



## Burdette Morago inducted into the U of A Sports Hall of Fame

Former pitcher was among 9 inductees in the 2018 Hall of Fame Class, and was honored during halftime of the U of A season opener in Tucson

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Burdette Morago was inducted into the University of Arizona Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremony held at the Westin La Paloma Resort in Tucson on Aug. 31 and was recognized by Wildcat fans during halftime of the football season opener against Brigham Young University on Sept. 1.

Morago was one of nine former athletes along with the 2018 women's golf national champions that was inducted as part of the 2018 Hall of Fame class. He was a pitcher for the Wildcats from 1956-1959 and twice led

**"IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD HAPPEN BUT IT DID."**

- Burdette Morago

Arizona to the College World Series and signed a professional contract with the Boston Red Sox.

The induction ceremony was emceed by Brian Jeffries, Voice of the Wildcats. Speaking to the attendees was Athletic Director Dave Heeke and President Dr. Robert Robbins.

"Tonight we welcome an incredible group of Wildcat athletes," said Heeke. "They really are athletes here but they are people that made such a great impact."

As a former Wildcat baseball player, Morago, led the team in strikeouts and earned run average (ERA) in 1957 and won eight games during the season. In total, he competed in 43 games and started 34 of them. His career record was 21-9 with a career ERA of 3.07 and had a batting average of .291, which is believed to be

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Burdette Morago waves to the crowd during halftime of the University of Arizona football opener after being recognized as the newest member of the U of Sports Hall of Fame. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

## Gila River Hotels & Casinos announce partnership with ASU

**Sponsorship supports ASU athletics with scholarship opportunities for GRIC and casino team members**

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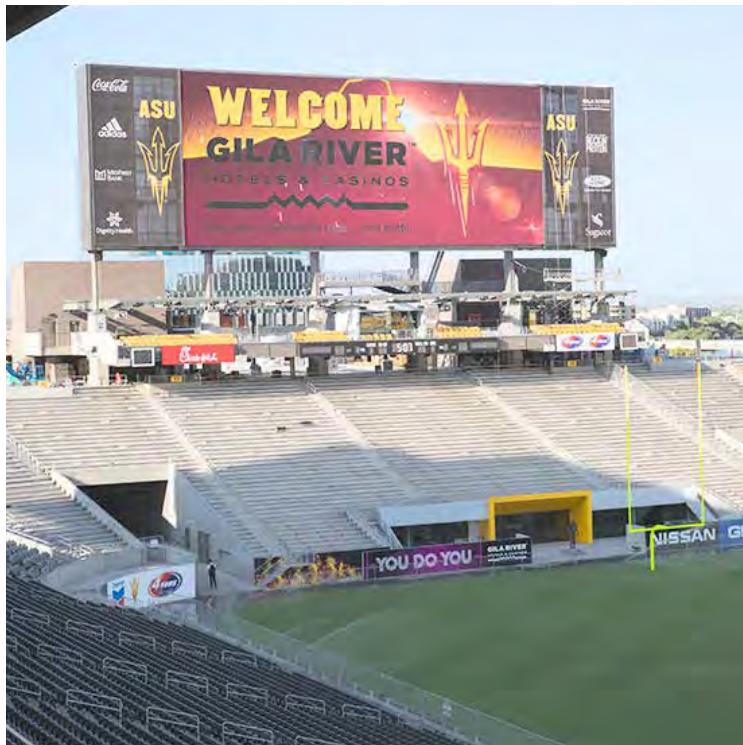
Gila River Hotels & Casinos and Arizona State University announced a five-year partnership during a reception at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz. on Aug. 22.

Gila River Hotels & Casinos will sponsor ASU's 26 Division I sports programs, which will provide scholarship opportunities for Community members and Gila River Hotels & Casinos' team members.

The partnership includes game promotions for each sport, fan giveaways, additional logo inclusion, PA announcements and other media advertising.

Gila River Hotel & Casinos signage will be displayed at the renovated Sun Devil Stadium, as well as other ASU sports venues.

The partnership will provide youth athletic and academic clin-



Arizona State University welcomes Gila River Hotels & Casinos with a special message on the video board at Sun Devil Stadium on Aug. 22. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

ics to be held with tribal members.

To kick off the reception, the voice behind ASU athletics, Tim Healey, long time Sun Devil radio announcer, ushered in the new partnership and what it means to the university.

Healey said, "We have a new stadium, we have a new coach, we have a new football team, why not have a brand new

exciting new partnership."

He said the combination of ASU and Gila River Hotels & Casinos combines two well-known names in entertainment and sports together to create a dynamic partnership.

Vice President for ASU Athletics and Athletics Director Ray Anderson said the partnership benefits the local community and GRIC and is focused on promot-



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with Gila River Hotels & Casinos representatives. Daniel Kwon (ASU)

ing education and sports.

Gila River Hotel & Casinos Chief Executive Officer Kenneth Manuel said Gila River Hotel & Casinos has a long history of relationships with local institutions.

"ASU is America's most innovative university and we are extremely proud to be partners with the distinguished institute," said Manuel.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis emphasized the tuition benefits for Community members and Gila River Hotels & Casinos team members.

"This partnership benefits, both the Arizona State University family and the Gila River

Indian Community as well," said Gov. Lewis, "It's historic and we should all recognize this for the partnership that demonstrates a tribal community and a world class institution like Arizona State University...it's a first of

**"THIS PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS, BOTH THE ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY FAMILY AND THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY."**

- Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

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# Space Camp students present at Community Council

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The Tribal Education department introduced the students who attended space camp in Huntsville, Ala., during the presentations portion of the Community Council agenda on Aug. 15. In their blue and green jump suits, the 20 students gave Community Council a summary of what they learned at the week-long space camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

This is the third year the Community has sent a group of students to space camp, which offers them a firsthand look at space exploration and aviation through hands-on workshops.

The camp is known around the world as the center for exploration into the stars and teaches Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

The camp is popular among the GRIC students, and Tribal Education has organized the trip for students interested in STEM based subjects to attend each year. The ages of students that attended the robotics portion of the camp ranged from 12-14 years old. Two other groups attended the Aviation Challenge camp, which was separated into two groups Mach II for ages 12-14 and Mach III for 15-18 year olds.

Kristopher Perkins and Iwalani Stone stood out among the students who attended the Aviation Challenge portion of the camp, and they shared their experiences during introductions.

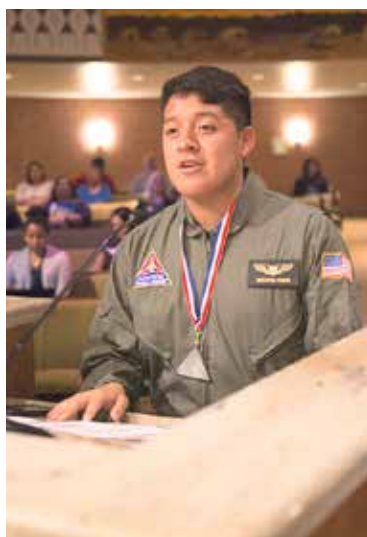
This was Stone's third time attending the camp and she hopes to be a student instructor sometime in the future. "I want to major in chemical engineering...I really like the whole chemistry and what it involves...I have a passion for that and I know their



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis poses with the students who attended space camp in Alabama. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

school is great for that major," she said.

Perkins was among a select group of students to achieve the top gun medal for his team's performance during one of the final exercises of the Aviation Chal-

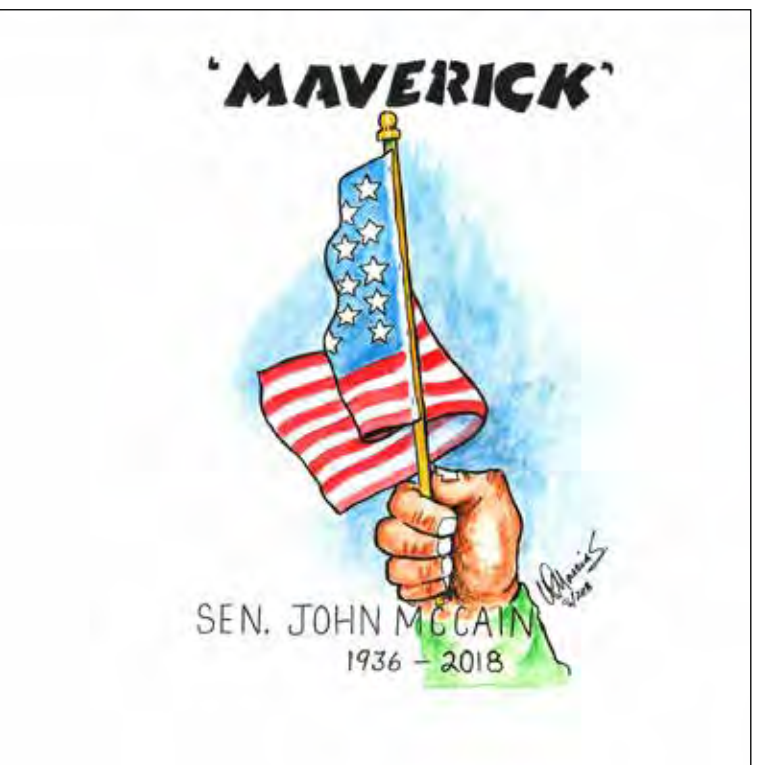


Kristopher Perkins talks about his trip to the Aviation Challenge camp in Huntsville Ala. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

lenge.

In a head-to-head dogfight, Perkin's group flew a simulated air combat mission against their

instructors. Perkins is a junior at Coolidge High School and said he is interested in military aviation.



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# A Family Perspective

The man who made us proud – Darn right he is a Wildcat

Submitted by the Morago Family

There were well-deserved ovations for each new inductee to the 2018 University of Arizona Sports Hall of Fame. But the most enthusiastic was for an athlete from Gila River.

Our father, Burdette Morago, drew the loudest applause during a ceremony on Aug. 31 in Tucson for the newest members of an elite group of individuals who in their Wildcat careers proudly represented Arizona athletics. And it wasn't just because he had the biggest booster club of more than 100 family and friends in attendance.

In an evening full of moving speeches, Burdette Morago's mesmerized. Instead of dwelling on sepia-toned memories of self-congratulation, our father's speech was a measured, thoughtful tribute to familial ideals: the brotherhood of sports, the bonding between native and non-native cultures, and the importance of family.

He recounted how his biggest boosters – pres-

ent at many of his pivotal games, sitting in the front row – were his parents, Bill and Ruth Morago. He also told a story about a special relationship his grandfather, Alfred Jackson, shared with "Pop" McKale, the legendary former athletic director of the University of Arizona. Even for those of us who have heard a lifetime's worth of Dad-told stories, the latter was a new one (which proves that there's always something a parent, even an 81-year-old one, can surprise you with).

If nothing else, our father's speech was a job well done. But even for people who don't know him as we do, it was so much more. Those in attendance it will remember it as a moment of dignity and wisdom – laced with the spirit of fraternity and grace notes of humanity. It was almost a lesson in everyman civics, if you will.

His is not just an Indian-boy-made-good story (although it is certainly that). Our father's remarks remind us that themes of "dream big," "practice makes perfect" and "strength of family" aren't



Burdette Morago recalls his playing days at the University of Arizona Sports Hall of Fame banquet. At the banquet, over 100 family members were present at the special ceremony. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

just old-fashioned notions. They were embodied in a boy from the Rez who is now officially in the pantheon of the greatest athletes who ever wore U of A navy blue and cardinal.

It was not lost on us that some of those who championed him the most

were not there to share our father's special night – his parents, of course, and his sister Viola and brother Merle. We remember them with utmost affection.

The family and friends who were present helped make for a joyous event, not just at the induction

ceremony but also the following day at the UA vs BYU football game where the inductees were presented during halftime. Fanfare and fireworks! And, throughout the two-day event we heard over and over from U of A officials and other inductees about

how moved they were by the speech. It was a weekend we'll never forget.

We thank all those who shared these moments with our father, and those who could not make it but who have been equally supportive. To all of Dad's U of A friends and sports buddies who encouraged his induction: we thank you. To the people of Ajo where his athletic fame was nurtured: we thank you. To the members of the Gila River Indian Community where his native roots are planted: we thank you. To the tribal government who recognized the importance of this honor (especially Governor Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Governor Robert Stone): we thank you.

And to Dad: we thank you, too. Now we can pass down our own story (albeit, without your eloquence) of the night that belonged to the kid from Sacaton with a heck of a right arm. Sincerely, Sheila Morago, Greg Morago, Michael Morago, Anamarie Morago, Adam Morago, Amy Morago and Pamela Manuel. And the Morago Family

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its kind."

Gov. Lewis said the agreement builds on "the tradition of so many Community members that have graduated from ASU." Ten students from Student Services received degrees from ASU last school year.

"This partnership just shows with the Gila River Indian Community, "the tradition of so many Community members that have graduated from ASU,"

After the reception

Gov. Lewis and members from the Gila River Hotels & Casinos toured Sun Devil Stadium to see the new signage and renovations, such as the Legends Suite on the West side of the stadium, which is decorated with Gila River Hotels & Casinos branding.

The dignitaries also toured the football facilities where the players train, and the remodeled Tillman Tunnel, in honor of the late Pat Tillman, where players

"... WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD TO BE PARTNERS..."  
- Kenneth Manuel, CEO

enter the field before each game.

In a Gila River Hotels & Casinos press release, ASU Athletics Chief Business Development Officer Gabe Cagwin said, "This partnership is a unique in that Gila River Hotels & Casinos and the Sun Devil Athletics are investing in each other, which will positively impact all of our programs."



Kenneth Manuel, right, CEO of Gila River Hotels & Casinos, with ASU play-by-play broadcaster Tim Healey, at the announcement at Sun Devil Stadium on Aug. 22. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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the highest of a primary pitching player.

In 1958, Morago pitched the Wildcats to victory in the District Championship game against Texas. The next year he shut out Texas A&M in the championship both wins sent Arizona to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

"When I was first informed of this event," Morago said during his acceptance speech. "I have to admit that I was pretty well choked up. It never occurred to me that something like that would happen but it did."

During his speech, he recalled a story when James Fred McKale was upset that Morago missed a few classes and threatened to drive to Sacaton and tell Morago's grandfather. He was shocked that McKale knew of Sacaton and later found out that the pair were great friends and would watch his games together occasionally.

He also said his favorite memory was the first game playing in a Wildcat uniform seeing his mother and father in the stands and the emotions that came over him in the moment is something that he hasn't

experienced since.

On Saturday evening, Hall of Fame inductees were honored during halftime of the football season opener. Other inductees included Klaus Ambrosch (Track and Field), Shelley Duncan (baseball), Kristie Fox (softball), Charmaine Gale (Track and Field), Adam Kuehl (Track and Field), Mallory Miller (soccer), Doug Towne (swimming) and Karin Wurm (gymnastics).

"Every once in a while, somebody will ask 'are you a Wildcat?' ... my response usually is damn right!" concluded Morago.



From left, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Burdette Morago and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis pose for a photo after the induction ceremony for the U of A Sports Hall of Fame. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

# 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 05, 2018 – August 11, 2018

Gila River Police officers responded to 590 calls for service and made 56 arrests.

### District One:

**Burglary – Suspect(s)** entered the victim's residence and stole her medications while she was gone from her residence over the weekend. There were no indications of forced entry into the residence.

Status: Under investigation.

**Motor Vehicle Theft –** The suspect removed the victim's vehicle from her residence without her expressed permission. The victim also reported her purse was inside of the vehicle and fraudulent transactions had been made using one of her debit cards.

Status: Under Investigation

### District Two:

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

### District Three:

**Aggravated Assault –** The suspect used a knife to threaten the victim during a domestic dispute. The victim was not injured during the altercation.

Status: Under investigation.

**Theft – Suspect(s)** removed the victim's license plate from her vehicle while it was parked outside of her residence. No other items of value were taken nor was there reported damage to the vehicle.

Status: Under investigation.

### District Four:

(Stotonic Area)

**Burglary – Suspect(s)** entered the victim's residence through a window and stole some of her personal belongings from the residence. The victim was not home at the time of the burglary.

Status: Under investigation.

**Theft – Suspect(s)** took a gold bracelet from the center console of the victim's vehicle while it was parked at their residence.

Status: Under investigation.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

**Shoplifting - Suspects** committed the offense of shoplifting at a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlet. The suspect(s) entered the store, concealed several items in their purses and then exited without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under investigation.

**Shoplifting - Suspect(s)** entered a store, located in the Phoenix Premium Outlets, walked to the back men's section and grabbed three items of clothing. They then walked out of the store in an unknown direction without paying for the clothing items.

Status: Under investigation.

**Shoplifting - The suspect** entered a store located inside the Phoenix Premium Outlets, and began trying on a pair of sneakers. Once both shoes were on, the suspect grabbed his own shoes and ran out of the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under investigation.

**Theft - Suspects** entered a store, located at the Phoenix Premium Outlets, and grabbed three pairs of pants. The second suspect grabbed two white t-shirts and two pairs of pants. The suspects then ran out the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under investigation.

### District Five:

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

### District Six:

**Aggravated Assault –** The suspect and the victim were involved in a verbal dispute that escalated and became physical. The suspect struck the victim in the head several times with a large metal spike and caused several lacerations to their arms. Gila River Medics arrived on scene and transported the victim to a local trauma hospital for further treatment.

Status: Shauna Hutchinson was arrested and booked into DRS.

**Burglary – Suspect(s)** entered a construction trailer and stole several personal tools belonging to the victim. The construction company will be contracting a security company to watch over the construction site.

Status: Under investigation.

**Theft – The Suspect** stole a personal laptop from the victim's bedroom while temporarily staying at the victim's residence.

Status: Under investigation.

### District Seven:

**Burglary – Suspect(s)** forcefully entered a building belonging to the victim through the front door. The victim used the building as an auto body work shop and reported several tools were stolen from the building.

Status: Under investigation.

## Incident Log

### August 12 – 18, 2018

Calls for services this week: 554 Arrest made: 48

District One- (Blackwater)

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

No Incidents involving Part 1 Crime

District Three- (Sacaton)

**Aggravated Assault –** The victim called police dispatch reporting the suspect had pulled a knife on the victim. The victim was not injured and did not know where the suspect fled to. The suspect was not located during the investigation but the case is being followed up on.

Status: Under investigation

**Weapon – Two** of the victims woke to four subjects banging on their front door. A female suspect was identified by the victims at the time of the incident. Three of the male suspects were challenging the male victim to fight. As the subjects left the residence, one of the male suspects pointed a handgun into the air and fired two to three rounds before running into the desert. Two spent shell casings were found on the sidewalk in front of the residence.

Status: On-going investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

**Weapon – Officers** made contact with the suspect who was driving a silver sedan in reference to a civil matter regarding a cell phone. While speaking with the suspect, the officer informed other officers of a rifle in the backseat. The suspect accelerated at a high rate of speed turning his steering wheel in the direction of officers nearly striking them. The suspect fled the area at a high rate of speed and officers lost visual of the vehicle. A follow up will be conducted to speak with the suspect reference fleeing from the scene.

Status: Juvenile was taken into jail (16 Years of Age)

### Lone Butte Area:

**Auto Theft – Officers** were dispatched to Phoenix

Premium Outlet in reference to the victim reporting her vehicle was taken without her permission. The victim stated she parked her vehicle and proceeded to shop at the mall. Officers drove around the mall in attempts to locate the vehicle ending in negative results. A stolen affidavit was filled out and the vehicle was entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) a few days later the vehicle was recovered by Phoenix PD.

Status: Under Investigation

**Auto Theft – Two** subjects took possession of the victim's vehicle without his permission from the Wild Horse Pass Casino. The victim filled out a stolen affidavit and was able to get a GPS location. The vehicle was located and turned back over to the victim. The vehicle was not in a drivable state so it was towed from the scene.

Status: Under Investigation

**Theft (Shoplifting) –** Officers were dispatched to a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a shoplifting. Investigation revealed an employee observed the suspect enter the store and collected six shirts off the clothing racks and later enter the fitting room. When exiting the suspect walked towards the clothing rack and acted as if the clothes were being put back on the rack. The suspect then walked at a fast pace exiting the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

**Theft (Shoplifting) –** Officers were dispatched to a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a shoplifting. It was reported three pairs of sunglasses were taken and the suspect left without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under investigation

**Theft–Sheraton Resort** reporting that a couple is reporting cash was possibly taken from purse or wallet while at the SPA. A description of a possible suspect was given to the Police Department.

Status: Under investigation

**Theft – Security** advised PD a female wants to report a theft of her wallet while at the Lone Butte Casino. Upon making contact with the victim she advised her wallet was taken while at the Casino.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

No Incidents involving Part 1 Crime

District Six – (Komatke)

**Theft – Officers** were dispatched by Vee Quiva Security to report a theft. Upon further investigation it was discovered the victim was asleep in her vehicle. While she was asleep in the vehicle a male suspect approached the passenger side of her vehicle and took a bag with miscellaneous make up and jewelry. Status: Closed

District Seven – (Maricopa)

**Theft – Officers** were dispatched to the area in reference to a theft. Upon arrival the reporting party stated that the suspects entered a trench which had been dug around a fenced area where homes were currently under construction. The first home had four separate windows shattered along with copper wiring removed. The second house had three windows shattered with copper wiring being removed while the third house had shattered windows.

Status: Under Investigation

## Community Working to Prevent Suicides: September is Suicide Prevention Month

**Claude A. Jackson**  
Defense Services Office

Suicide could happen in a swanky apartment, hotel room in New York or Paris or in the back yard of someone's property. Suicide does not discriminate by race, ethnicity or age. If you live in poverty or fly in private jets, it doesn't matter. There is not one situation which leads people to think about suicide. It could be stress, depression, health conditions, relationship problems, but we know no culture is immune from the trauma of suicide.

Nationally, Indian Country is experiencing high-rates of suicide than

any other race or ethnicity.

Frankly, it is difficult to understand what leads an individual to engage in suicide related behaviors, however the Community can unite to tackle the problem head on. Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services has a prevention program.

"There's so much stigma (surrounding suicide)," said Jaime Arthur, BHS Prevention Administrator. She talked about how people can support others by being "open, honest and providing clarity" regarding suicide.

And what of suicide prevention? Arthur boils it down to its essential com-

ponent. "Suicide prevention is all about (healthy) relationships," she said. "And reminding people the importance of socializing. Socializing keeps us connected."

Too often people become withdrawn and not actively engaged in their surroundings. "They feel alone," Arthur said, which may lead to long-term depression – an emotional state that could lead to suicidal ideations. Short-term depression could be just as dangerous because there is still a chance of someone taking extreme measures on themselves.

In addition, substance use and other negative be-

haviors can increase the risk of self-harm.

Arthur said that everyone can "learn how to be supportive. Part of that mission, Arthur said, is "getting more information out to the Community." Arthur talked about suicide prevention trainings that "need to be as common as CPR and first aid." Arthur never had to use her CPR training, but she's had to use her suicide prevention training "many times over."

The prevention program is working with the Gila River Indian Community Suicide Gap Workgroup, a group of departments within the Community, working in

education, first responders, behavioral health, and department of rehabilitation, schools, churches, and many other Community departments that may encounter suicide situations. The goal of the workgroup is to identify gaps within those departments or areas of expertise to enhance suicide prevention efforts. Active Community members are part of the group as well.

The Suicide Gap Workgroup has been preparing for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, which is this September. Throughout September, each district will showcase suicide prevention in its own distinct way. Look for

advertisements where ads are posted, including Gila River Health Care's insert in this issue to promote Suicide Prevention Month and other Community events.

If you or someone you know are having thoughts of suicide, please contact the following numbers, GRIC Crisis Line 1-800-259-3449, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 or 911. If you would like information about Behavioral Health Services or would like to start services, please call Paul Gibson at 602-271-7942.



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12:00pm	Native Planet - Rapu Nui <i>Travel to Rapu Nui for it's famous " Moai," ancient stone statues.</i>	The Price of the Prize	Main Street Wyoming <i>Photography of Sara Wiles</i>	Across The Creek <i>Seeking to restore culture.</i>	<b>77 R O W B A C K 77 W R S D A N!</b> Various local Gila River content for a full 24 hrs! See the full schedule at www.grbc.tv/schedule.	Buffy St. Marie <i>She wrote hundreds of songs, scored numerous films, established educational</i>	<i>The Process Takes the audience on an insightful and respectful journey, the people on the ground.</i>	
12:30pm	Storytellers in Motion <i>The Sylix Voice: Tracey Jack</i>	Stories of the River <i>Stories of the People</i>	Fnx Now Block	Merging Destinies <i>An Understanding of Culture</i>		Ravens and Eagles <i>Stone Carver</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>On The Trail of Property</i>	Champion of the North <i>The Great Whale Cup</i>
1:00pm	Behind The Brush	Ravens and Eagles <i>Paradox of Attribution</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>Stone Carver</i>		Vitality Gardening <i>The Harvest Feast</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>The Spring Feast</i>	Sivummut
1:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Vitality Gardening <i>The Warehouse Garden,</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>The Northern Harvest</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>The Harvest Feast</i>		Working It Out Together <i>Babbyjane Happyjack:</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Staying Grounded While</i>	Wassaja <i>Family Legacy</i>
2:00pm	Urban Native Girl <i>Head-Dressed Halloween</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Shille McNaughton:</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Jamie Moses &amp; Shawn</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Babbyjane Happyjack:</i>		From The Spirit <i>Rocky Barstad</i>	From The Spirit <i>Fred McConald</i>	People of the Pines <i>Native Resistance</i>
2:30pm	Mohawk Girls <i>3 teenage-girls growing up in the Kahnawake Mohawk community.</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit <i>John Farcy</i>	From The Spirit <i>Rocky Barstad</i>		On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>The Sundance Film</i>	Storytellers in Motion	Making Regalia <i>Bustles with Dwight</i>
3:00pm	Inukshuk <i>A millenary population in some of the most unforgiving locations on planet Earth.</i>	Native Planet - Rapu Nui <i>Travel to Rapu Nui for it's famous " Moai," ancient stone statues.</i>	Indian Pride <i>Tribal Government Structure</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>The Sundance Film</i>		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS
3:30pm	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS
4:00pm	Behind The Brush	Behind The Brush	People of the Pines <i>Contact to Colonization</i>	Making Regalia <i>Bustles with Dwight</i>		Native Report	Native Report	
4:30pm	The Price of the Prize	Main Street Wyoming <i>Photography of Sara Wiles</i>	Across The Creek	Australia's Shame <i>Unwilling to acknowledge the dark history and its debt to the aboriginal</i>		<i>The Process Takes the audience on an insightful and respectful journey, the people on the ground.</i>	<i>The Process Takes the audience on an insightful and respectful journey, the people on the ground.</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>God's Acre/Survival</i>
5:00pm	Stories of the River <i>Stories of the People</i>	Fnx Now Block	Merging Destinies <i>An Understanding of Culture</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>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People
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6:00pm	The New Creative India	The New Creative India	The New Creative India	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People		Sharing Circles <i>Did You Know?</i>	Sharing Circles <i>Did You Know?</i>	Wild Archeology <i>Little John</i>
6:30pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Forest Foraging - Port</i>	Dabiyiyuu <i>A Hunter's Wisdom</i>	The New Creative India	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People		Fish Out of Water <i>Nk' Mip Desert</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Nk' Mip Desert</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Training Day</i>
7:00pm	Toa Hunter Gatherer	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Fish Out of Water <i>Great River Journeys</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Haida Gwaii</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Fort Edmonton	
7:30pm	Native Shorts <i>Wakening</i>	Wild Archaeology <i>Little John</i>	Urban Native Girl <i>Nothing Breeds Success</i>	Kvcarts <i>Pete Sands Part 1</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
8:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Indians and Aliens	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	The Aux	The Aux	Moose T.V. <i>Well, What Do You Know?</i>	
8:30pm	The Aux	Havana Curveball <i>13-yo Mica launches a grand plan to send baseballs to Cuba.</i>	One More River Part 1 <i>Decision making of Crees to allow another mega-hydro project to be built on their</i>	Skeletons of New Zealand <i>Redheads</i>	Pete & Cleo <i>Two Navajo brothers reconnect, pestering one another about the directions they've each chosen in life.</i>	Pete & Cleo <i>Two Navajo brothers reconnect, pestering one another about the directions they've each chosen in life.</i>	Peach Blossom Garden <i>Qian Amhua seeks harmony between work and personal, combines production and entertainment equal parts.</i>	
9:00pm	Whaledreamers <i>A story of the return of an aboriginal whale dreaming tribe from the edge of extinction.</i>	Medicine Game <i>2 bros from Onondoga Nation play lacrosse for nationals powerhouse</i>	One More River Part 2 <i>A documentary decision making of Quebec Crees to allow another mega-hydro</i>	Amazonia Eterna <i>Presents how the world's largest tropical rainforest is understood and utilized.</i>	Landing	Landing	Impact of the Frolic	
9:30pm	Smokin' Fish <i>One man's attempts to navigate the messy collision between the modern world and an ancient culture.</i>	Rising Voices/Hothaninpi <i>How languages die - and how speaking them again can spark cultural and community restoration.</i>	Heavy Metals <i>A Mining Disaster in Northern Quebec is a hard-hitting documentary about the environmental devastation.</i>	Washakie Last Chief of the Eastern Shoshone <i>He led the tribe in battle and in peace, and navigated difficult</i>	Sharing Water <i>A journey around the Mediterranean areas of the countries where Water is still a major issue!</i>	Sharing Water <i>A journey around the Mediterranean areas of the countries where Water is still a major issue!</i>	Storms in the Andes <i>Josefina travels back to Peru and meets family from past war.</i>	
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**By Billy Allen**

Labor Day! How did you celebrate the unofficial end of summer? This holiday is always on the first Monday, Lu:nas, of Vasai Gagidak (Dry Grass) Masad. The rains are ending and a drying period begins.

Nowadays, to a lot of people, Labor Day is shopping sprees, vacations, picnics, and back to school. There's a complicated history of struggle and sacrifice behind this holiday, though. It was made a federal holiday in 1894, six days after the end of the Pullman railroad strike. Some elder GRIC-sters might remember the old country song "Sixteen Tons." That Tennessee Ernie Ford song was about coal mines and how workers were trapped by the economic system, but the same owner/worker system applied to the Pullman workers.

At one point, this three months strike basically paralyzed transcontinental train service. Federal troops were called in to several states. In protests centered around Chicago, 34 people were killed. At the end of the strike, the idea of a nation-wide "Labor Day" was seen as a way to try and heal the hurt of the late 1800's organized labor strikes, such as the Pullman Strike.

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## Something to be told or talked about

Now, you might be asking how this relates to O'otham and Piipaash culture. Labor – toil – struggle. Life in this desert was built on hard work. Canals and fields do not occur naturally. Our agricultural background had pion, borrowing the Spanish word peon, out to maintain canals and in the fields to make sure water was not wasted. But working hard took on a different aspect with the arrival of the Spaniards and their culture of conquest and forced labor.

Spanish civil authorities wanted Natives to adopt Spanish culture to become a labor force. They also took over Native farm/range land and redeveloped it to center around the Catholic missions. The missions became the focal point of the community and attempts to eliminate "Native" culture were made.

When silver was discovered in the midst of Tarahumara country in 1631, there weren't enough Spanish immigrants to meet the demand for labor. So, the Spanish government decided that it was "OK" to enslave non-Christianized Natives. Their choice: Be saved or be a shoiga. (We used the word shoiga for slave but it is also for any living thing that helps us.) Hundreds were forced to work with little or no pay in the mines. Many Tarahumara

retreated to the mountains and many remain there to this day.

Huge Spanish ranches or haciendas required a lot of labor to maintain the household, fields, and livestock. Some Natives began to prey upon other Natives to sell or barter. ("Take them, not us.") In Mexico, it was common for Native children to be taken to grow up as house servants/shoiga.

In the 1680's Spanish explorations entered our area, then called Upper Pimeria, searching for new mines and grasslands. Before Pa:l Kino's arrival the Spanish arrested Canito, also known as Joseph Romero – an O'odham leader – on the grounds that he was planning a revolt in northern Sonora. Canito was tortured, after being warned he was responsible for any injury as a result of the torture, to obtain "the truth." He was to be hanged, but after the torture, he accepted Christianity, so instead of being hanged, he was banished.

In 1688, the O'odham village of Mototicachi which was relatively close to the modern day Arizona/Mexico border was attacked because there was suspicion that they were also planning an uprising. All the men were killed, and the women and children taken away. This massacre enraged even the Spanish population. The officer in charge was sentenced to death, but he escaped

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tenced to death, but he escaped

This violent situation was what awaited Pa:l Kino when he arrived to Pimeria Alta in 1687 and began his twenty-five year sojourn among the O'odham. Aware of such attitudes and misconceptions on both sides, Pa:l Kino obtained special backing from the King of Spain to avoid any mistreatment of Christian converts.

The King's cédula, or certificate, stated that Christian O'odham would not be forced into labor. When Kino arrived onto the land of the Upper Pimeria, he showed the cédula to the governor of Sonora. This helped with our quick conversion to the missions and cooperation with officials and even settlers. The comforts of today came from the labor, toil and struggle of those

who walked on before us. Our desert demands a strong will. Keep working and you will be strong. I hope you enjoyed the past holiday and look forward to the ones coming up.

*Information was taken from the Journal of the Southwest, Volume 56, Number 2, Summer of 2014 and Cycles of Conquest by Edward Spicer.*

## GRPD officer teaches important lessons in children's books

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

A Gila River Police Department officer and Community member from District 1 has a novel idea of sharing life lessons through children's books.

William Lewis hasn't

hung up his badge for children's books, but has used the idea to create stories based on things children see in the world and in themselves.

"I think a lot of it was just from my grandkids, telling them stories, that is

where it started from," said Lewis.

Currently, Lewis has two children's books that can be purchased through Amazon called "Felipe the Fish" and "The Bears Journey".

He said, "What I was really wanting to do is that I have different stories that you tell a story for kids, but just not to be basic, but to have a lesson involved."

The major themes of his two books focus on self-perception and how

you can be okay with who you are as a person.

"Felipe the Fish" is a story about a fish that wants to be different, but ultimately it is about being comfortable himself and learning something special about him.

Lewis said writing a book can be a straightforward process, with the help of technology can remove the middle man and allow independent writers to use self-publishing services to get their stories out onto

the market.

He said when getting his books ready for print, he hired a freelance illustrator to create the imagery for his books.

"With traditional publishing, people will write a manuscript and they will send it to a publisher and you have to wait for a long time to hear back from the publisher on whether or not they want to publish your work," he said.

The traditional process can be time consuming and so with today's online self-publishing services individuals like Lewis can use these resources to publish their books.

"I found CreateSpace (an online book publishing company), the good thing is that you can actually create your book from start to finish for free, but the bad side is you got to do it all on your own," said Lewis with a chuckle.

"It's challenging, once you figure out the formats

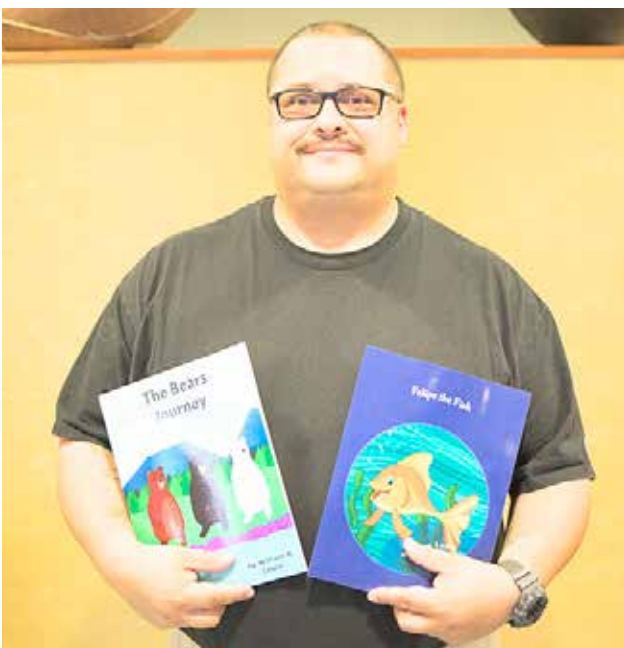
and everything they require, it's a matter of making sure everything the way you want it and submitting it."

He said recently the idea of writing children's book came to mind, but that the stories began when his children were young.

Lewis said the story starts in one direction then turns into another direction when he starts writing.

"I'm glad I have my grandchildren there with me...they're the best critics I have... if I can keep their attention for bit, I'm on to something," said Lewis with a bit of humor.

Lewis hopes that his children's books will be entertaining and meaningful to the those who purchase them on Amazon and that are welcome to leave feedback.



**William Lewis holds two of his books.** Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



**The books contain lessons for children and can be purchased on Amazon.** Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

# Youth wins big at the White Mountain Apache Tribal Fair & Rodeo



Jocelyn Co'Nei'Sen'Ney with her trailer and Miss White Mountain Apache Queen Zipporah Lupe. Photo courtesy of Gina Enos

Submitted by Gina Enos

District 3 Community member Jocelyn Co'Nei'Sen'Ney was one of a handful of local cowboys and cowgirls that competed at the 93rd Annual White Mountain Apache Tribe's rodeo over Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31- Sept. 3, in Whiteriver, Ariz.

Co'Nei'Sen'Ney, 13, is a well-known contestant at the WMAT rodeo having participated every year since 2014 and has won the all-around cowgirl saddle each of those years in various age categories of the junior rodeo. This is where she won her first saddle.

This year she partnered with world champion team roping header, Aaron Tsingine, and placed third in the 10-13 years-old team roping event. She also decided to challenge herself and participate in the all-women's rodeo and the all-Indian rodeo. The all-arounds are calculated on total money won.

She competed in steer daubing, calf dressing, barrel run, team roping and breakaway roping. She placed fifth in steer daubing but did not win any money, which is needed to add to all-around totals. In breakaway roping, she placed third out of 20 contestants, winning \$200. She partnered with Tara Season in team roping and in the beginning, didn't appear to be contenders when the announcer was predicting winners; however, they came out of the box and Seasons caught and Co'Nei'Sen'Ney double hocked for a 9.84 second time. Their time was the fastest time of the rodeo. The first-place win netted them \$525 each. In the end, Co'Nei'Sen'Ney won the all-around title by \$10 which included the prize money, a horse trailer, saddle and buckles for the all-around title and team roping win.

In the all-Indian rodeo, she roped in the breakaway and returned in the top 10 but missed on her next outing.

Overall, it was a great showing for Gila River rodeo contestants. Jalen Joaquin won the all-Indian rodeo saddle bronc buckle



Co'Nei'Sen'Ney's All Around Champion buckle. Photo courtesy of Gina Enos

and has qualified for the Indian National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev. In October. Oriana Apkaw, from District 4, placed second in the all-women's rodeo with a score of 69 points. Apkaw has been

competing in rodeo for many years, having won first place buckles in 2014, 2015 and 2017.

Co'Nei'Sen'Ney attends San Tan Jr. High School and is straight-A student. She will be com-

peting in the Sudden Death for jr. barrels and jr. breakaway with the Southwest Rodeo Association on Sept. 16 in Taylor, Ariz., a strong showing could land her back in the Indian National Finals Rodeo.

## Our Voices Our Health Our Community



The Tribal Health Department would like to **hear from you** by conducting a Community Health Assessment! The assessment will be used to improve the health and wellness of the Akimel O'odham and Pee Posh members of the Gila River Indian Community. Your responses will assist in our efforts to address the health needs of the Community. You must be 18 years or older and a GRIC tribal member or living within the GRIC boundaries to complete the survey.

**Help us understand your health concerns by completing the Community Health Assessment survey in 3 easy ways:**

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3. Or visit one of the **Tribal Health Department locations**: Sacaton or Laveen Branch
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# GRIC Emergency Manager named Emergency Manager of the Year

*DeLeon wins the award among county, municipal and tribal entities, credits staff for success*

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

At the 2018 Arizona Emergency Services Association (AESA) Annual Conference, Office of Emergency Management, Emergency Operations Director Robert “Bob” DeLeon, was recognized for his leadership as the “Emergency Manager of the Year” on Aug. 23.

The nomination came as a surprise to DeLeon, who credits the OEM staff for the honor.

“I wasn’t aware I was nominated...a couple of days before the conference I was asked if I was going to attend the conference or, because I hadn’t signed up yet and I had another meeting scheduled that day,” said DeLeon.

The prerequisites for the Emergency Manager of the Year are open to county, municipal emergency, and tribal representatives, who are dedicated to serving their community within public safety preparedness. Each nominee is evaluated through a selection board that reviews their information and background before a decision is made.

DeLeon is no stranger to emergencies, and he has been on the scene since 1980 when he started as a firefighter/paramedic with the City of Mesa and the City of Scottsdale, and as an emergency manager.

He was nominated by a peer emergency manager, but due to the closed nomination process, he was unaware of their identity.

DeLeon says that OEM has a dedicated team of workers as well as the support of the Community. “We all work together, we take parts and components of various plans or activities and then we meet once a week to talk about what we are doing to coordinate with each other,” he said.

He said emergency management is a year-round job that requires close coordination with Community departments on a variety of events and activities related to the public.

“We are not just busy during the monsoon season, we are working on developing plans, we are working on training, which is out of [this] office... one of the things we do is work with external partners around training like the National Incident Management System,” said DeLeon.

DeLeon said with training and collaborations, OEM is prepared for a variety of emergency scenarios. OEM is unique among emergency management offices because they facilitate the rehabilitation of homes damaged by severe storms with Community departments along with GRIC infrastructure.

“We don’t just work with the Community departments, we work with the hospital, the casinos, that’s all part of it...but most of all we need to continue to work on emergency plans for each of the entities and their facilities,” said DeLeon.



Robert “Bob” DeLeon won Arizona’s Emergency Manager of the Year award at the Arizona Emergency Services Association (AESA) Conference on Aug. 23. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



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## Rep. O'Halleran visits Redtail Hawk and Gila Crossing Community School

Aaron J. Tohtsoni  
Gila River Indian News

U.S. Rep. Tim O'Halleran visited the Gila River Indian Community on Aug. 23, making two stops at the new Hau'pal Redtail Hawk Health Center and then at Gila Crossing Community School.

After meeting Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Community Councilmembers Barney Enos Jr. and Carol Schurz, O'Halleran toured the new healthcare facility with Gila River

Health Care's Scott Gemberling, CEO; Derrick Glum, CFO and Robert Pablo, Director of Customer Service.

According to Gov. Lewis, the visit was special because O'Halleran was instrumental helping the Community receive \$73 million in funding for the new health facility, from Indian Health Services, which sits on the edge of the Community adjacent to the City of Chandler in District 4.

"They are a product of funding," said O'Halleran of IHS and Bureau of Indian Affairs. "Congress wants to have them do their mission statement, there is a lot of hardworking people as you know involved. It's a top-down process and we have to start accepting our responsibility at a much higher level and understanding the needs of people, much more so than just raw numbers on a piece of paper."

The new facility has primary care, behavior health services, physical therapy, women's health, podiatry, optometry, dental, pharmacy and many more.

During his tour, O'Halleran saw the physical therapy room, primary care patient rooms, the pharmacy and saw a lot of the little details that make the hospital unique and top of the line. He also had a chance to interact with employees.

Following the tour at the health center, O'Halleran and tribal leadership headed to Gila Crossing Community School in District 6 for a tour of the school campus.

While visiting the school, he saw the library, music room, culture and language class and the agriculture garden. While in the cultural class, a kindergarten teacher taught O'Halleran how to say 'hello' in



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and congressman Tom O'Halleran wave at Gila Crossing Community School students during a tour of the old campus. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

## Gov. Lewis accepts game ball at ASU football game



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis holds the game ball from ASU's season opener against Texas-San Antonio on Sept. 1 in Tempe, Ariz., during the Gila River Hotels and Casinos Game Ball Presentation. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

## Gila River Indian Community remembers Sen. John McCain

On behalf of the Gila River Indian Community I want to express my sincere condolences regarding the passing of Senator John McCain to his wife Cindy and family.

Although not born and raised in Arizona, John McCain was a true Arizonan. As a leader of a tribal nation, we were thankful that he took the time to learn our issues and to respect us as the governments we are. He believed in tribal sovereignty and self-determination and understood that tribal communities do best when we are allowed to govern at our local level.

He worked tirelessly to develop a settlement to the Cobell class action lawsuit involving hundreds

of thousands of individual Indian money accounts.

In 2014, Senator McCain visited our Community and met with Community Council, Veterans, and Community members. He toured HuHuKam Memorial, met with children from our Head Start Program, and laid a wreath at the Ira Hayes Memorial to honor Ira Hayes and all the Community's veterans.

In the few times I was fortunate to meet with Senator McCain, he since always remembered our Head Start children singing the O'otham songs they were learning. He told me that was a highlight of his visit that he always remembered and cherished.

Senator McCain's

door was always open and he always made himself available to meet with you, even if you didn't agree with his opinion on something. He was willing to find compromise in order to make progress.

Senator McCain was friends with people from all walks of life, including my late father, Rodney Lewis, with their friendship spanning over 40 years. He held himself and others to a high standard and knew our time on this earth is limited. He always tried to act and make decisions with the utmost honor. There are few like him, and the Gila River Indian Community offers our prayers and healing to his family. While there is much sadness right now,



Sen. McCain in 2014 during a wreath-laying in Sacaton. GRIN Photo

I hope that all Arizonans will take some time to celebrate a life well-lived.

John McCain was a war hero, a statesman, and a patriot. For those of us in Indian Country who were privileged enough to have worked with him, he was a fierce advocate for our in-

terests as tribes.

I and Lieutenant Governor Stone proudly represented our Community at yesterday's Memorial Service. The service was powerful and a testament to his legacy and service to our Country.

We in the Community

were blessed to have him on our side. From our water settlement, to our trust accounting, to health and education; he was always there. He was an inspiration to us all, and we will sorely miss him.

- Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis



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- RTHHC (520-796-3093, 520-796-3094, 520-796-3095)

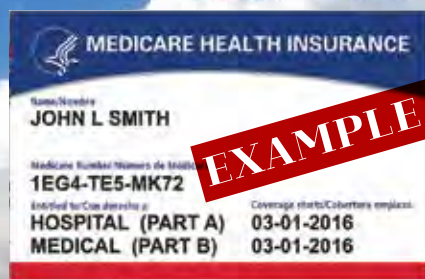
You can also change your health plan at any time by calling AHCCCS at 602-417-7100 or 1-800-334-5283.

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- **Massage Therapist will be available for walk-ins on Fridays.**
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- **Chiropractor will be available for walk-ins on Thursdays.**

If you would like to see an Alternative Therapy Specialist please let your nurse know.

# Department of Environmental Quality fuels crews restoring forests in Colorado

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The Department of Environmental Quality Fuels Crews work to restore forest in the high country among ponderosa pine, spruce and oak.

Since August, two DEQ Fuels & Restoration Crews have been in Southern Colorado removing oak and pine for forest restoration.

In the San Juan National Forest, gambel oak and ponderosa pine grow together. But the dense oak thickets have become a fire hazard, and it is necessary to remove small-diameter trees.

A six-person Fuels & Restoration Crew working in the San Juan NF is led by Habitat Restoration Crew Leader Steven Poolheco. Poolheco and his team are helping the US Forest Service mitigate the removal of oak and hazardous ponderosas.

When a fire erupts in a forest with an abundance of oak, such as the San Juan NF, the understory of oak can carry the fire from the ground and up other trees, which is referred to as "ladder fuel."

"Oak always has been left to grow, but in this forest, its grown so thick that it now it's a fire hazard," said DEQ Senior Wildlife



Members from the DEQ Fuels & Restoration crew pose for a picture while working in the Rio Grande National Forest. Photo Courtesy DEQ

Biologist Russell Benford. "Our crew is up there essentially cleaning out this oak understory...oak, because it is a hard work, it burns and burns, so the fire stays on the ground for a real long time."

About 148 miles to the east, another DEQ Fuels Crew is located in the Rio Grande National Forest in South central Colorado marking dead spruce trees that will be harvested by a third-party contractor.

This four-person team is led by Habitat Specialist Ashton Lynch, who is working in her element. This, Benford added, is attributed to her passion for environmental work and her university degree in Forestry.

"In the Rio Grande National Forest, the second crew is working in spruce, so they're at a higher elevation," said

Benford, "That forest is infested by what is called the spruce bud worm, it's another herbivore that can cause as much or even more damage than the bark beetles seen in ponderosa pine."

The U.S. Forest Service approached DEQ and expressed an interest in hiring them to work in the two national forests in Colorado, based on their reputation for effectively removing hazardous fuels that contribute to forest fires.

Benford said the project represents the culmination of two years of effort to reduce risk and improve forest health by clearing areas prone to fire. "It's a great partnership with the Forest Service, and we're grateful to have it. Many people in their shop and ours helped make this happen. I really have to tip my



The crew working in the San Juan National Forest take a group shot with members of the U.S. Forest Service. Photo courtesy DEQ

hat to GRIC's Office of General Council; Thomas Murphy, Naomi Bebo and Isaac Navajo developed the contracts and agreements with the Forest Service."

He said the crew in the San Juan NF is clearing 50 acres in steep terrain, where they will continue to clear oak and pine. Some of the pine will be used as lumber or firewood.

"There's so much forest that needs this kind of maintenance, we're just taking a little bit out of a huge area...we hope to continue working in that area for the foreseeable future, it's a great opportunity for our crew to contribute to healing the land," said Benford.

In the Rio Grande NF, the objective is to mark boundaries around dead spruce trees to create sections that a third-party contractor will harvest. Approximately 80% of these trees are dead and need to be removed. The crew is also marking wildlife habitat and other ecological assets.

Benford said the com-

ination of drought conditions and the spruce bud worm have contributed to the spruce trees' demise, causing them to die in large numbers. He said, although insect pests such as spruce bud worms occur naturally, compromised trees are susceptible to a myriad of dangers to their health.

"We're out there really trying to prevent fires from starting in the first place and trying to get the land in a condition that is healthy

and productive again, instead of being sick," said Benford.

The return for the crews' hard work is not only good pay, but also re-investment that goes back to their program to support projects at home. This shows how valuable an asset the crews can be to the Community, the Forest Service and the people and wildlife that benefit from and appreciate healthier forests.



Runners in the Hopi 10K and 5K on Aug. 11. Dora Juan, Renee Johns, Starlet Antone, Lisa Shane, Raina Lewis, Neomi Martinez, Mariana Garcia, Adeline Koyayesva, Olena Hutchinson, Darylene Blaine, Erelene Jones, Kelly Antone, Stephanie M. Burnette-Antone, Lynette Johns, Garren Antone, Juan Mendivil, Raymond Antone, Rita Mendivil, Ernie Miles. Not pictured: Johanna Morago, Katrina Ruiz. Photo courtesy Renee Johns

## Himdag Ki: Hekihu, Hemu, Im B I-Ha'ap Celebrating the Arts Saturday, September 15, 2018

### Schedule of events:

10:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.  
Artist Demonstrations, Sales, and Food Sales

11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Tucson Fiddlers

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
Carving Presentation by Homer Marks Jr.

12:15 p.m.—1:15 p.m.  
Churches, Buildings and Hidden Images  
Presentation by Ronald Geronimo

1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.  
Pottery Presentation by Kathleen Vance

2:45 p.m.—3:45 p.m.  
Basketry Presentation by Rhonda Wilson

2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. South Image

3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Dinner Served

5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Ge'e Oidag Ne'edam



Come and celebrate the arts with music, dance, demonstrations, sales, presentations, and food!

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## SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

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# GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018  
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Please join us for a **FREE** support group for the Gila River Indian Community.

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Large Conference Room  
(located on the east side of Dialysis building)

## Obituary for Matthew "Midnite" Kane, Sr.



On August 4, 2018, I lost my precious husband of 45 years. Midnite passed by natural means of a heart attack. He left behind me, his father, our 7 children, 6 sons-in-law, 1 daughter-in-law, 14 grandchildren, 4 great grandsons, 52 Godchildren, 2 brothers, 4 sisters and many nieces and nephews. Many will miss him, but these people were his heart: Evelyn "Lee", Gabe "Apache Boy" and Delphine, Lisa and Domic, Laura and Merle, Rhoda and Stevie, Amanda, Matthew and Richanda,

Jo-El and Adrian, Nadia and Chris, JR, Cecil, Heather, June, Jamie, Danya, Christopher and Chancey, Charmayne and Hugh, Antonia and Bryan, Tyler and Evan, Jake, Liam, Iry and Chantel, Tia, Riandrow, Amarii, Nikhil, Noelani, Adam, Shelby, Dalen, Ian, Casey and Tony. Midnite loved every one; if he had any enemies they were his, but he was not theirs.

Midnite was born in Cedar Creek, Arizona, on the White Mountain Apache Reservation, to Paul Ethelbah and Dorothy Kane on the same day, in the same month and the same year as me (he liked to remind me he was 4 hours older). He was adopted and raised by his grandparents, Rudolph and Laura Kane and was taught and loved beautifully by them. Midnite loved and sang and played all kinds of music, he crown danced, carved, hunted, rafted, skied, fished, went camping, traveled (both in the U.S. and foreign), he loved the outdoors, rode his Harley, he was traditional and spiritual, and worked and worked. Everyone called us mom and dad or grandma and grandpa and we felt so blessed by this honor. We love many people and many people love us; together we prayed for everyone we have met from the day we were conceived until death,

and I will continue to do this.

Midnite was a fantastic husband, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend and a Native American Music award-winning artist. As a musician, Midnite was self-taught and played 11 instruments, amazing does not even begin to pay tribute to the gifts God Blessed him with. Midnite enjoyed playing music all over Native Country and throughout the U.S. for more than 50 years (he began playing when he was 8) and he was very grateful to all of you who supported "Apache Spirit" for all these years. Apache Spirit will continue as per his wishes, with both second and third generation members. He said he didn't work that hard to make Apache Spirit what it is for nothing and he was proud that it was all family. Midnite, in his tattered clothes, except when on stage, and torn hats will always be loved.

Thank you Midnite for taking such good care of us and we thank God for Blessing us with you. I hope you are all proud to have known Midnite because he felt Blessed to have known all of you on his Tour of Life. Be at peace everyone. All My Love, Lee

## Sacaton Elementary School District #18 and GRIC Child Development & Education Support Services Child Find—Developmental Screening Fairs

How is your child developing? Do you suspect your child may have a disability? What is Child Find?

It's a process to "find" children who may have a delay in development or a disability in any of the following areas:

- \* Vision/Hearing
- \* Motor Control or Coordination
- \* Behavior or Social Skills
- \* Speech or Language Skills
- \* Thinking or Performing Tasks
- \* Adaptive Behavior

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DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS FOR CHILDREN BIRTH—5 YEARS OF AGE  
\*For children NOT enrolled in a school-based program.\*

**When:** August 31, 2018  
October 26, 2018  
January 11, 2019  
March 8, 2019  
**Where:** Sacaton Middle School Library  
70 S. Skill Center Road,  
Sacaton, AZ  
**Time:** 8:30—11:30 a.m.

**What if I am unable to attend one of these dates?**  
You can contact Child Development and Education Support Services at (520) 562-3882 to schedule a screening if you are unable to attend one of the scheduled dates.

**What if I have concerns?**  
If your child is under 3 years of age and you have concerns about your child's development or progress, you may receive help through Child Find. Contact Child Development and Education Support Services at (520) 562-3882.  
If your child is in kindergarten through 12th grade and you suspect a disability, please contact your child's teacher or school administrator.  
If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Exceptional Student Services for Sacaton Elementary School District at (520) 562-8600 ext. 2030 or Child Development and Education Support Services at (520) 562-3882.

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Call for Artists/Artists Wanted

The Gila River Indian Community is excited to announce the new Gila Crossing School opening next summer. This beautifully designed space will need artwork from Pima (Akimel O'otham) and Maricopa (Pee-Posh) artisans. We are looking for artists from the Gila River Indian Community working in all styles and media, including paintings on paper and canvas, tile mosaics, murals,

drawings, photography, sculpture, basketry, pottery, carvings, and weavings. Our design team is looking for artwork that will reflect the cultural themes that will be incorporated into the facility.

We will host an open house for artists on September 15, 2018 from 12pm to 5pm, at the Huhugam Heritage Center (21359 S. Maricopa Road, Chandler AZ 85226). Come

take a look at the project and opportunities for artwork! Please bring photos/examples of your work to share with us. We will not be purchasing anything at the open house. For more information, and to request an application form, please call Laurie Post at 602-243-4300, or email Laurie at LPost@TelaArt.com

### SACATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Parents,  
Sacaton Elementary School District has agreed to participate in an emergency preparedness drill. This drill will take place on September 28, 2018, at the Middle School campus. This emergency preparedness drill is being coordinated in conjunction with the GRIC law enforcement and other local emergency agencies. The simulated preparedness drill will occur from approximately 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Please do not use Skill Center Road during this time as there will be numerous emergency vehicles and


personnel may be shouting throughout the exercise.

Our students will follow their normal lockdown procedures and will not be able to see the event while it occurs. However, some students may hear the alarms or sirens.

Students will not participate in the event and will be relocated on campus to minimize the impact. After the event, there will be a debrief discussion to review steps and identify areas for improvement. This drill is essential as it will help us prepare for any emergency. Both campuses

hold regular fire and lockdown drills and work collaboratively with law enforcement. We want you, as part of the school community, to be informed and understand that your child's safety is our primary concern.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sacaton Elementary School District at 520-562-8600. All concerns may be addressed by contacting the Gila River Police Department at 520-562-7114. We thank you in advance for your support of this drill as student safety is our number one priority.




### Casa Blanca Community School

Post Office Box 10940  
Bapchule, Arizona 85121

School Office: 520-315-3489 Fax: 520-315-3505

## NOTICE OF CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018



Parents & Guardians:

The Casa Blanca Community School is pleased to announce that it will be holding an election on Thursday, September 20, 2018 to fill one (1) seat on its Board of Trustees. The polling station will be held at Casa Blanca Community School, during Grandparents Day. The polls will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

CBCS's Board meets at least once (sometimes twice) per month and attends periodic work sessions (usually held over a two day period on the weekend); attend various out-of-state trainings and conferences; must have reliable transportation; be available to reach by phone; and be available to meet when given short notice.

If you are interested in running in the election, you **must** meet the following member qualifications:

- ❖ **Write-In's not accepted on Voting Day.**
- ❖ Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age as of September 20, 2018 (the date of election);
- ❖ Be an enrolled Community Member.
- ❖ Reside in District 3, 4, or 5 and have lived in the District in which you are running for at least one year prior to September 20, 2018;
- ❖ Have a high school diploma, or GED;
- ❖ Successfully undergo a background check and drug/alcohol screen;
- ❖ Obtain an Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card;
- ❖ Eligible candidates shall have no prior felony convictions, and shall not have any prior misdemeanor convictions involving sex offenses or offenses against children; and
- ❖ Submit a timely petition signed by seven (7) eligible voters from your District.


To obtain a petition to get on the ballot, please contact Ms. Flo Long at CBCS, (520) 315-3489 or stop by Casa Blanca Community School.

**Petitions must be returned to Casa Blanca Community School no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018.**

The following persons are *eligible to vote* in the election (and sign petitions for Board candidates):

- (1) Enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community who are at least eighteen (18) and who reside within District 3, 4, or 5 as of September 20, 2018, **OR**
- (2) Any parent or legal guardian of a student currently enrolled at CBCS and listed as the authorized party to make decisions for that student in the School's records.

Any questions regarding the election should be directed to Ms. Flo Long at the above number.



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After spending an afternoon together the AOPPYC and GRPD pose for a photo. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN



Officers and youth council members practice a team building exercise. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

# GRPD spends day with Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council

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

The Gila River Police Department spent Saturday afternoon s with the Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council for a Pizza with Police event on Aug. 18 at the Boys and Girls Club in Sacaton. The afternoon social event was a chance for the Community’s youth to talk face-to-face with officers in a relaxed setting and get to know them on a friendly level.

Officers of a wide-variety stopped by during the afternoon that was filled with different team-build-

ing activities. They talked about the types of officers that they are i.e. traffic, rangers, and their ranks, etc. and the different responsibilities in their specific posts.

The officers and youth council members started the afternoon by sitting in a circle and played a game to get to know each other’s names. They also shared interesting facts about themselves in an effort to create a relaxed setting.

“I think it was a great opportunity to connect with the Gila River Police Department,” said Randal Curran, Youth Council President. “I think people

mostly see them as [a] badge and gun but they are really people beneath that and I think that really showed us that’s something we need to think about.”

Following team-building activities, they ate a pizza lunch together and visited amongst each other, with the AOPPYC members having a questionnaire for the officers. The youth found that many of the officers were daring and had swam with sharks during the questionnaire exercise, which was to find at least one officer that could check off a list.

Following lunch, they

spent the remaining time in a roundtable discussion. Chief Kathleen Elliot spoke to the children about the importance of being open to having a positive relationship with the police department.

She said, “We were really excited to be invited to come to their program and get to know the youth a little bit better in an environment where we don’t look like authoritative figures.”

During a roundtable discussion, the youth asked questions regarding traffic laws, jurisdiction questions and even the supernatural, asking officers about any calls with the

fabled Hooper. They asked about the path it takes to become a police officer and asked about the different calls they have encountered.

A popular question was about any scary calls that they have had to investigate, while the youth council was hoping to hear about the Hooper, officers shared that cases and calls that deal with death are the hardest and scariest to respond to.

Some officers chose to dress in plain clothes, emphasizing that although they are officers, they are regular people underneath the badge. They wanted

to be transparent as possible with their answers and stressed that they chose to spend the day with the youth council, volunteering their weekend.

“This was a great opportunity to meet with the teens and young adults from the Community,” said Sergeant Timothy Chavez. “We played team-building games and also had a roundtable discussion. They expressed their concerns in the Community and also had many questions for us. I want to thank the Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council and Michael Preston for a fantastic time.”



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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • August 15, 2018

## ACTION SHEET

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

## CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, August 15, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:27 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Council

## 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; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr., Thomas White.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:48), Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird (1:44)

Council Members Absent:

D3- Rodney Jackson; D6- Charles Goldtooth

## APPROVAL OF A GENDA

### APPROVED AS AMENDED

### PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Introduction Of 2018 Space Camp Students

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED MR. KENYEN THOMPSON TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM. EACH OF THE STUDENTS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS.

2. Introduction Of Wanda Burton, Principal Of Sacaton Elementary School

Presenter: Cheryl Paul

MS. CHERRYL PAUL INTRODUCED MS. WANDA BURTON. MS. BURTON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

3. Introduction Of Andre Gillespie, Principal Of Sacaton Middle School

Presenter: Cheryl Paul

MS. CHERRYL PAUL INTRODUCED MR. ANDRE GILLESPIE. MR. GILLESPIE PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

## REPORTS

1. Minor Trust Termination Analysis

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

## REPORT HEARD

2. GRTI Third Quarterly Report April 11, 2018 – June 20, 2018 GRIC Tribal Grant Award Program

Presenters: Clarice Chiago-Jones, Board of Directors

## REPORT HEARD

3. GRTI 2Q2018 Update Report

Presenters: GRTI Board of Director, Jim Meyers

## REPORT HEARD

4. GRTI Notice of Filing Rate Floor Data as of June 12, 2018

Presenters: Jim Meyers, GRTI Board of Directors

## REPORT HEARD

5. GRTI Notice of Filing-Federal Communications Commission Form 481 Annual Filing

Presenters: Jim Meyers, GRTI Board of Directors

## REPORT HEARD

## MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Update On Gila River Police Department Evidence Project (Executive Session)

Presenter: Kathleen Elliott

## ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

### MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Request For Information, Official Motion By Legislative Committee On July 10, 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Kathleen Elliott

## REPORT HEARD

### MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Monthly Activity Report Ending July 31, 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Johns

## REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. ASU Athletic Sponsorship (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco

## REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

### MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 60-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:44 P.M.]

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community To Join And Actively Participate In The Rio Salado Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections; NRSC& CRSC concur)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Steven J.W. Heeley, Akin Gump

### APPROVED

2. A Resolution Memorializing An Amendment To The Current Membership Of The Litigation Team By Replacing Former Councilman Franklin Pablo, Sr. And Councilwoman Nada Celaya With Councilman Arzie Hogg And Councilman Marlin Dixon (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

### APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 3 To Section I Of The Gila River Indian Community's "Employee Policies And Procedures Reference Guide" By Repealing And Replacing The Section Entitled "Employment Process" (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, LSC concurs)

Presenter: Randall Lange

### APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation To Apply For Fiscal Year 2018 Land Maintenance Funds From The Bureau Of Indian Affairs Western Regional Office Division Of Transportation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Calvin Touchin, Gregory McDowell

### TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 43 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2019 Through 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Johns, Lt. Governor Robert Stone

### ITEM HEARD AFTER RESOLUTION #8

6. A Resolution Modifying The Use And Distribution Of Monies From The Gila River Indian Community Permanent Water Fund and Water Settlement Fund Of The Operations Of The Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District And For The Purchase Of Central Arizona Project Water In Fiscal Year 2019 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Johns

### APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And Kinder Morgan G.P., Inc. To Maintain, Operate, and Repair A Communication Facility And Related Uses Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

### APPROVED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

8. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2019

Presenter: Suzanne Johns

### APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 43 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2019 Through 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Johns, Lt. Governor Robert Stone

### APPROVED

### ORDINANCES

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Educational Priorities For Tribal Education Department (ESC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval of the 3 goals that were established at the Governor's Education Summit)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

### MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Gila River Indian Community Chuckwalla Population Genetics (NRSC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval; CRSC concurs)

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

### TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Directors Declaration of One (1) Vacancy

Presenters: Community Council

### MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE

### VACANCY FOR 60-DAYS

4. Phoenix Area Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer Meeting August 28-30, 2018 – Las Vegas, NV (G&MSC forwards to Council for any interested Council members to attend utilize the Dues & Delegation line item, HSSC concurs)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

### MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

5. Gila River Sand & Gravel Independent Audit Report FY17 (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Marilyn Mays, Bob Gazis, Michael Morago

### MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

6. District Four Letter Of Appointment For Nada Celaya (LSC motioned to forward the appointment of Nada Celaya to the Citizens Advisory Board to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Citizens Advisory Board Members

### MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

7. Resignation Letter For District Seven Citizens Advisory Board Member (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Citizens Advisory Board Members

### MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

### MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DELARE THE VACANCY

### 8. National Tribal Gaming

Commissioners/Regulators Conference

September 17-20, 2018 – Prior Lake, MN

(G&MSC forwards to Council for any interested Council Member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Committee

### MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

9. Statement Of Cooperative Agreement Between Gila River Indian Tribal Education Department And (School) For The Purpose Of Improving Communication And For Other Purposes (ESC motioned to forward to Council under New Business)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

### DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. Revenue Internal Audit – FY18 3rd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to

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# Culture and language teachers support each other in education and learning

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

A Community program focuses on educating the educators on Akimel O'otham language and culture.

Sitting together in the main conference room of the Tribal Education Department offices, three individuals share their vision for carrying on the O'otham Neok in the classroom during a recent discussion on Aug. 29.

"[This] is it...a staff of three individuals," said Culture Coordinator Anthony Gray, "Up until a few years ago there was only one person in the program, which was Joyce Hughes."

Gray is joined by Tammy Histia and Jarrod Lewis to support the culture teachers in the schools across the Community.

Histia works as the programs Assistant Cultural Coordinator, while Lewis joined not too long ago as the Cultural & Language Curriculum Developer.

"We provide a resource for them and support them in any way that they need to do in teaching the culture to the kids," said Gray.

To keep everyone on the same page a monthly grassroots Education Culture Committee is held among the culture teachers, but is open to Community members interested in attending the meeting.

It's an informal way of getting all the culture together to discuss how

the O'otham language can be taught in the classroom and into the home. "Anything that is culturally related to education goes before them to see if we are interested in doing and if it has the support of the teachers," said Gray.

He said as a collective the ECC wants to create a picture dictionary since the Community adopted the orthography in 2009, it is about time to create some form of material on it.

Lewis, "I'm compiling all the data that has been gathered so far from the elders and from other culture teachers to plot out the best way we can use to teach the children...eventually it will be used to educate the children."

Education and language isn't new to Lewis, he worked as a culture specialist at each of the four head start centers.

It introduced him to the potential to take what he learned from teaching the language and working in each of the four centers throughout the week to teach the children about the culture.

Histia said, "My mom was a teacher here...a teacher at the school," said Histia, "I knew I wanted to teach, but I didn't know what, but later on I had a goal in mind around culture."

She said after working within the Community, interacting with others and the elders, taught her the value of how the O'otham language is important to preserve.

high concentrations of fugitive dust. Finally, as part of the Dust Mitigation Plan requirements, a 30-day public comment period on the document is required prior to submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The draft document will be available for review at the GRIC DEQ office located at 35 Pima Street, Sacaton, AZ 85147, and on the AQP website at <http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education--outreach/public-notice>.

Public comments may be sub-

"I worked with him, when he was working with the elders, when he was at head start and we've worked together for about ten years," said Histia about working to learn more about the language along with Gray.

All agree, utilizing the language is an important part of learning, because it's something that has to be practiced regularly to grasp it.


"We have to find new ways to help the younger generation learn the language, and to come to appreciate being O'otham," said Histia.

## Teaching the next generation of educators

Gray said the promotion of language among the younger generation of Community members in the schools is an important responsibility, but doing something to harvest the next line of cultural teachers is critical.

"We've thought about teaching the younger generation of language teachers," said Gray, on the need for more cultural teachers in the Community. He said through the University of Arizona American Indian Development Institute, "We're able to host a summer institute two summers ago and we are in talks to have something similar done in the Community."

Gray said the summer session was a big hit and at the same time participants in the institute are able to get college credits and U of A was able to bring it



**Facilitators: G.R.I.C. Culture and Language Teacher Cohort**

**When:** October 12, - 14, 2018

**Where:** G.R.I.C. Ge'e Ki A'al Vepeg a Mashchamakuḍ  
(District Three Head Start Multipurpose Room)

**Who:** (Intergenerational) 3 - 99 Years of age


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Saturday October 13, 2018 - 8:00am - 3:15pm

Sunday October 14, 2018 - 8:00am - 1:00pm

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- Transportation provided if needed.
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**For more information please contact:**  
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## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS DUST MITIGATION PLAN**

Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 40 §51.930(b)(2)(iii)(A)(i), the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) is required to create a Dust Mitigation Plan addressing ways in which PM10 exceedances caused by fugitive dust can be minimized. Additionally, the Dust Mitigation Plan must address ways to minimize public exposure to

## **MISS INDIAN ARIZONA NEWS RELEASE**

The 2018-19 Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program will be held at the Chandler Center for the Arts on Saturday, Oct. 13. Current Miss Indian Arizona Mariah Jordan Sharpe will crown the next titleholder from six contestants.

Mandy Dazen, 21, is daughter of Navene and Manuel Dazen and is a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and hails from White-river, Ariz. If selected as Miss Indian Arizona her platform would be bringing awareness of mental health disparities that affect youth, adults and elders to her community with an educational focus on medical careers.

Anissa Garcia, 23, is the daughter of Daren Pedro-Martinez and Mario Garcia. She is a member Gila River Indian Community and resides in Sacaton, Ariz. Her platform would be to promote and encourage youth to live a life of wellness through traditions.

Ki-Ana Reina, 23, is the daughter of Nellie Silversmith-Reina and Edward Reina. She is a member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and will be representing the Piipaash (Maricopa). Her platform would be to promote healthy eating through traditional foods.

Angel Tarango, 22, is the

mitted in writing to GRIC DEQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona, 85147, or via email to [air@gric.nsn.us](mailto:air@gric.nsn.us) or comments may be given orally at the scheduled community meeting. The deadline to submit written comments is September 29, 2018. Additional information is available from GRIC DEQ Air Quality, 45 S. Church St., Sacaton, Arizona, the AQP website <http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/air-quality-program>, or by calling 520-562-2234.

daughter of Gerallynn Irving and Frank Tarango. She is a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and lives in Peridot, Ariz. An army veteran, her platform would be to promote youth leadership development and community engagement.

Nicole Marissa Manuel, 23, is a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation and lives in Florence Village, Ariz. Her parents are Nadine and Edward Williams. She is. Her platform would be to break the silence and always remember that domestic violence holds no social, economic, racial, or cultural boundary.

Niagara Rockbridge, 19, is the

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

SACATON WOMAN SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING

PHOENIX - On Aug. 20, 2018, Mary Alice Reed, 48, of Sacaton, Ariz., a member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Diane J. Humetwa to seven years in prison, to be followed by eight years of supervised release. Reed had previously pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Reed had been previously convicted of the same offense in 2010.

daughter of Debra and Gary Rockbridge. She is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and lives in Chinle, Ariz. If selected Miss Indian Arizona, her platform would be to promote to the youth and communities the importance of fundamental law and plan to educate the communities about the importance of speaking their voices.

Current titleholder Sharpe has been busy with her travel to the various reservations and events throughout Arizona, California, Wisconsin and Washington, D.C. In addition, she has been able to maintain her 4.0 grade point average.

around for 40 years and the United Nations theme of the year, is actually indigenous languages."

He said they've been tasked with doing a quarterly professional development session on Sept. 7

on culture and language, which is aimed at school staff and educators, because they know there is not enough of them in the classroom and a train-the-trainer approach is the next best thing.

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

## **COURT NOTICE**

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

COURT DATE NOTICE  
In Re Case: Alena Maki/ vs. Manuel Maki/ Docket Number: FM-2018-0083-D V

This case has been scheduled

A health major, she was selected for an internship with the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) in Washington, D.C. During her internship, she spent time in classes learning about national and local issues and visited the Congressional Offices, National Health Offices, and toured the Washington, D.C. area. She indicated the experience was very intense and eye-opening.

"I realize how important it is for Indian tribes to be on the forefront with the issues that face us," said Sharpe. "I became strongly aware of how much needs to be done when I participated in the NIHB training and

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Answer/Response Hearing  
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA  
KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road,  
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2nd day of October, 2018 at  
10:00 AM in Courtroom I before the  
Honorable Anthony Hill Date: Tuesday,  
August 14, 2018

while attending the WEWIN (Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations). It raised my interest in both tribal and national politics."

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Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

> ESC WORK SESSION, REGARDING EDUCATION

CODE, FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018, 9AM

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR CONNIE JOSE FAMILY

>MONEY MANAGERS WORK SESSION, THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018

>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018, 1PM

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:10 P.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



# GRIN NFL

## PREVIEW 2018



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

Football fans, your 214-day hibernation is almost over. You've been in a state of inactivity, and now you can emerge from your dens and start foraging. The Winter Olympics and the World Cup couldn't hold you over, and NFL pre-season has you longing for the real thing, baby.

Football is back and so is the GRIN's annual NFL preview. Robstradamus was a little off last year, and the year before, and I think the year before that, but this year is different. My reception is extra tingly and the predictions are coming in loud and clear. But before I give you my can't-miss, full-proof picks for the 2018 NFL season, let's rewind the year that was.

The Philadelphia Eagles, yes, those Philadelphia Eagles, won the big one with their victory in Super Bowl LII. They went toe-to-toe with the defending champion New England Patriots in a thrilling match-up that wasn't in the bag until time expired. Philly fans had the time of their lives even when they fell off the awning outside Philadelphia's Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Here in Arizona, the Cardinals evened out with an 8-8 record, and the Bruce Arians era ended after five seasons. The 2018 additions include a new coaching staff, new quarterbacks and a new \$75 hamburger. Everyone is counting the redbirds out, but could they be a surprise team at the end of the year?

To kneel or not to kneel, that was the question. With a new national anthem policy in place, we'll see how the controversy plays out for the league on this hot-button issue. The Los Angeles Rams took over the NFC West in their second year back in California. Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Ryan Shazier suffered a devastating spinal injury jeopardizing the young Pro Bowler's career. Thanks to Minnesota Vikings linebacker Anthony Barr and Aaron Rodgers' collarbone, we have a new

rule against driving quarterbacks into the ground. A deal at the trade deadline brought quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo out of Tom Brady's shadow and under center for the San Francisco 49ers, and across the Bay, Jon Gruden is putting on the headset once again for the Silver and Black.

### AFC East winner – New England Patriots

Tom Brady is still thinking about that pass he dropped in the Patriots' 41-33 loss in Super Bowl LII. Lucky for the Pats, the division is going to be another cake walk, but don't bet on head coach Bill Belichick showing any human emotions.

The Buffalo Bills snuck into the playoffs in 2017, which ended an 18-year postseason drought. Don't worry, they'll get back to their losing ways, especially if rookie quarterback Josh Allen is thrown into the fire before he's ready.

The New York Jets are looking to turn around their fortunes after back-to-back five-win seasons with the quarterback of the future, Sam Darnold, kicking off his career in the Big Apple. Ownership is going to have to be patient while they figure out their long-term goals.

The last time the Miami Dolphins won a playoff game, I was 19-years-old. I'm 37. They were dealt a tough blow last year with the effects of Hurricane Irma messing up their schedule, but improvement on both sides of the ball will be hard to come by in 2018.

### AFC North winner – Pittsburgh Steelers

The Pittsburgh Steelers will put up big numbers to once again win the division. If the defense needs motivation, all they have to do is pop in the tape of their 45-42 playoff loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco isn't looking to hang them up despite first-round draft pick Lamar Jackson waiting in the wings. Free agent signing John Brown will

bring some big plays to the offense and Terrell Suggs will show he still has some gas left in the tank.

The Cincinnati Bengals are giving it one more shot with head coach Marvin Lewis. If things don't get back on track this will be his last year wearing those hideous stripes.

If the Cleveland Browns win 4 games they'll match their win total from the past three seasons. They made a lot of moves in the offseason, but we've seen them swing and miss too many times.

### AFC West Winner – Los Angeles Chargers

The Los Angeles Chargers have the most to build on in 2018. Last year they went from 3-6 to 9-7. They will finally win those close games that seem to dog them every season. If the injury bug doesn't bite them too hard, they'll be sitting pretty.

I haven't seen all of the sequels to the Chucky movies, but I'll be watching this reboot of Jon Gruden coaching the Oakland Raiders. It won't be easier after such a long layoff, but who can blame him for taking a 10-year, \$100 million deal.

Kansas City Chiefs fans won't have to endure another postseason meltdown. New Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes has a rocket arm and some of his passes might even go to the intended receivers.

The Denver Broncos have their man in quarterback Case Keenum, but whether he is the right man, is yet to be seen. Their defense will be disruptive, but that will only get them so far.

### AFC South Winner – Jacksonville Jaguars

The Jacksonville Jaguars had some memorable moments last year and their window is still open. If they hadn't taken their foot off the gas pedal in the AFC Championship game against the Pats, they'd be even more hyped.

The Tennessee Titans are still on the rise with Derrick Henry now as the featured running back. Left

tackle Taylor Lewan inked a big deal which bodes well for quarterback Marcus Mariota's blind side.

Quarterback Dashaun Watson's promising rookie season with the Houston Texans was cut short by an ACL tear 9 months ago. He has come back from big injuries in the past and the Texans are going to need him if they want to make some noise.

The Indianapolis Colts are happy to have their franchise quarterback, Andrew Luck, taking first team reps. Luck will help for sure, but a lot has changed in this division since the Colts were a factor.

### Wild Card Teams – Tennessee Titans, Houston Texans

### NFC East Winner – Philadelphia Eagles

The Eagles come into the season as defending champs—new territory. Quarterback Nick Foles took over for Carson Wentz late in the season, and won a Super Bowl MVP in the process. He can "man the ship" until Wentz is fully recovered from an ACL tear.

If running back Ezekiel Elliot puts up the same numbers from his rookie season, the Dallas Cowboys can give their fanbase more reason to cheer. We've seen quarterback Dak Prescott without Elliot and less time to throw, and it's not a pretty picture.

It's all or nothing for the New York Giants. After a 3-win season, the Giants have a new coaching staff, a healthy Odell Beckham Jr. and rookie running back Saquon Barkely to help them out of the cellar.

With the Alex Smith trade, Washington is looking to be relevant again, but this is not the year. They'll be playing catch up to the defending champs and two other teams that have a lot to prove.

### NFC North Winner – Minnesota Vikings

The Minnesota Vikings will be in the driver seat with new quarterback Kirk Cousins and running back Dalvin Cook to go

along with a fearsome defense. The Vikes are looking to finally snag that missing Lombardi Trophy.

When you have Aaron Rodgers, you always have a shot. The Green Bay Packers will need the former MVP to lead them back to their winning ways. Divisional wins won't be as automatic as they were in the past, but double-digit victories sounds about right.

I feel like one of the Super Fans with Chris Farelly and Mike Myers this year when it comes to da Bears. Every year one team does a dramatic turnaround and the Chicago Bears have a chance to turn some heads. Quarterback Mitchell Trubisky will have to improve, and if he does, watch out.

The Detroit Lions are underachievers and they're hoping that new head coach Matt Patricia has the answers. But Belichick disciples haven't exactly set the world on fire once given head NFL coaching duties.

### NFC West Winner – Los Angeles Rams

The Los Angeles Rams were winners last year and they are on the fast-track to keep it that way. They took a take-no-prisoners approach in the offseason, particularly on defense, and they will be a popular pick to make it to Atlanta for Super Bowl LIII.

The Legion of Boom is history. Quarterback Russell Wilson is all they need to stay in games, but he better have on his track shoes.

It's tough to pin your hopes on the oft-injured quarterback Sam Bradford, but that's exactly what the Arizona Cardinals have done. Odds makers are giving them a pickle-slusly's chance at lunch time, but betting the over will be a good wager for this team in transition.

Who's that Hollywood leading man throwing passes for the San Francisco 49ers? That's Jimmy G, folks. I need 49er fans back in my life like I need a stubbed toe, but we'll soon find out if the blueprint is working for this rebuilt squad.

### NFC South Winner – Atlanta Falcons

The Atlanta Falcons are in a good spot to keep racking up wins in a top-heavy division. They're still hungry for a Super Bowl, and in February the big game is in their home stadium. Could they be the first true home team in Super Bowl history?

For New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, less is more. Their rushing attack takes precedent over their once-prolific passing game in this playoffs-or-bust year, considering they were one good tackle away from playing in the NFC title game in 2017.

The Carolina Panthers have been in the playoffs four out of the last five years, but it's going to be a dog fight for them to win the division. When quarterback Cam Newton uses his legs that's when he's the most dangerous.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston is getting his tenth chance to prove he's a decent guy. His bad decision-making is carrying over to the field and he might need a fresh start to get back on track.

### Wild Card Teams – Green Bay Packers, New Orleans Saints

### Super Bowl LIII prediction

We'll be glued to the TV screen on Feb. 3, 2019 to watch the Minnesota Vikings take on the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl LIII at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Ga. The Vikings defense will go against the high-powered Steelers offense in a heavy-weight showdown. Start working on your Prince playlists now, because Purple Rain will pour down from the rafters when the Vikings win it all. They're famously 0-4 in the big game, but this year that zero is straightened out. Let's Go Crazy.

### Super Bowl Champions – Minnesota Vikings

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