



C.H. COOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FIRE

## Historic First Presbyterian Church set on fire in Sacaton



Crews put out the fire at the historic Presbyterian Church in Sacaton on March 25. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

### Several public safety agencies and GRIC departments assisted in the emergency, three suspects arrested by GRPD

Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

The Presbyterian C.H. Cook Memorial Church, a historic landmark in Sacaton, was lost to a fire on March 25. At 8:52 a.m., Gila River Police Department and Gila River Fire Department, along with other local fire departments responded to the blaze, which—by the time crews arrived on the scene—had fully engulfed the structure.

The fire was so immense, that billows of smoke could be seen from Interstate 10 and Wild Horse Pass, as crews rushed to extinguish the flames. Social media users were active posting video and pictures of the events unfolding before them.

Much of the interior structure was consumed by flames, as it swept through the buildings windows and roof, which gave way under the enormity of the fire.

Firefighters rushed to put out the fire, and conduct mop-up operations to suppress any lingering flames underneath the charred rubble and to cordon the area. Members of public safety were on-hand to speak with parishioners of the nearby First Presbyterian Church, who provided updates on the fire and police investigation.

Church pastor Loretta Blackwater said the fire is a blow to the long history of families who attended services at the old church building.

“It’s like losing a parent, that’s why it’s so hard, because we knew this was a safe haven. You could come here and feel safe, everyone who knew each other, and others were welcome,” said Blackwater

Gina Enos, a church elder, said it’s a sad reminder of the terrible things that have previously happened to the church. “Before, they would spray [paint] hurtful things on the walls, that’s why its painted over in front,” said Enos.

She recalls memories as a child attending services at the church with her parents and siblings, and how the church was a symbol to many Community members.

According to a Gila River Police Department press release, GRPD officers conducted a sweep of the area to gather information on individuals in the vicinity at the time of the fire.

After an investigation, GRPD officers located three suspects who were taken into custody for arson. On March 26, the Gila River Fire Department thanked the following parties on their Facebook page for assisting with the emergency: Gila River Health Care, Gila River Department of Public Works, Gila River Office of Emergency Management, Gila River District 3, Casa Grande Fire Department, Chandler Fire Department, AZ Fire Medical - Battalion 231, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).



Crowds gather outside the church for a vigil. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Coverage of church vigil and meeting Page 6



Lance Burton, performs in Sacaton prior to shows at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

### Magician Lance Burton performs for children at the Boys & Girls Club

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Legendary performer and magician Lance Burton treated youth to a special magic show at the Boys & Girls Club in Sacaton on March 15.

Burton was in town to perform two shows at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino on March 16 and 17, and shared his love of magic with an eager audience of youth who sat in rows inside the gymnasium.

“I always try to tell people how I got started in magic when I was a kid,” said Burton, “When I was five-years-old at a magic show, I was pulled from the audience, went up on stage and a magician pulled a silver dollar out from behind my ear.”

Burton said it seemed real to him as a kid, but it was soon pointed out to him, the magician did not have magic powers and was merely a performer that has practiced their art over and over. Burton then went to the local library to find books to learn about the craft.

“I got some magic books and started reading and I got a magic set,” said Burton, “50 years later, I’m on stage and I’m getting kids out from the audience to perform magic with me.”

Magician Keith West also entertained the audience with gravity-defying illusions and other tricks.

Afterward, Burton invited a youth from the audience for the final act of the afternoon. Although it appeared to be a standard magic trick of pulling a silver dollar from behind an ear, Burton rocked the audience member back and forth, which led to a shower of silver coins to come from the child’s mouth into a jar.

By performing in front of the kids, Burton said, “I’m hoping just to pass that part along, hoping that one day, there will be another terrific magician to come along and then they’ll say ‘oh yeah, I saw Lance Burton and he got me up on stage.’”

Part of his act is not just the tricks, but leaving an impression on the audience.

“The lesson out of that is try to be kind to everyone, you meet along your journey,” he said, “You want to try, to in any performing art form, whether you are a singer or comic or magician, you want to demonstrate what you do, but also try to connect with audiences on a personal level.”

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# GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

## Introducing New Column! - *Let's Ask Dr. Roopa*

Gila River Health Care is proud to introduce Dr. Roopa, an Endocrinologist or a doctor that specializes in managing diabetes. Dr. Roopa has been with GRHC's Life Center for nearly three years, in addition to treating patients, she is devoting her time to patient awareness and education. In April, GRHC will launch its first column dedicated to increasing awareness and decreasing the stigma associated with diabetes. The "*Let's Ask Dr. Roopa*" column will publish in GRHC's full-page ads in the Gila River Indian News (GRIN) so readers can find the column once a month.

## Introducing Dr. Roopa, Endocrinologist At Life Center

To briefly introduce myself, I come from a family of many people with diabetes, and I have seen them go through the everyday struggle of managing diabetes. It gave me an insight about how dealing with diabetes was easy for some people while very difficult for others. I was determined to become a doctor and specialize in Endocrinology to be able to help people as well as my family members.

I want to use my column to the fullest to write about the topic of diabetes. My goal is to reach out to more people to help them improve their health especially with regards to diabetes. Diabetes can be frustrating, annoying and frightening to people. But I want to completely ensure that it is treatable and people with diabetes can live long healthy and happy lives.

My goal is to provide information about diabetes and answer all your questions. Also to provide more information about the available tools and resources in our community, so that people feel more comfortable to openly discuss, ask questions, seek help or advise to improve their health.

I look forward to our conversation. That's right, I would like for you to be my guests and send me your questions so that I can answer you in my column, on our social media platforms or website. From time to time, I may even ask you to join me for a live interview to share information that will help others!



Send your questions to: [AskDrROOPA@GRHC.ORG](mailto:AskDrROOPA@GRHC.ORG)

Look for my next column in the April 19th GRIN. I will talk about the history of diabetes and "Why me?" Until then, practice self-care; take Care of #1!

- *Dr. Roopa*

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## April is Alcohol Awareness Month

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# Gila River Indian News welcomes Community Newsperson



**Kyle Knox joins the GRIN.** Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

Greetings, I am Kyle Knox and I would like to introduce myself as the newest Community Newsperson to join the Gila River Indian News. I am an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community from District 7. I'm also part Hopi on my mother's side, so I consider that home as well. I'm happy to join the Communications & Public Affairs Office where I will support the GRIN with my media skills.

Having graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Arts, concentration in Film and Media Production, I feel confident in developing stories while using my knowledge and experience behind a camera. Prior to joining the GRIN, I acquired numerous titles in various sectors including media, non-profit management, AmeriCorps and higher education. Some of my work includes the development and creation of an agricultural curriculum with videos for Hopi youth as a consultant. Later, I became a Program Manager for the Hopi Foundation's Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative where I oversaw the programs development and implementation of many of its initial goals. In 2017 I transitioned from Hopi and moved back to the Valley. Upon return, I began a volunteer term with AmeriCorps at Arizona State University and was eventually hired with Access ASU's SPARKS program where I served as an Educational Outreach Specialist.

Aside from my career, my passions are for volunteering, serving and supporting youth, and advocating for equity in communities of color. I also served as a volunteer soccer coach for my niece and nephew's soccer teams with my sister. Additionally, I also serve as a member of the National Council of Young Leaders as well as a member of Opportunity Youth United. With this work, I advocate for equity for 16-24-year-old populations that are neither in school or working. In this role, I am one of two Native American representatives helping to bring awareness and inclusion for rural and urban Native American communities.

It is because I was raised in Phoenix most my life, I represent many communities, wear many

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hats, and carry various roles. Therefore, one of my biggest aspirations is to serve my people and champion my communities with integrity and fidelity. I had the opportunity to "go home" and work for my community on Hopi and I'm beyond proud to say that I'm now afforded the privilege to work with and for our Community in this capacity. I look forward to bringing my talents and experience, while learning about our Community, and keeping everyone well informed about matters that concern us most.



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# Native American Fatherhood & Families Association will use GRIC grant to certify facilitators

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The Native American Fatherhood & Families Association, an organization that teaches fathers and mothers how to build healthy relationships and environments for their children, received a grant from the Gila River Indian Community through the state's shared gaming agreement to enhance direct services.

The grant will go toward certifying 12 facilitators to teach the Fatherhood is Sacred and Motherhood is Sacred curriculum to Mesa residents year-round. The grant will also cover registration fees for training and facilitation of classes when the trainers are teaching on their own.

"It's a two-year grant to help us open the parent resource center and that's right here in our own office" Amy Fa'atoafe, NAFFA Executive Director said.

Located in Mesa, NAFFA is led by a small

team who educate over 240 tribal communities nationwide and in Canada. They host a series of workshops that are open to parents on a weekly basis.

According to a grant summary provided by the GRIC Office of Special Funding, "The grant will be used to expand capacity to provide direct service to parents working and living in the Mesa area."

Fa'atoafe said NAFFA provides parenting workshops called Strengthening All Families Effectively (S.A.F.E.) a new program, that started in January. Concurrently, workshops are offered in the morning and evening to accommodate parent schedules on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with 13 workshops on effective parenting hosted at the NAFFA office.

Every week on Tuesday and Thursday NAFFA hosts curriculum groups, Fatherhood is Sacred, Linking Generations by Strengthening Relation-

ships and Addressing Family Violence and Abuse. Additionally, there is a family law clinic and child support clinic, where professionals volunteer their time to meet with people for their needs.

Albert Pooley, NAFFA Founder & President said, "Throughout the country, we have served over 20,000 men and women, and more."

According to Pooley, much of the program evolved from smaller initiatives to reach out to fathers, which now includes mothers as part of the expansion of services. NAFFA also works with parents that are requested to attend workshops by the City of Mesa Community Court system.

For more information about the workshops and train-the-trainer sessions, you can contact NAFFA at (480) 833-5007. NAFFA also hosts on-going drop-in groups every Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.



The Native American Fatherhood & Families Association received a grant from GRIC to train facilitators. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

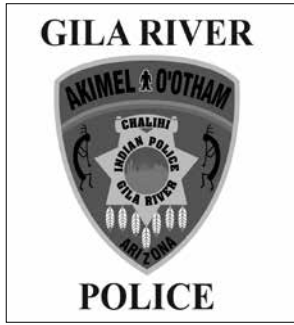
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	Sunday 4/7	Monday 4/8	Tuesday 4/9	Wednesday 4/10	Thursday 4/11	Friday 4/12	Saturday 4/13	
12:00pm	Native Planet - <i>New Zealand Science and Indigenous knowledge.</i>	Touching the Past <i>Sharing experience as a Navajo Code Talker.</i>	Places Not Our Own <i>Hope resides but also does devastation.</i>	Crying Earth Rise Up <i>Exposes the human cost of Uranium mining.</i>	<b>THROWBACK THURSDAY!</b> Check out local content from 2015 and 2016! Visit <a href="http://www.grbc.tv/schedule">www.grbc.tv/schedule</a> for complete listing.	<b>FLASHBACK FRIDAY!</b> Check out local content from 2017 and 2018! Visit <a href="http://www.grbc.tv/schedule">www.grbc.tv/schedule</a> for a complete listing.	Regaining Food Sovereignty <i>Examining history and health.</i>	
12:30pm	Storytellers In Motion <i>Tantoo Cardinal</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Gii'ahl Galang Stories</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Akwesasne Part 1</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Haida Art</i>			Bound to Tradition	
1:00pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening			Make Prayers to the Raven	
1:30pm	Wassaja <i>Mary K. Nagle</i>	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together			Wassaja <i>Mary K. Nagle</i>	
2:00pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>			<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	
2:30pm	Florence Benedict <i>Mohawk elder preserves art, culture and history of fancy basket making for future.</i>	Native Planet - <i>New Zealand Science and Indigenous knowledge.</i>	Indian Pride <i>Historical Overview</i>	On Native Ground: <i>Youth Report</i>			Making Regalia <i>Jingle Dress</i>	
3:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Ancient Artifacts -</i>	First Talk <i>Buffy St. Marie</i>	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Scallop Farming</i>	Common Ground <i>Traditions</i>			Children of the Desert	
3:30pm	We Are The Indians <i>Modernity encroaches on their ancient spirituality and timeless way of life</i>	Behind The Brush	First Talk <i>Children's Hospital</i>	First Talk <i>Indian Romance</i>			The New Zealanders - <i>Round The Mountain Black belt, oil field worker, and famous</i>	
4:00pm	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Places Not Our Own <i>Hope resides but also does devastation.</i>	People of the Pines <i>World of Serrano</i>	Making Regalia <i>Jingle Dress</i>			Indigenous Focus <i>Yukon Kings</i>	
4:30pm	Native Voice TV	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Crying Earth Rise Up <i>Exposes the human cost of Uranium mining.</i>	Finding Their Own <i>Dance Alaska Natives rebuild their culture.</i>			Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee	
5:00pm	The Medicine Line <i>Dance Art</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>			Wapoy Bay <i>All Access</i>	
5:30pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Ancient Artifacts -</i>	Dabiyiyuu <i>Keeping It Real</i>	The New Creative India	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People			Wild Archaeology <i>Turtle Island</i>	
6:00pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>			Hit The Ice <i>Much Needed Rest</i>	
6:30pm	Native Shorts	Wild Archaeology <i>Turtle Island</i>	Urban Native Girl <i>Should I Stay or Go</i>	The Medicine Line <i>Dance Art</i>			<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	
7:00pm	The Aux <i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native &amp; World Indigenous cultures.</i>	Indians and Aliens <i>Misiginebig</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Much Needed Rest</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Barrio De Paz</i>	Mixed Blessings <i>Happy Anniversary</i>			
7:30pm	Injunuity	Tiping Point The End of the Oil <i>Shocking documentary of a major environmental issue.</i>	William and Windmill <i>14 yo builds a wind turbine to help beat famine.</i>	The Tundra Book <i>A glimpse into community determined to preserve ancient culture and traditions.</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Birth of a Station</i>			
8:00pm	Jaynelle <i>Jaynelles journey as a struggling Native parent.</i>	The Price of Peace <i>Sent to prison for weapon offences, Tame's legal case is mired in a legacy of colonial animosity.</i>	Lving With Wolves	The Human Effect <i>Finding balance and harmony with each other and the environment.</i>	More Than Frybread <i>22 Tribes battle for the best frybread maker.</i>			
8:30pm	Birch Bark Canoe <i>Building fresh harvested timber to a completed craft.</i>	Sheltered <i>Peru: The Journey Begins</i>	Sheltered <i>Work, Work</i>		Johnny Be Good			
9:00pm					Alaska Tribes - <i>The Story of the Federal Indian Law in Alaska</i>			
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# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs



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

Incident Log March 10, 2019 – March 16, 2019

Gila River Police officers responded to 621 calls for service and made 24 arrests.

**District One:**

**Theft -** Suspect(s) stole a 1972 white travel trailer from a construction site. Employees noticed the missing property and notified law enforcement. Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

**District Two:**

No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

**District Three:**

**Robbery –** The suspect(s) assaulted the victim by punching her about her face causing her nose to break. After the assault took place, the suspects stole the victim's vehicle and fled the scene. The victim was transported by a friend to a local hospital for medical treatment of her non-life threatening injuries. Medical staff contacted Gila River Police Department to report the robbery. Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Charges forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

**Aggravated Assault –** The suspect and victim, the suspect's girlfriend, were involved in a verbal domestic dispute when it escalated and became physical. The victim stated the suspect strangled her for an unknown amount of time. Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

**Theft –** The suspect stole the victim's cell phone from the Mul Chu Tha carnival booth the victim was working. The victim attempted to track her phone with the help of Gila River Police officers but were unable to locate the phone.

Status: Under Investigation.

**District Four:**

(Stotonic Area)

No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

**Auto Theft –** Suspect(s) stole the victim's car keys, located her vehicle, a white two-door hatchback Fiat 500, in the Lone Butte Casino parking lot, and stole the vehicle.

The victim, upon not locating her vehicle, notified security. Security personnel contacted law enforcement and Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

**Auto Theft –** Suspect(s) stole the victim's vehicle, a gray four-door Jeep Grand Cherokee, while it was parked at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino. The victim, upon not locating his vehicle, notified security. Security personnel contacted law enforcement and Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

**Shoplifting -** The suspect entered the Lone Butte Trade Center, concealed merchandise and left the store without first paying for the items. Store employees notified law enforcement and gila river police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

**Shoplifting –** The suspect entered the Tommy Hilfiger department store located within the Phoenix Premium Outlets, concealed merchandise and proceeded to shoplift the items by leaving past the point of sale. Store employees notified law enforcement and Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

**District Five:**

**Aggravated Assault -** The suspect, arrived at the victim's residence, exited his vehicle with a firearm and walked towards the victim striking him on the side of his head. Law enforcement was contacted and Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident. However, the suspect left the area prior to police arrival.

Status: Charges forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

**Aggravated Assault –** The victim reported multiple incidents of assault by the suspect, the victim's father. During a recent altercation, the suspect struck the victim with a broomstick. The incident took place while at the suspect's residence. Gila River Police officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under Investigation.

**Aggravated Assault -** The suspect stabbed the victim, his father, in the chest with a kitchen knife. The suspect then attempted to leave the residence but

was later discovered hiding behind a disabled vehicle on the west side of the residence. Once in custody, the suspect did not speak to officers or provide any identification. His identification was confirmed by fingerprint scan at the Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision. The victim was transported to a local trauma hospital to receive further medical treatment of his serious injuries.

Status: The suspect was arrested.

**Aggravated Assault –** The suspect and victim were involved in a physical confrontation while at the victim's residence. During the confrontation, the suspect produced a box cutter and stabbed the victim in his chest causing a minor puncture wound. The suspect was located at his residence and subsequently placed under arrest. The victim was transported to a local hospital to receive further medical treatment of his non-life threatening injuries.

Status: The suspect was arrested.

**District Six:**

**Theft -** The suspect was observed taking tools belonging to the victim, while at the victim's residence. The suspect was reported to be intoxicated while he was sitting in the carport of the residence. After he was told to leave, the suspect took off with a bag of tools belonging to the victim. Efforts were made to locate the suspect but yielded negative results.

Status: Charges forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

**District Seven:**

No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

Incident Log March 17, 2019 – March 23, 2019

Gila River Police officers responded to 595 calls for service and made 38 arrests.

**District One:**

**Theft –** The suspect stole two cellular phones and a driver's license belonging to the victim while staying at the residence. When the victim could not locate his Arizona driver's license and two cell phones, he contacted law enforcement. Gila River police officers responded to investigate. At the time of reporting, the suspect was

no longer staying at the residence.

Status: Under Investigation.

**Theft –** Suspect(s) stole a single one hundred dollar bill from the victim's purse while inside the victim's residence. The victim believes a relative took the money while she was gone from her residence. Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

**District Two:**

**Robbery –** the suspect committed the offense of aggravated burglary, aggravated assault, and theft of motor vehicle by smashing the window of the victim's residence, entering the residence, assaulting the victim (homeowner) in the head with a bat, and stealing the victim's car. The victim was transported to a local trauma hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Status: Under Investigation.

**District Three:**

**Aggravated Assault –** Suspect(s) stabbed the victim while walking home in the area of East Seed Farm Road South Main Street. A passing motorist gave the victim a ride to a local trauma hospital for treatment of his non-life threatening injury. Hospital staff notified law enforcement. Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

**Aggravated Assault –** The suspect committed aggravated assault (domestic violence) and disorderly conduct against the victim, his 14 year old son, by placing his arm around the victim's neck and applied enough pressure to alter his breathing and strike fear of possible injury. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate. The victim advised he was injury free and denied medical attention.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

**District Four:**

(Stotonic Area)

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**Auto Theft –** Suspect (s) stole a blue and gray 1977 Chevy pickup truck from the victim's property at an unknown time. Attempts were made by officers to locate the vehicle. However, they were unsuccessful. The vehicle was entered

into the national crime information center as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation.

**Aggravated Assault -** The suspect committed aggravated assault by pointing a handgun at police officers and ramming a police vehicle causing injury to a police officer. The suspect was shot by officers during the confrontation. Gila River Emergency Services responded and transported all injured parties to a local trauma hospital for treatment of their non-life-threatening injuries.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

**Theft –** The suspect trespassed on the victim's property while the victim was away from his residence and stole a blue and white BMX bicycle and a bag of eagle feathers. A neighbor witnessed the incident and notified the victim of the incident. Law enforcement was contacted and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

**Theft –** The suspect took four bags through the front window of the victim's vehicle while it was parked at the casino. The victim witnessed the incident and contacted security. Casino security notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

**Auto Theft –** The suspect stole the victim's vehicle, a white 2013 Chrysler sedan, from the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino parking lot. The victim, upon finding the vehicle missing, notified law enforcement. Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

**District Five:**

**Aggravated Assault –** The suspect and victim, the suspect's wife, were involved in a verbal domestic altercation when it escalated and became physical. The suspect punched and strangled the victim. Once the suspect released the victim she called and notified law enforcement. Officers searched the area for the suspect but had negative contact. The victim was seen by Gila River Emergency Medical Services and was treated for minor injuries at the scene.

Status: Charges forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

**District Six:**

**Aggravated Assault -** The juvenile suspect and victim, the suspect's twelve-year old cousin, were involved in a verbal altercation when it escalated and became physical. The suspect placed the victim in a chokehold restricting his airway and placing him in imminent fear for his safety and well-being. Other residents present at the time of the incident ordered the suspect to let the victim go. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to the residence. The suspect was later located at another residence and taken into custody. The victim was evaluated by Gila River Emergency Medical Services for treatment of his injuries and then released to his guardian.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

**Theft –** Suspect(s) stole the victim's 50-inch television from her bedroom in the residence while she was away. The victim stated she suspects a roommate took the television, as there were no signs of forced entry.

Status: Under Investigation.

**Theft –** The suspect committed theft by cashing out a slot ticket belonging to the victim. The suspect left the casino prior to being located by Security. The victim reported the incident to Casino Security but did not contact the Police Department on the night of the incident.

Status: Charges forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

**Theft –** The suspect took the victim's phone after the victim left his cell phone on the counter near the cashier's cage. The suspect then left the premises prior to the victim realizing he no longer had the item in his possession. Casino security was notified of the missing cellular phone and Gila River Police Department was notified. Officers responded to investigate the theft.

Status: Under Investigation.

**District Seven:**

**Theft –** Suspect(s) forced entry onto the victim's property by cutting a padlock into the fenced off area. The suspect(s) then took a sixteen-foot flatbed utility trailer and left the area. The trailer was recovered the same day by Phoenix Police Department in their jurisdiction.

Status: Under Investigation.

# Vigil and public meeting held in wake of the C.H. Cook Memorial Church fire



An aerial view of the C.H. Cook Memorial Church shows the extent of the fire damage. Courtesy of Cultural Resources



The informational meeting regarding the fire was held on March 30. Emma Hughes/GRIN



The March 29 vigil included relatives of the late Charles Cook. Emma Hughes/GRIN

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

A vigil was held Friday evening, March 29, for the C.H. Cook Memorial Church that had been destroyed by a fire earlier in the week. The arson caused devastation among the Community and hundreds showed up to offer prayers and share memories of the historical church which many had compared the tragic event to the loss of a loved one.

The church was constructed in 1918, by the Presbyterian church led by Charles H. Cook, who arrived in Sacaton in 1870 intending to act as a missionary to the Community. Cook preached and organized the first church in 1889. While the congregation grew, there was a need to build a larger church which would be now known as the C.H. Memorial. The building was already unique as it was one of the few two-story adobe buildings in Arizona. Originally constructed without electricity due to the numerous large windows that provided plenty of light and built to hold 400 people but would often overflow for weddings and funerals. All according to the nom-

"MY HEART FELL. WE CELEBRATED HOLIDAYS THERE, WE SAID GOODBYE TO LOVED ONES, WE BROUGHT FAMILIES TOGETHER UNDER THE RIGHT OF MARRIAGE."  
- GOV. STEPHEN ROE LEWIS SAID UPON LEARNING OF THE FIRE

ination form provided to the National Register of Historic Places which the church was later added to in 1975, nominated by the Arizona State Parks. The C.H. Memorial Church was the oldest in the state.

"It was a physical structure that showed God's love to this Community" said Rev. Martha Sadongei who opened the vigil with prayer and remarks. Also in attendance was Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis who explained that he was on travel in Washington when he got the news of the church arson.

"My heart fell. We celebrated holidays there, we said goodbye to loved ones, we brought families together under the right of marriage." said Lewis.

He reminisced of growing up, going to bible school and having been

baptized along with his siblings and notes that the funeral of Ira H. Hayes was held in the church as well.

Several Community members and visitors continued to share their heartfelt words, including Bie Jackson, Community member, who recalled a family that once traveled from the Netherlands to visit the historical church after finding out about it on the internet.

Among the attendees at the vigil, was Rev. Steve Marsh, the great-great grandson of Charles Cook. "When I heard the news of what happened here, I wept," said Marsh. "I know my family's love for the native population and for this place. It's truly an honor to hear the stories and the impact that my grandfather made but also how this Community impacted his life."

Although the church is on Community land, it is owned by the Presbyterian church of the Grand Canyon and has been connected with the Community since its inception. With all the damage from the fire, there is a good possibility that it will be taken off the National Register according to Kyle Woodson, Cultural Resources Management

Program Director, who presented the background of the church at a public meeting held on Saturday morning, March 30 at the District 3 Head Start.

The public meeting was held to give updates of the arson by Gila River Police Department and Gila River Fire Department and to hear from the Community as well.

Acting Chief Timothy Chavez of GRPD gave a timeline of the incident on March 25.

8:51 a.m. the time was reported of suspects entering the local gas station, Sacaton 76.

8:52 a.m. Fire dispatched to 31 Church Street for a structure fire. Once crews responded, officers

began gathering information on suspects. Utilizing surveillance cameras in the surrounding areas, GRPD were able to get detailed descriptions the suspects.

9:45 a.m. Chavez noticed three individuals matching the suspect's description on Azul Street.

10:12 a.m. Officers detained the suspects: two juveniles and one adult.

10:21 a.m. Officers were en route to the local station to interview the suspects

1:40 p.m. All three suspects were booked.

On March 27 around 3 p.m., the lighter matching the description as the one used by the suspects was located by the GRPD

detectives on Azul Street and Cactus Street near the District 3 Elderly Complex. The lighter has been sent to the DPS Crime Lab with the request that it be expedited for processing of fingerprints. No further information was given as it is still an on-going investigation.

Many have speculated the arson to be a hate crime and expressed concerns of further threats or vandalism to any more churches. GRPD has made it clear that they believe this was an isolated incident with no specific targets to the church or any denomination and that there are no further targets towards any other church.

## NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) CUSTODIAL SERVICES



Casa Blanca Community School is currently seeking bids for custodial services.

Bids will be accepted until April 18, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. (MST). For details, please review the complete RFP at:

<https://www.cbcschools.com/news#requestsforproposals>

## Pesticide Control Office Apiary Registration Code

**Honey bees are a critical link in agricultural production. Pollination by managed honey bee colonies adds at least \$15 billion to the value of U.S. agriculture annually through increased yields and superior-quality harvests.**

**As an Arizona tribe with deep roots in agriculture, bees and pollinators in general play an integral part in the Gila River Indian Community's economic and cultural welfare. To regulate managed beekeeping operations within the Community, the Community Council adopted the Apiary Registration Code, GR-01-19, on January 16, 2019.**



**Previous legislation regulating beekeeping activities was over 30 years old, and it was important to ensure that the new code remained applicable, culturally relevant, functional, and enforceable while meeting the needs of the Community.**

**The Pesticide Control Office is responsible for enforcing the Apiary Registration Code, and works closely with other Community agencies to ensure that the placement of the apiaries do not violate Tribal trespass regulations or pose a nuisance to the Community.**

For more information regarding the Apiary Registration Code, please visit us on the web at [www.GRICDEQ.org](http://www.GRICDEQ.org) or contact the Pesticide Control Office at (520)562-2234

# A'AGA

## Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

In the not so distant past, the railroad seemed to border our reservation on all sides. Today, the steel rails and the wooden ties are all gone, but some elders remember the routes. As youngsters they saw the train chugging through the community. In Casa Blanca/Vahki when we used to sleep outside at night, I have a memory hearing the train whistle but keep in mind; my memory and hearing aren't what they used to be. For some tribes railroads were extremely destructive to their way of life. In an attempt to save their way of life tribes sabotaged construction, launched attacks against crews and settlements along the rail route. But the O'otham and Piipaash farmers took the construction in stride, for the most part and saw the railroad as another opportunity to make life better and maybe make some money.

On the last day of September in 1877, while the calendar said it was fall but the temperature was stuck on summer, a construction

train crossed the Colorado River into Yuma, Arizona. Within a few years the railroad reached Gila Bend/Hila Ben. Following an old wagon road/vohg which ran along the southern edge of Sierra Estrella, construction inched towards Maricopa Summit, then continued down to the new town site of Maricopa/Malikhohba. Malikhohba would serve as a hub with connections to Tempe and eventually to Phoenix and Prescott. The laying of the rails made enough of an impression upon the O'otham and Piipaash that the event was notched upon a calendar stick as the railroad inched towards Tucson in 1878-79. Railroad construction began in California and the workforce was primarily Chinese. The O'otham and Piipaash felt serving as scouts for the army was a better way of supplementing their income. When the railroad ran north towards Tempe, it skirted what was then the western edge of our community's boundary. In an effort to maintain good relations, Southern Pacific allowed Natives to ride

free on freight trains. Many O'otham and Piipaash saw this as an opportunity to tap into other markets and boarded trains with the idea of getting a better price for their crops. In his annual report, the Indian Agent noted that the practice of "riding for free" was really a ploy to have the Natives serve as lookouts for washouts and damage along the rails. (Maybe you can ask an elderly relative if they know more about this.) In 1885, the Thirteenth Arizona Legislature, also known as the "thieving thirteenth" appropriated monies for a rail link from Phoenix to the Southern Pacific line in Malikhohba. Construction began in Malikhohba and when it reached the Gila/Akimel, the O'otham and Piipaash refused to grant permission to cross our reservation. Arizona's delegate in Congress worked to get a "right-of-way" bill passed. The railroad decided to pay, in silver, for the route through the reservation. Twelve Natives whose Sacate/Sacati fields lay in the path were paid \$707.90 for land and crops. (My research couldn't make sure if individuals or the whole group received this amount, and I couldn't find out the names of the O'otham and Piipaash landowners. Another opportunity to ask an elderly relative if they know more

about this.) The Maricopa and Phoenix Railroad reached Phoenix on July 4, 1887.

In the mid-1920s, a Southern Pacific (Arizona Eastern) line was laid to connect the Santan and Olberg stops. Fourteen miles south of Chandler and below the Santan Mountains, a large corral and loading ramp was built. No surprise, it was entirely constructed of railroad ties. This facility was known as Dock or Dahk. "Dock" worked as a place for loading or unloading of cattle, and it was used for that from the late 1950's until 1964. Initially it was O'odham and Piipaash cat-

tleman who utilized Dahk but during my lifetime off-reservation cattlemen shipped in herds to graze in our fields. Early spring and fall were the busy shipping in and out times. I remember upper and lower walkways to load cattle onto railroad cars with two decks. "Dahk," is an O'otham word meaning nose, it worked because of the nose-shaped peak due east that some knew as Miligan Dahk. Another explanation was an American settled near the peak and built a house which gave rise to that name. It seems like O'otham have a habit of naming mountains for body parts. In addition to

Dahk, the Santan range also has a Cougar Head/Mavit Mo'o and north of Olberg, there is a lone peak some have envisioned resembles a female breast and is laughingly called an old woman's ... you'll know it when you see it.

*Information was taken from The First Transcontinental Railroad and The Abandoned Rails web-sites; The Pima Indians by Frank Russell; Peoples of the Middle Gila by John P. Wilson; Harry J. Winters Jr.'s 'O'odham Place Names: Meanings, Origins, and Histories, Arizona and Sonora; and Arizona Place Names by Will C. Barnes.*

## Community members learn about healthy eating at nutrition health fair in Sacaton



Attendees visited several booths at the fair for information and other items. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes  
Gila River Indian News

The Nutrition Assistance Program hosted a nutrition health fair at the Ira Hayes memorial park on Friday, March 22. The health fair had a good turnout, starting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with plenty of Community members and employees stopping by to visit the informational booths which offered brochures and promotional incentives.

Some of the activities included a two mile "wellness walk" that began at 7 a.m., booth activities, food

demos and a salsa contest. The health fair brought together programs to help continue the promotion of healthy lifestyles and prevention. Programs in attendance were Genesis, Injury Prevention, WIC, Child Development & Education support services, Gila River Health Care, Community Services Department Elderly Nutrition Program.

Raffles were held throughout the event with the prizes of cookware i.e mixing bowls, measuring cups and spoons, utensils, strainer.



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**SOUTHWEST GAS**



## SAVE THE DATE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CANCER AWARENESS DAY EVENT "HONORING THE JOURNEY"

**Date:** Saturday April 27, 2019

**Location:** Ira Hayes Park

**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**\*Honor Walk/5K Run 8am-9am**

(T-Shirts for Honor Walk/5K Run participants)

**\*Education Booths/Guest Speaker(s)**

**\*Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.**

If you would like additional information on the Education Booths or to volunteer, please contact Ms. Victoria Allison at (520) 610-1062.





# Provide Your Input!

## I-11 DRAFT TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PRELIMINARY SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION (DRAFT TIER 1 EIS), Nogales to Wickenburg

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Arizona Department of Transportation is conducting an environmental study to identify a potential 280-mile corridor for I-11 between Nogales and Wickenburg. The Tier 1 environmental review process considers a wide range of Build Corridor Alternatives and the No-Build (do-nothing) Alternative.

### DRAFT TIER 1 EIS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

On April 5, 2019, the Arizona Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, released the Draft Tier 1 EIS for the I-11 Corridor, Nogales to Wickenburg, for public review and comment.

### ATTEND A PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearings on the Draft Tier 1 EIS will provide information on the Recommended Corridor Alternative and accept formal public comments via the comment form (hardcopy or online), verbally to a court reporter, and through three-minute verbal comments in front of a panel of study team members. The same information and opportunity for comment will be available at each public hearing.

The hearings will take place on the dates and locations listed below. Information will be continuously presented; attend any time during the hours listed.

- 1 Monday, 4/29/19 | 5–8 p.m.**  
Palo Verde Energy Education Center 600 N. Airport Road, Buckeye
- 2 Tuesday, 4/30/19 | 4–7 p.m.**  
Wickenburg Community Center 155 N. Tegner Street, Wickenburg
- 3 Wednesday, 5/1/19 | 5–8 p.m.**  
Holiday Inn 777 N. Pinal Avenue, Casa Grande
- 4 Tuesday, 5/7/19 | 4–7 p.m.**  
Quality Hotel Americana 639 N. Grand Avenue, Nogales
- 5 Wednesday, 5/8/19 | 3–8 p.m.**  
Tucson Convention Center Ballrooms/Lobby 260 S. Church Avenue, Tucson
- 6 Saturday 5/11/19 | 11 a.m.–4 p.m.**  
Marana High School Cafeteria 12000 W. Emigh Road, Marana

### REVIEW THE DRAFT TIER 1 EIS DOCUMENT

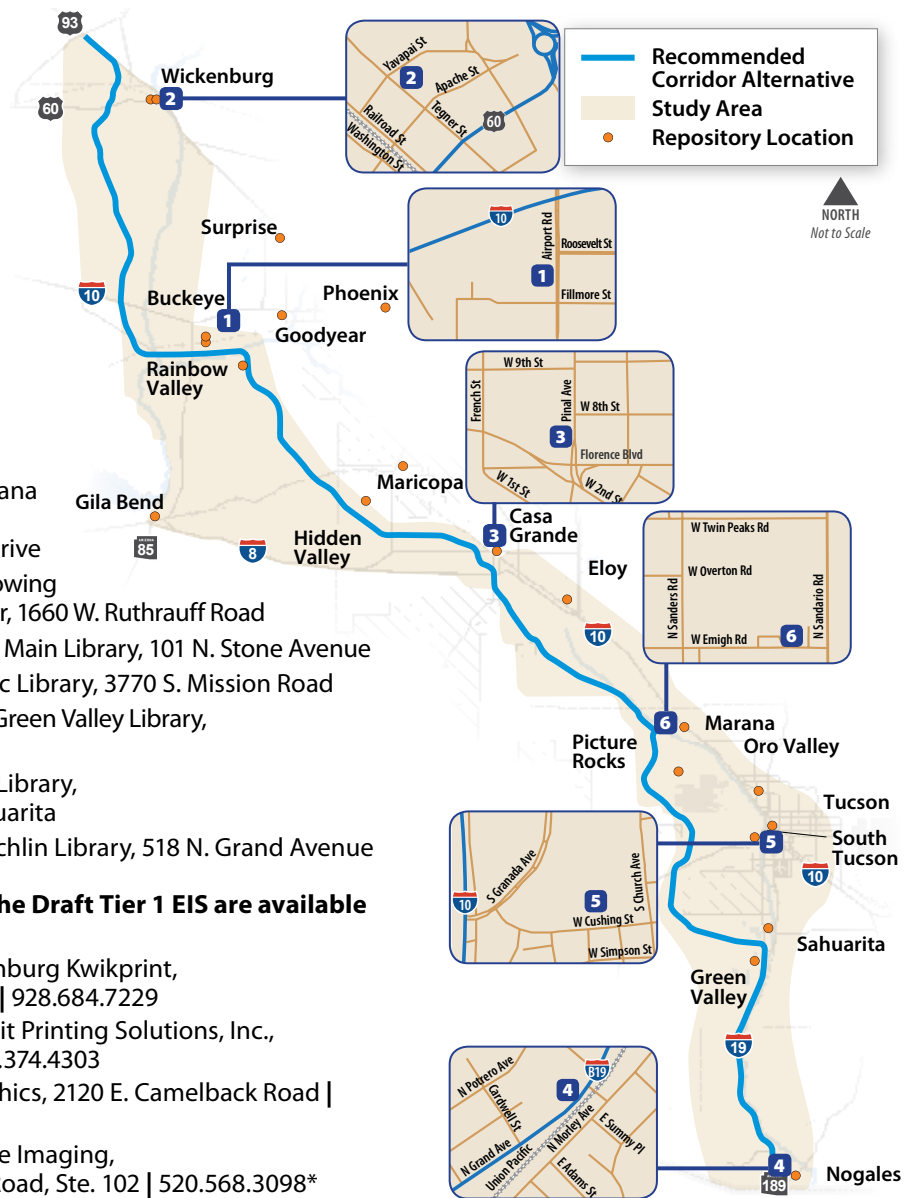
The Draft Tier 1 EIS is available for review on the study website at [i11study.com/Arizona](http://i11study.com/Arizona). Hard copies of the Draft Tier 1 EIS are also available for review during business hours at the following repository locations:

- **Wickenburg** – Wickenburg Town Hall, 155 N. Tegner Street, Ste. A
- **Wickenburg** – Wickenburg Public Library, 164 E. Apache Street
- **Buckeye** – Buckeye Public Library/Coyote Branch, 21699 W. Yuma Road, Ste. 116
- **Buckeye** – Buckeye Public Library/Downtown Branch, 310 N. 6th Street
- **Buckeye** – Buckeye City Hall, 530 E. Monroe Avenue
- **Rainbow Valley** – Buckeye Fire District Station 326, 19937 W. Arlington Road
- **Surprise** – Northwest Regional Library, 16089 N. Bullard Avenue
- **Phoenix** – Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Avenue
- **Goodyear** – Goodyear Library, 14455 W. Van Buren Street, C-101
- **Hidden Valley/Maricopa** – Thunderbird Fire Station, 12356 N. Ralston Road
- **Maricopa** – Maricopa Public Library (Pinal County Library District), 41600 W. Smith-Enke Road, Bldg. 10
- **Casa Grande** – Main Library, 449 N. Drylake Street
- **Gila Bend** – Gila Bend Library, 202 N. Euclid Avenue
- **Eloy** – Eloy Santa Cruz Library, 1000 N. Main Street
- **Marana** – Picture Rocks Fire District, Station 121, 7341 N. Sandario Road
- **Marana** – Town of Marana Municipal Complex, 11555 W. Civic Center Drive
- **Tucson** – Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center, 1660 W. Ruthrauff Road
- **Tucson** – Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Avenue
- **Tucson** – Mission Public Library, 3770 S. Mission Road
- **Green Valley** – Joyner-Green Valley Library, 601 N. La Cañada Drive
- **Sahuarita** – Sahuarita Library, 725 W. Via Rancho Sahuarita
- **Nogales** – Nogales-Rochlin Library, 518 N. Grand Avenue

### Hard copy versions of the Draft Tier 1 EIS are available for purchase at:

- **Wickenburg** – Wickenburg Kwikprint, 10 S. Kerkes Street, #3 | 928.684.7229
- **Buckeye** – To The Limit Printing Solutions, Inc., 108 N. 4th Street | 623.374.4303
- **Phoenix** – AlphaGraphics, 2120 E. Camelback Road | 602.263.0122\*
- **Maricopa** – Impressive Imaging, 44480 W. Honeycutt Road, Ste. 102 | 520.568.3098\*
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Public hearing speaker pre-registration is available (MARANA AND TUCSON PUBLIC HEARING LOCATIONS ONLY). Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/i11study> or call 1.844.544.8049 (bilingüe) for more information.

## COMMENT ON THE DRAFT TIER 1 EIS

Submit your comments on the I-11 Draft Tier 1 EIS during the public review and comment period: **April 5, 2019 through May 31, 2019**. All comments received during the public comment period will be documented and responded to in the I-11 Final Tier 1 EIS.

All comment methods are considered equal.

### Submit your comments:

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- ✉️ Mail: I-11 Tier 1 EIS Study Team | c/o ADOT Communications  
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# HerSpecTive Women’s conference brings together women in GRIC



Renee Jackson, left, and Suzanne Jones, right, joined a panel at the conference. Emma Hughes/GRIN



About 60 women attended and listened to the panelists on March 23. Emma Hughes/GRIN

## Tribal Health Department hosts event under the theme, “honoring & uplifting women”

Emma Hughes  
Gila River Indian News

The Tribal Health Department hosted “HerSpecTive” Women’s conference on Saturday, March 23. At the District 3 Head Start Center. Its themed as “honoring & uplifting women” to honor and acknowledge the Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh women as well as celebrate the month of March as Women’s History Month.

The one-day event was well attended by many women in the Community and began with a question panel of three women; Celeste Jackson, an artisan from District 6, Renee Jackson and Suzanne Jones, both from District 5, who also shared their personal stories and struggles as Indigenous women while engaging with the audience who also shared personal stories of struggle and empowerment.

Following the panel lunch was served, which was a unique dish created by youth, Ericka Guzman and Dennis Martinez who incorporated a more healthy and organic twist with a colorful wheat berry salad topped with a maple curry vinaigrette served alongside a white tepary, mushroom and kale soup. Many of the ingredients came from Ramona Farms.

Once lunch concluded a presentation by Community Member and keynote speaker, Ginger Sunbird Martin from Bapchule, who earned a Bachelor’s degree in American Indian Studies from Arizona State University in 2003 and has since pursued her interests in the Gila River Indian Community’s cultural history. Martin presented her work focusing on cultural diversity and inclusion training.

The conference ended with a “Youth and Elder Dialogue” with Precious Vicente, who currently serves on the Akimel O’odham/

Pee-Posh Youth Council as the 30th president as well as the District 6 representative and elder Priscilla Antone, who is a retired licensed Practical Nurse and served on various boards and councils such as the Gila River Health Care Board of Directors, Gila River Tribal Council, Arizona Advisory Council and currently the First Things First Advisory Council.

While the event was intended for women, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis made an appearance and shared a few words about the event.

“I see some amazing women here, we need to focus on this. This is about the future of our Community; to support and mentor our young women.”

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE EAST VALLEY**  
Gila River Branch – Komatke

After School Hours:  
3:00pm - 7:00pm (youth)  
12:00pm - 8:00pm (Teens)  
Club shirts for field trips available at frontdesk for \$8.00.

The Club is located on the Gila River Indian Community. It is open to all Laveen youth. Non-Tribal members pay a \$30 membership fee. Financial assistance available for those who qualify.

[WWW.CLUBZONA.ORG](http://WWW.CLUBZONA.ORG)  
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**National Boys & Girls Club Week**  
April 8-12, 2019  
Gila River Branch - KOMATKE

<b>April 8th</b> <b>Wacky Tacky</b> Handshake & Wacky Tacky Clothes Day Color Wars Challenge <b>DODGEBALL</b>	<b>April 9th</b> <b>Crazy Hair Day</b> Color Wars Challenge <b>Volleyball</b>	<b>April 10th</b> <b>Jersey Day</b> Color Wars Challenge <b>SCAVENGER HUNT</b>
<b>April 11th</b> <b>BlackOut Day</b> NO ELECTRICITY Color Wars Challenge <b>Obstacle Course Relay</b>	<b>April 12th</b> <b>ANIME ALL DAY</b> Color Wars Party! <b>Field Trip X-Ray \$10</b>	<b>GREAT FUTURES START HERE.</b>

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**April 8 - 12, 2019**

<b>MON. APRIL 8TH</b>	<b>TUE. APRIL 9TH</b>	<b>WED. APRIL 10TH</b>	<b>THU. APRIL 11TH</b>	<b>FRI. APRIL 12TH</b>

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# HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE

*"Putting Our People First"*



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Governor



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Lt. Governor

## Gov. Lewis speaks at Mayor Kate Gallego's swearing in ceremony



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis poses with Mayor Kate Gallego in Phoenix. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

### Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

Kate Gallego, 37, was sworn-in as the new Mayor of Phoenix before a packed audience at the Orpheum Theater on March 21.

Chief Presiding Judge B. Don Taylor III administered the oath of office, as Gallego was joined by her son Michael and parents, Jim and Judy Widland.

"Like the city does for so many visitors it left an impression on me. So, 15 years ago, after I graduated college, Phoenix is where I wanted to go start my next chapter," said Gallego.

Gallego said Phoenix offers opportunities for college graduates and professionals, looking to get their start in a city that is on the rise.

"I know I'm not alone in that experience so many people come here for the same reasons. Phoenix is a city where anyone can come and make a difference," said Gallego.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was invited to speak at Gallego's inauguration and shared his enthusiasm for the Community's continued partnership with the City of Phoenix.

"Phoenix and the Gila River Indian Community have been partners for a long time as governments, as communities, our decisions impact each other," said Lewis, "So I appreciate the opportunity to share with you my thoughts and interactions with your new mayor and to be a small part of this historic moment in your history."

Lewis also highlighted Gallego's leadership as a member of city council.

"While 37 isn't the typical age for an American mayor, Phoenix has had several mayors, who are my age or younger," Gallego said, "Here, hard work matters more than your last name, your age, your gender, or where you went to school."

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the main entrance of Phoenix City Hall where guests congratulated Gallego.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis congratulates Gallego following his address. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • March 20, 2019

**ACTION SHEET**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, March 20, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Robert Stone at 9:15 a.m.

**INVOCATION**

Provided by Councilwoman Pamela Johnson

**ROLL CALL**

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (10:50)

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Rodney Jackson (10:20); D4-Monica Antone, Barney Enos, Jr., Jennifer Allison, Pamela Johnson; D5-Marlin Dixon, Thomas White; D6-Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D3- Carolyn Williams; D5-Janice Stewart, Lawrence White, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.

**APPROVAL OF A GENDA**

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

**REPORTS**

>1. November 2018 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. December 2018 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. K-12 Quarter 2 Report SY 2018-2019

Presenters: Trina Hart, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Travel Report, 1st Quarter – Fiscal Year 2019

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. GRIC – Urban Members Rpt 1st Q

Presenter: Anthony Newkirk

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report FY-18 Qtr 4

Presenter: Michael Morago, Bob Gazis

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. State Legislative Update and Recommendations (Executive Session)

Presenters: Public Policy Partners, Office of the General Counsel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Monthly Financial Activity Report ending February 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

**RESOLUTIONS**

>1. A Resolution Approving A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity For The Purpose Of Any Mediation Or Other Legal Action To Enforce An Order, Award Or Relief Arising From Mediation Action Pursuant To The Terms Of The Investment Management Health Care Claims Audit Services Agreement To Be Entered Into Between The Employee Benefit Trust Of The Gila River Indian Community And BMI Audit Services, LLC. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections)

Presenter: Linda Sauer

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Authorizing The Governor And The Tribal Historic Preservation Officer To Be Signatories To The Programmatic Agreement Among The U.S. Department Of Energy-Western Area Power Administration And The Gila River Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community-Tribal Historic Preserva-

tion Officer, And The U.S. Bureau Of Indian Affairs Regarding Maintenance And Minor Construction Activities On Existing Western Area Power Administration Transmission Lines And Facilities Located On The Gila River Indian Reservation, Maricopa And Pinal Counties, Arizona (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC and CRSC concur)

Presenter: Barnaby Lewis, Larry Benallie  
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving A Settlement Agreement Among Ira H. Hayes Memorial Applied Learning Center, Inc., Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation, And The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with adjustments)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 4 To Section II Of The Gila River Indian Community's "Employee Policies And Procedures Reference Guide" By Adding A Section Entitled "Department Directors" (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with changes to the spreadsheet)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

>5. A Resolution Designating Nine Parcels Containing 171.4893 Acres More Or Less, Of Reservation Land In District Six For The Purpose Of Establishing Temporary Construction Easements and Temporary Construction Access To the Gila River Indian Community Department Of Land Use Planning And Zoning For the Purpose of Design And Construction Of Drainage Systems And Appurtenances (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with additional information and corrected date)

Presenter: Norman Brewer

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Rescinding GR-142-11 And Approving The Revised Tribal Election Program's Election Official's Handbook For Election Officials (LSC motioned to forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Gustavo Ortiz McGeisey Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**ORDINANCES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION MADE AND SECOND to enter Executive Session

>1. Sun Valley Master Lease (Executive Session) (EDSC forwards to Council in Executive Session)

Presenter: David White, WHPDA Board of Directors

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUN VALLEY MARINA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CONTINUE

OVERSEEING THE PREMISES FORMALLY SUBJECT TO LEASE #B-GR-71 IN ORDER TO CONTINUE OPERATING THE WILD HORSE PASS MOTOR SPORTS PARK TO OVERSEE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BONDURANT RACING SCHOOL AND TO DEVELOP A LONG TERM BUSINESS AND LAND USE PLAN AND SUBMIT WITHIN 90-DAYS

>2. District Three Letter Of Appointment To The Planning & Zoning Commission For Antonelli Anton (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. 2019 HHS Annual Tribal Budget Consultation

(H&SSC forwards to Council to send a delegation to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee  
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. HB 2570 (H&SSC motions to forward to Council with a recommendation to direct Public Policy Partners to support passage of HB2570 and that OGC draft and submit a resolution supporting HB2570)

Presenters: Office of the General Counsel  
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. District One Letter Of Appointment To The Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board For Sylvia Antone (LSC motioned to forward the letter of appointment for District One Sylvia Antone to the Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Citizens Advisory Board Members  
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. NCAI Executive Planning Session Delegation, Prior Lake, MN

Presenters: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DELEGATE COUNCILWOMAN MONICA ANTONE [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

7. Community Criminal Activity

Presenters: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL STRENGTHEN ARTICLE 15.B.4, FOR ENOUGH CAUSE BASED ON COMMUNITY'S CONCERN TO EXCLUDE THESE NONMEMBERS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL START THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING A BANISHMENT ORDINANCE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE INFORM THE COUNCIL, THEIR PLANS ON EITHER ADOPTING A NEW CONSTITUTION OR AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT GOVERNOR LEWIS ADDRESS THE MATTERS OF PUBLIC SAFETY INCIDENT COMMAND, CLEAN UP COORDINATION AND ASSOCIATED SERVICE THROUGH AND AMONG THE DEPARTMENT; AND BRING

BACK TO COUNCIL HOW HE WILL ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY TO COUNCIL BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS THAT THERE IS TIMELY SUPPORT AND FOLLOW UP TO

RESIDENTIAL INCIDENCES WITHOUT HASSLE AND ARE SUPPORTIVE TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED OR HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY CRIMES AND VIOLENCE

WITHIN THIS COMMUNITY MINUTES

1. February 28, 2019 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTION

2. March 6, 2019 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. March 7, 2019 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

> COUNCIL CONCERNS REGARDING VIOLENCE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD THIS ITEM TO THE AGENDA TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVING CRIME

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 1-HOUR BREAK. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 12:30 P.M. TO ENTERTAIN NEW BUSINESS ITEM #7.]

**ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:41 P.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

**Press Release**

**SACATON MAN SENTENCED TO 137 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR BURGLARY WITH FIREARM**

PHOENIX – Travis Lee Kisto, 40, of Sacaton, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Diane J. Humetewa to 137 months in prison for crimes he committed on the Gila River Indian Community. Judge Humetewa sentenced Kisto to 120 months for felon in possession of a firearm and 105 months for burglary, and ordered that 17 months of the burglary sentence run consecutive to the sentence for the firearm. Judge Humetewa further sentenced Kisto to concurrent, three-year terms of supervised release. Kisto had previously pleaded guilty to both felonies.

On March 1, 2018, Kisto unlawfully entered the victim's home on the Gila River Indian Community while carrying a modified and stolen shotgun. Kisto, a felon, demanded the victim's purse and began going through her belongings before ultimately discharging the firearm in the home. Responding law enforcement had to utilize tear gas and a K-9 to get Kisto to exit the residence and submit to arrest. Kisto and the victim are enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community.

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

**Press Release**

**SACATON MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 8 YEARS FOR ROBBERY WITH A MACHETE**

PHOENIX – On March 26, 2019, Vince Rivera, 28, of Sacaton, Ariz., a member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge John J. Tuchi to over eight years in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. Rivera had previously pleaded guilty to robbery. During the robbery, Rivera attacked the victim with a machete, causing permanent injuries to the victim.

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.

**Press Release**

**SAN CARLOS MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER**

PHOENIX – On March 25, 2019, Leon Arthur Dosela, 51, of San Carlos, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Steven P. Logan to prison for 20 years followed by five years of supervised release. Dosela had previously pleaded guilty to second degree murder.

On Sept. 15, 2016, Dosela, an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, argued with the victim at the victim's residence on the San Carlos Apache Community. As a result of the argument, Dosela threw a flammable liquid onto the victim and thereafter ignited the liquid. The victim died from the resulting burn injuries.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the San Carlos Police Department and the Arizona Department of Public Safety. The prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Simon, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

**Press Release**

**HAVASUPAI TRIBAL MEMBER SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ASSAULTING OFFICER**

PHOENIX – This week, Lone Arrow Hastings, 29, of Supai Village, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Susan M. Bmovich to eight months of imprisonment, to be followed by three years of supervised release. Hastings had previously pleaded guilty to assault on a federal officer.

On Dec. 5, 2017, two officers with the Bureau of Indian Affairs – Office of Justice Services arrested Hastings for public intoxication in violation of the Havasupai Tribal Code. During the course of the arrest, Hastings assaulted one of the federal officers by, among other things, kicking the officer in the face.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander Samuels, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

**Press Release**

**TOHONO O'ODHAM TRIBAL MEMBER SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ASSAULT BY STRANGULATION AND ASSAULT RESULTING IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY**

TUCSON, Ariz. – On March 11, 2019, Brian Xavier Oliver, 26, of Tucson, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge James A. Soto to 27 months' imprisonment to be followed by a term of three years supervised release. Oliver previously pleaded guilty to assault of an intimate and dating partner by strangulation and assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

On Aug. 28, 2016, Tohono O'odham Police Department officers responded to a residence in the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation regarding a domestic violence assault. Officers found the victim in severe pain with a severely lacerated lip that was hanging by a small piece of skin. She stated that during an argument she had with Oliver, he threw her down on the bed, choked her with one hand, and then bit her bottom lip.

The investigation in this case was conducted by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and detectives from the Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Raquel Arellano and Stefani K. Heford, District of Arizona, Tucson.

**Press Release**

**TUBA CITY MAN SENTENCED TO 42 MONTHS FOR ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION**

PHOENIX – Joshua Felkins, of Tuba City, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Douglas L. Rayes to 42 months of imprisonment, to be followed by three years of supervised release. Felkins had previously pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition.

On May 24, 2017, Navajo tribal law enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted a search of Felkins' residence in Tuba City, pursuant to a federal search warrant. Inside the residence, officers and agents found two firearms and dozens of rounds of ammunition. At the time of the search, Felkins had previously been convicted of felony offenses in

both California and New Mexico. Accordingly, he was legally prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander Samuels, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

**Press Release**

**NAVAJO MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS PRISON FOR AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE BY FORCE**

PHOENIX – On March 26, 2019, Frankie Nez, 38, of Sanders, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Steven P. Logan to 20 years in prison, followed by life time supervised release. Nez had previously pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual abuse by force.

On Feb. 25, 2018, Nez forced his way into the elderly victim's home and sexually assaulted her. Nez and the victim are enrolled members of the Navajo Nation.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Nation Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Kiyoko Patterson, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

**Burial Notice**

St. Peter Parish Church  
Dear St. Peter Parishioners:  
RE: St. Peter Cemetery  
As I have announced previously to you, in regards to the burial of your loved ones in the cemetery.  
St. Peter Parish has no jurisdiction of the land past the boundaries that has been designated for the Parish for bur-

al for our loved ones. If you have family plots past the boundaries and you desire to continue to bury your loved ones past the boundaries, our recommendation is to acquire approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, due to this land is allotted land and is not part of the Parish.

The other recommendation is to start a new family plot in the designated area of the Parish cemetery. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank You!

Daryl Jose, St. Peter Parish Chief

**DSO Attorney leaves GRIC**



Defense Services Office would like to extend our farewell wishes to Melanie Yazza. She served the Community as a DSO attorney for 12 years, amassing a very successful record in trial litigation, especially in felony trials. DSO is committed to the service of its clients and Melanie set that example with her excellent service. She will be moving on to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. She will be missed. - DSO

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Casa Blanca Community School
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- ESS Teacher
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**IN LOVING MEMORY**

In loving memory of Leo B. Manuel Jr. Our beloved Leo left us on 02-14-2019 at approximately 9:40 am at our home in Sacaton, AZ. For those of you who knew Leo, you knew he lived a fast, simple life. During the final couple of years he and I saw many blessings throughout the medical procedures he

endured with staff, family, friends and strangers. We all knew this day would come. It's not easy, but Leo made it. Her made it to the great divine. This is so because he made peace with himself and others.

At this time I would like to thank everyone, family and friends, who prayed, listened, voiced, sang, donated, shook our hands, hugged us, cried and were simply there for my sons and I, your blessings of concerned then and now are deeply appreciated. The services provided by GRIC are outstanding.

My Leo I will miss you each day, but I remember your words to us, "Get it straight with yourself and your house. I'm in a room filled with love, take care of one another and one day we'll meet again."

May God bless each of you. Thank you,  
Doreen Allison

**NOTIFICATION**

The Legislative Standing Committee will be considering amendments to Title 4, Courts and Procedure to add provisions in Chapter 2, Sovereign Immunity, Arbitration and Tort Claims at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 23, 2019 at 1:00 PM. A copy of the proposed ordinance in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office. If you are

interested in providing comments to the ordinance please attend the Legislative Standing Committee on April 23, 2019 at 1:00 PM or contact your Councilmember and/or the Chairman of the Legislative Standing Committee, Anthony C. Villareal, Sr. Written comments may be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, Post Office Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85147.

**TITLE 4**

**COURTS AND PROCEDURE**

Chapter 2. Sovereign Immunity, Arbitration and Tort Claims

- 4.201. Findings and Purpose
- 4.202. Definitions
- 4.203. General Principles of Sovereign Immunity
- 4.204. Exceptions to General Principles of Sovereign Immunity
- 4.205. Determination of application of Sovereign Immunity in Community Court Matters
- 4.206. Arbitration of Community Contracts
- 4.207. Tort Claim Procedures for Casino Patrons
- 4.208. Effective Date

**SUMMONS**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF,

Petitioner/Plaintiff

ADRIEN JASON CHASE

Respondent/Defendant

CASE Number: PB-2019-0008-DE CIVIL

NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that a(n) Answer/Response Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:

Monday, April 8, 2019 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom 1, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road Sacaton, AZ.

**SUMMONS TO APPEAR**

IN THE MATTER OF: J.S. S.P. T.P. Minor (s), Concerning: Mason Peters-Father

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO: Mason Peters

Case No.: CC19-001

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear before the Court at the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court, Located at 45525 W. Farrell RD, Ak-Chin, Arizona on Thursday the 23rd day of May 2019, at 8:30 a.m. for a Preliminary Hearing.

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENT YOU. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD LEGAL COUNSEL, THE COURT MAY APPOINT LEGAL COUNSEL AT NO COST TO YOU.

**SUMMONS TO APPEAR**

IN THE MATTER OF: J.S. Minor(s), Concerning: Julian Saiza-Father

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO: Julian Saiza

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**Gila River Community Complimentary Golf Clinics**

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**Clinic Dates**

Saturday, April 13th	Saturday, May 4th
Saturday, April 20th	Saturday, May 11th
Saturday, April 27th	Saturday, May 18th

<b>Junior Clinic Time</b> 9:00am—10:00am	<b>Adult Clinic Time</b> 11:00am—12:00pm
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# IN LOVING MEMORY OF RODNEY BLAINE LEWIS "ROD"

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2 Timothy 4:7

### Rod's poem . . . The Law of the River

Death is not the end  
it is reaching the river  
and reclaiming it  
it is becoming the river  
I have reached my river now  
and I have reclaimed it for all eternity

I am the river now  
and the river is me  
This is the law of the river.  
But my journey to the river was always  
for you  
and I reclaimed it just for you  
and when you reach your river  
you will find me there waiting for you

and together we will become the river  
and the river will be all of us together  
I have lived the law of the river  
with the river as my guide  
I am the river now  
and the river is me  
This is the law of the river.  
by willardene lewis

## ROBOTICS ACADEMY AND AVIATION CAMP

The Tribal Education Department is happy to announce we will be accepting applications for the 2019 Robotics Academy and Aviation Camp held in Huntsville, Alabama, July 14-19, 2019. To participate, you must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community and attending school to participate in this ONCE IN A LIFE TIME camp experience.

We are searching for the following students to submit an application telling us why you would be the perfect candidate!

10 – Elementary/Junior High Students (Ages: 12-14 only)

10 – High School Students (Ages: 15-18 only)

If selected, all finalist will be required to attend an in-person interview.

To apply, go to the online application:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GRIC2019CAMP>

Or you pick up an application at the Tribal Education Department at:  
555 B. St. Sacaton, AZ 85147

Application Deadline: May 10, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

Interview Dates: May 17-18, 2019 (Times will be scheduled appropriately)



Please contact the Tribal Education Department if you have any questions or concerns regarding the application process or camp experience at 520-562-3662 or email at [Arlanna.Jackson.EDU@gric.nsn.us](mailto:Arlanna.Jackson.EDU@gric.nsn.us)



*Department of Land Use  
Planning and Zoning*

# ATTENTION

**2019 HOMESITE ASSIGNMENT ANNUAL UPDATES**

*Community Members who are  
assigned a Tribal Homesite Lot  
must complete an annual update.  
LUPZ Subdivision  
Administration Team will be in  
Districts 1-6  
in March & April of 2019  
Please call to  
set an appointment.*

You may also complete an annual update by visiting the  
Department at the Executive Ki' Bldg. #2  
291 W. Casa Blanca Rd. Sacaton, AZ

*Annual updates are required to ensure current data is updated  
for contact purposes per GRIC Homesite Ordinance 20.208A.*

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