are greatly appreciated! For all the co-workers of the Manuel girls, we thank you for your financial blessings and donated items and all the support you gave throughout to the family. A heartfelt thank you to the women of Travelers for Jesus, Lt. Gov.

Stone, sisters Carol & Colleen, Stone family-for your generosity through assistance, compassion, items donated and prayers during this time of my sons passing. Thank you also to the staff at D5 Service Center/work crew. To Arlene Thompson & family thank you for your service at the wake, thankful for your help during the wake, Marvin Thomas for emceeing the service, Hon. Chief Judge Kisto for opening prayer, Johnny Valenzuela for carrying song/music worship, Uncle Ben Yazzie for sharing song, Akchin Mumsigo and Gospel Road. A special thanks to Leo Lewis for set up of equipment at wake and my home and staying with us along with singers Hector & Shawna. Charles Justin & family and the friends and family of John who stopped by to pay respects. Gila River PD, J. Warren Mortuary, Pastor Ellson Bennet & daughter Callie for the beautiful graveside service-Thank you! And every friend, relative that John loved spending time with throughout his life here in the communities, thank you and may prayers be with you all in your journey, God richly bless you & keep you all.

With much respect,  
mother Joanna Mattia  
Mom Jennie, Father Eric Manuel  
Manuel sisters & Family,  
Lewis siblings

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Public Transit Hearing Notice**  
The Gila River Indian Community's Department of Transportation (DOT) will hold two Public Hearings to discuss the implementation of new public transit service between Districts 1, 2 and 3.

District 2: A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 15, 2018, at

6 pm, at the District 2 Service Center. District 1: A Public Hearing will be held Monday, November 5, 2018, at 6 pm, at the District 1 Service Center. The public is invited to attend to hear and make comments regarding new public transit service project that will provide service between Districts 1 and 2 into Sacaton District 3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning this

**NOTIFICATION**

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
The Gila River Indian Community Council will be considering amendments to Title 17, Chapter 3, Foster Home Licensing to add kinship care and to extend licensing of foster homes outside the bounds of the Community. Other revisions include priority recruitment and placement preferences to extended family members and revisions that further outline responsibilities and requirements. There are numerous technical and clerical revisions for clarity and consistency.

**TITLE 17**  
**HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
Chapter 3. Kinship Care and Foster Home Licensing  
17.301. Definitions.  
17.302. Foster Parents and Kinship Care Homes; Basic Requirements.  
17.303. Special Requirements; Kinship Care, Receiving Foster Homes and Special Foster Homes.  
17.304. Standards of Care for Foster Children.  
17.305. Application for Foster Home License; Issuance; Revocation.  
17.306. Tribal Social Services Department Responsibility.

17.307. Responsibilities of Foster Parents.  
17.308. Foster Care Payments.  
17.309. Severability.  
17.310. Sovereign Immunity.  
These revisions will be considered in the Health and Social Standing Committee regular meeting on October 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Conference Room A; and at the Legislative Standing Committee regular meeting of October 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., Conference Room B&C. Both meetings will be held at the Community Council Secretary's Office, Governance Center, Sacaton, Arizona.

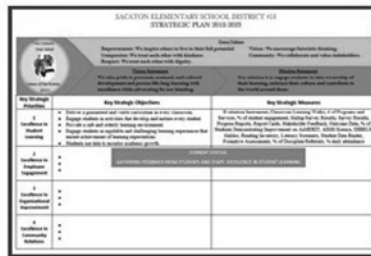
A copy of the proposed ordinance in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office. Community members may comment on the proposed revision to Title 17 by contacting their Council member(s), and/or Councilman Anthony Villareal, the Chairperson of the Legislative Standing Committee. Written comments may also be sent to Sunshine Whitehair at the Office of the General Counsel, Post Office Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85147.

**RELEASE**

**PHOENIX INDIAN CENTER JOINS NATIONWIDE INITIATIVE TO GET OUT THE VOTE IN URBAN INDIAN COUNTRY**  
PHOENIX, ARIZ – The Phoenix Indian Center (PIC) announced today their Arizona participation in the first-ever national Urban American Indian voter engagement campaign through funding provided by the Wallace H. Coulter Foundation and distributed by the National Urban Indian Families Coalition (NUIFC). This initiative is aimed at increasing voter registration, engagement and increased turn out at the polls. The Phoenix Indian Center, a local nonprofit, has done this work previously and is one of 17 metropolitan-based American Indian organizations chosen to receive funding because of their effectiveness in serving and advocating for Native communities, in fact they have a 71-year old history of service to the community. "This announcement comes on the eve of National Voter Registration Day and that couldn't have happened at a more fortuitous time," Patricia Hibbeler, Chief Executive Officer of the Phoenix Indian Center said. "We have partnered with several organizations across the state to activate our respective base of volunteers, advancing democracy to the highest to engage active citizenship, focusing

on a commitment to a strong society. Collectively, we have an unparalleled reach to increase voter engagement at all levels." In conjunction with National Voter Registration Day, Hibbeler is taking to social media and asking American Indian voters to take the pledge to vote. On-site voter registration will occur at several key sites throughout the Maricopa valley including the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, Arizona State University at Discovery Hall, Mesa Community College, Scottsdale Community College, Native Health and Native American Connections - which also shares co-owned, owner operated commercial space with the Phoenix Indian Center. The nationwide initiative is a nonpartisan effort designed to build capacity, develop a network of organizations across the country and engage American Indians and Alaska Natives as advocates for policies and issues that are important to Indian Country through voter engagement. "Our phase one goal is to get as many people registered to vote before the October 9th deadline," Hibbeler said. "The second phase will focus on voter education and getting people to the polls. Yes, we are ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work." For more information about the program or the Phoenix Indian Center visit [www.phxindcenter.org](http://www.phxindcenter.org).

# Call to Action



Sacaton Elementary School District is in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of gathering input from stakeholders (employees, students, governing board members, community members, business partners) to complete the SEDS 5-year Strategic Plan and Superintendent Cheryl Paul is inviting you to provide your feedback.

Please take the opportunity to visit [www.sacatonschools.org](http://www.sacatonschools.org) and click on Strategic Plan to review and share your comments on the "Key Strategic Objective Priorities" to ensure the necessary and sufficient objectives, when achieved, will lead to Excellence in Student Learning.

You can also view the SEDS Strategic Planning Template and the definition of the Key Strategic Objective: Deliver a guaranteed and viable curriculum in every classroom.

Your input is extremely valuable and if you would like to contribute or would like clarification, please contact Superintendent Paul at 480-204-8577 or [cpaul@sacatonschools.org](mailto:cpaul@sacatonschools.org).

Fall 2018. About the service: The Gila River Transit service is free for all, and operates a 'deviated, fixed route' service. Meaning the bus follows a fixed route, but will deviate up to ¼ of a mile from the route to pickup or drop-off pre-qualified, disabled passengers. Currently two routes are operating; the Sacaton Shuttle in District 3, and the West End Shuttle in Districts 6 and 7. Service is available weekdays from 8 am to approximately 4:30 pm. Each route operates one 20-passenger transit bus that is equipped with

a ramp for easy access and uses a kneeling feature that lowers the front of the bus closer to the ground at the bus entry/exit door. The Gila River Transit service is contracted through the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) with FTA 5311 Rural Transit Program funds, and with additional funds provided by Gila River Indian Community tribal funds. Gila River Indian Community ensures that the level and quality of transportation service is provided without regard to race, color, or national origin

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For more information regarding our Title VII/ADA obligations or to file a complaint, please contact us at the address given below. Comments on the proposed project are invited from the general public by communicating to: Transportation Manager GRIC Department of Transportation, PO Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147 520/562-6306 / [deborah.brunner](mailto:deborah.brunner).

[dot@gric.nsn.us](mailto:dot@gric.nsn.us) If any member of the public which needs special ADA assistance or Limited English Proficiency (LEP) accommodations at the Public Hearing, notify the name given above at least 5 days in advance of the Public Hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to provide ADA assistance and/or to provide vital information to LEP individuals in the language requested.



## 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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**Reports from  
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tially open.

Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered a store, located inside the Phoenix Premium Outlets, grabs a Nike box with shoes inside. The suspect concealed them inside a bag and exits the store without paying for the merchandise. The incident was discovered as the store manager was reviewing surveillance footage.

Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting - The suspect entered a store, located inside the Phoenix Premium Outlets, grabbed two pairs of jeans, and entered a fitting room. The suspect then exits the store without paying for the merchandise which had been concealed. The incident was discovered as the store manager was reviewing surveillance footage.

Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting - The suspect entered a store, located inside the Phoenix Premium Outlets, and took a pair of black in color women's tennis shoes without paying. The suspect was gone upon police arrival.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - The suspect entered the victim's hotel room without her permission and stole a bag. Upon further investigation the purse was recovered in the hotel lobby intact. The suspect left the premises prior to police arrival.

Status: Under investigation.

District Five:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic dispute when it became physical. Law enforcement was contacted by the victim just prior to the physical altercation regarding the suspect taking a tablet from her and refusing to return it. The victim stated she was strangled by the suspect during the course of the fight. Gila River Emergency Medical Services arrived and transported the victim to a local hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Theft – The suspect(s) entered the victim's residence with her permission. Once they had left the victim noticed the suspects had removed and taken two cardboard boxes containing various personal items from the victim's garage.

Status: Under investigation.

District Six:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect struck the victim several times with

his fists and a wooden back scratcher. Upon the officer's arrival the suspect prevented the victim from answering the front door and kept her confined to the bedroom. Officers could hear the victim yelling and were forced to enter the residence through the front door. The suspect was apprehended without further incident.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Auto Theft – The suspect entered the victim's vehicle while it was parked in the Vee Quiva Casino Parking lot without the victims' permission. The suspect then drove off the property with the victims vehicle.

Status: Under investigation.

Auto Theft - The victim's exited their vehicle and went inside the Komatke Market store. The vehicle was left on and unlocked while they were in the store. The suspect was standing outside of the store and had observed the victim leave the car running. The suspect proceeded to enter the victim's vehicle and drive off of the property on 51st. Ave. The vehicle was located and the suspect apprehended.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Theft – The suspect forced entry into the victim's vehicle, while parked in the Vee Quiva Casino parking lot, by breaking the passenger-side window. The suspect then stole the victim's purse and cell phone from inside the vehicle.

Status: Under investigation.

Burglary – Suspect(s) forced entry into the boarded up residence at an unknown time. While inside of the residence, the suspect(s) damaged the interior wall in the laundry room and removed copper pipes.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) walked onto the victim's property without permission and stole a black air compressor that had been left underneath the carport. The victim was unsure who would have taken the item.

Status: Under investigation.

District Seven:

Theft - Suspect(s) walked onto the property and took several pieces of ply wood from the residence that was being used to cover the windows. District 7 Service Center staff noticed the missing items after they returned from their lunch break. Staff was on the property cleaning out and securing the abandoned residence.

Status: Under investigation.

**LECTURE SERIES  
CHEMMAITH (TORTILLAS)**

**OCTOBER 13TH | 10AM-NOON**  
The Art of Chemmaith (tortillas)

This 1 day class will teach you how to or help you pick up tips on making Chemmaith. Participants can be 14-18 years old. If under 18, must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

**OCTOBER 20TH | 10AM-NOON**  
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# SUMMER

**PRICE PLUNGE!**



**\$199/mo.**  
Super Nice  
**2012 Lincoln MKX**



**\$17,999**  
9,800 Miles  
**2017 Jeep Compass**



**\$8,999**  
**2014 Dodge Avenger**



**\$21,999**  
**2014 Nissan Titan 4x4**



**\$15,999**  
**2015 Chevy Impala LTZ**



**\$375/mo.**  
Low Miles  
**2016 Chevy Equinox LTZ**



**\$277/mo.**  
Fully Loaded  
**2016 Ford Taurus Limited**



**\$21,000**  
**2017 Buick Enclave**



**\$289/mo.**  
**2016 Ford Mustang**



**\$389/mo.**  
Like New  
**2016 Nissan Maxima**



**\$399/mo.**  
**2015 Ford F-150 4x4**



**\$199/mo.**  
Starting at  
3 to choose from  
**Ford Fusion**



**\$23,995**  
**2013 Toyota Tacoma 4x4**



**\$225/mo.**  
**2015 Kia Optima**



**\$265/mo.**  
**2016 Toyota Camry**



**\$389/mo.**  
Fully Loaded  
**2015 Cadillac SRX**

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**DEEP-END DISCOUNTS**



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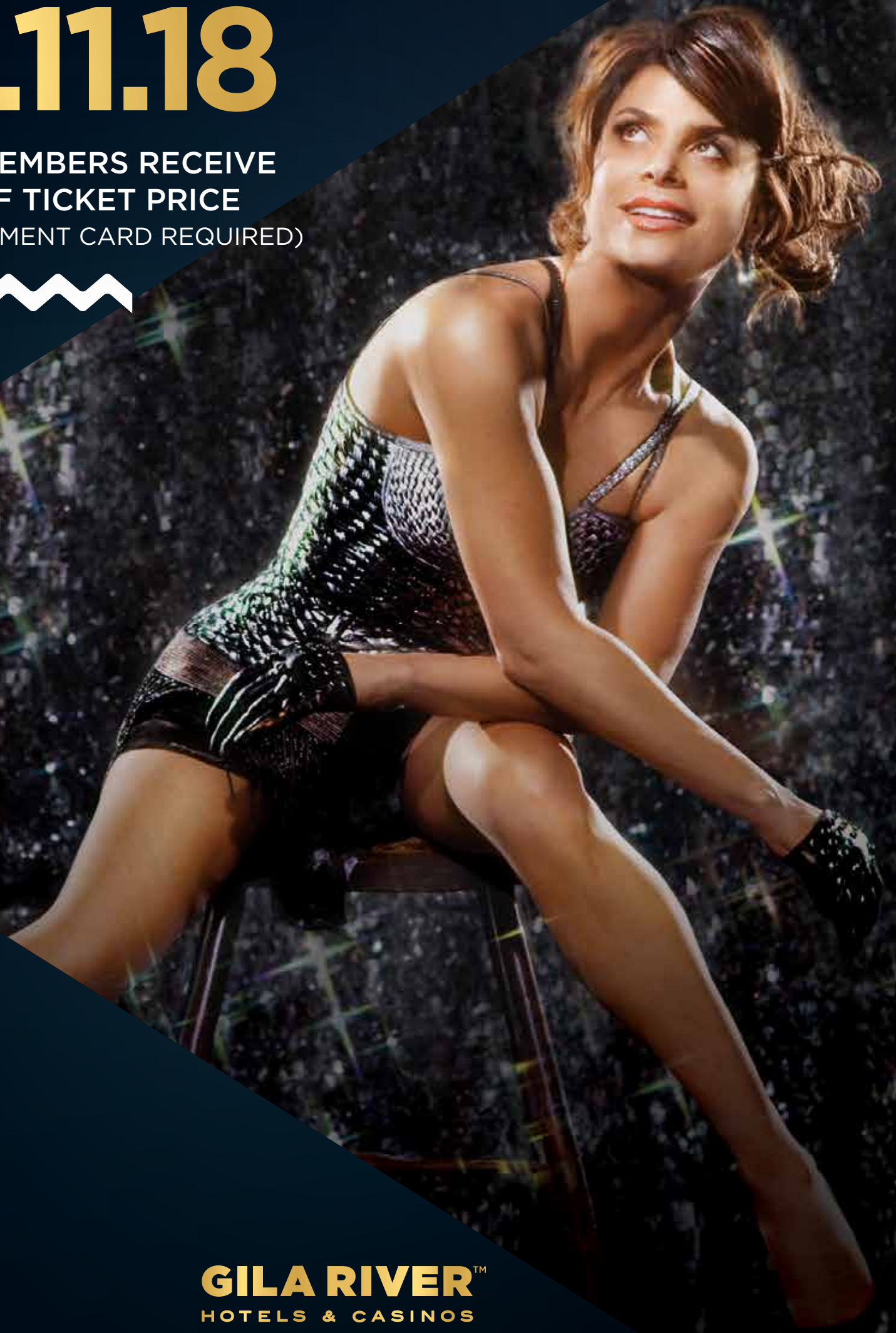
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