



NEW SCHOOL OPENS IN DISTRICT 6

New Gila Crossing Community School unveiled at ribbon cutting ceremony

Landmark partnership with the Department of the Interior highlights historic day

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

More than 700 Community members and guests filled the new gymnasium of the Gila Crossing Community School (GCCS) for its ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday, July 27 in District 6. Many Gila River Indian Community, state, and national leaders attended to celebrate the historic occasion. The state-of-the-art school was open for the day to all for tours of the school before officially opening Aug. 1.

That morning the ribbon was cut by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Department of Interior Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney, Department of Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary Mark Cruz, and Community Council Representative Anthony Villareal Sr., District 6.

Councilman Villareal, also



The Gila River Indian Community replaces the previous Gila Crossing Community School with a state-of-the-art facility. Kyle Knox/GRIN

chairman of the GCCS Owner's Team said, "Opening this new school is something that we have dreamt of for many years." Councilman Villareal was the first to address the crowd noting how inadequate the original building became.

Gov. Lewis stated, "As governor, there are few projects more rewarding than those that help our youth and their access

to educational opportunities." Gov. Lewis was present for the groundbreaking a little over 13 months prior and was proud of

what it has become surpassing original expectations. Greg Stanton, former Mayor of Phoenix, serves as Arizona's

9th District Representative for the U.S. Congress also attended.

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Howler, Arizona Coyotes' mascot, takes part in the celebration at Gila Crossing. Kyle Knox/GRIN



GRIC officially cuts the ribbon and opens the new school at a ceremony on July 27. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gila River Bears take home the championship at the Piestewa Games. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

GRIC teams and athletes compete in Piestewa Games

Christopher Lomahquahu
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An annual summer sporting event honoring the legacy of a fallen Arizona soldier, brought teams from tribal communities to the Valley to compete in six athletic categories, which are basketball, softball, baseball, track & field, wrestling and volleyball. The Fiesta Bowl Lori Piestewa National Native American Games were in full force across different locations on the Salt River Pi-

ma-Maricopa Indian Community and the City of Scottsdale from July 19-21.

The games were established by Erik Widmark, Executive Director of the Grand Canyon State Games in 2003 to celebrate the legacy of U.S. Army Spc. Lori Piestewa, who was killed the same year in Iraq.

Piestewa was a member of the Hopi Tribe and mother of two children. She was born Tuba City, Ariz., and one of many in her family to serve in the mil-

itary. She was assigned to the 507th Maintenance Company stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas and was the first female Native American service member to be killed in action.

Participating in the games were the C.G. (Casa Grande) Pirates and Gila River Bears, who posted impressive outings in the youth baseball tournament. The Pirates would fall short in contention for a placing in the tour-

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GRHC Department Highlights

ED Techs and ED Clerks in Gila River Health Care's Emergency Department play an important and essential role - collaborating with ED nurses and physicians to provide care to our patients.

ED Technicians:

Are either a Medical Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant, Patient Care Technician or an Emergency Medical Technician. GRHC employs six (6) full-time ED Techs, and three (3) are members of the Gila River Indian Community.

GRHC's six (6) ED Techs collectively:

- Represent over 73 years of experience
- Have over 41 years of service to GRHC

ED Techs prioritize patient care, treatments and procedures - especially when given multiple tasks simultaneously. Below are some of the critical tasks:

- Collection and transport of specimens
- Perform treatments as ordered, such as the application of dressings and splints
- Assists ED providers during procedures
- Maintenance of supplies for patient rooms and specialty carts
- Vital signs, EKG, visual acuity testing
- Timely communication with patients/families and other healthcare team members

ED Clerks:

Provide essential operational support in the GRHC ED. GRHC employs five (5) full-time ED Clerks and two (2) are members of the Gila River Indian Community.

GRHC's five (5) ED Clerks collectively:

- Have over 75 years of service to GRHC

Below are some of their tasks and responsibilities:

- Ensure smooth operation of day-to-day functions in the department
- Coordinate patient admissions and transfers
- Answer and direct phone calls
- Engage and lead collaboration with other GRHC departments AND outside facilities
- Timely communication with patients/families and other healthcare team members

GRHC Emergency Department's Goal Is To Give Every Patient The Best Care Each And Every Time.

If you believe you or a loved one is experiencing a medical emergency, call 911 immediately.

EMS 1st Responder Cadets Recognized at WIOA Summer Youth Banquet • July 26, 2019



Loving and Rebecca with cadets.



Amber Namingha, EMT; Daniel Kunsman, Paramedic; Loving Brown, EMT; Rebecca Lewis, EMT awarding Challenge coins to cadets



Amber Namingha, EMT - Rebecca Lewis, EMT.

Reminder! Gila River Health Care's Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be
CLOSED MONDAY, 9/2/2019 - LABOR DAY
CLOSED FRIDAY, 9/20/2019 - NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

LIFE CENTER

DIABETES, ENDOCRINOLOGY & WELLNESS

Let's Ask Dr. Roopa!

Know your diabetes ABCS.



Last month we discussed how diabetes, if not controlled may cause inflammation and blockages in blood vessels causing complications such as: blindness, kidney failure, nerve damage, heart attack, leg amputation or stroke. These complications can be avoided by optimal control of blood glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol levels and by avoiding tobacco. The overall focus in diabetes management is to help improve each of these factors which are abbreviated as **A B C S**:

A for the A1C test (A-one-C). What is A1C? Why is it important?

The A1C is a blood test that measures your average blood sugar level over the past three months. It is different from the blood sugar checks you do each day. High levels of blood sugar can harm your heart, blood vessels, kidneys, feet, and eyes. The A1C goal for many people with diabetes is below 7.0%. It may be different for you, ask your doctor



B for Blood Pressure. What is it? Why is it important?

Blood pressure is the force of your blood against the wall of your blood vessels. If your blood pressure gets too high, it makes your heart work too hard. It can cause a heart attack, stroke, and damage your kidneys or eyes. Blood pressure goal for people with diabetes is below 140/90. It may be different for you, ask your doctor.



C

for Cholesterol (ko-LESS-tuh-ruhl). What is it? There are different kinds of cholesterol in your blood: **LDL and HDL**.



LDL or "bad" cholesterol can build up and clog your blood vessels. It can cause a heart attack or stroke.

HDL or "good" cholesterol helps remove the "bad" cholesterol from your blood vessels.

What are the LDL and HDL goals?

Ask what your cholesterol numbers should be. Your goals may be different from other people. If you are over 40 years of age, you may need to take a cholesterol-lowering drug for heart health.



S

for Smoking! Smoking causes inflammation in the body, in addition to what diabetes is causing. People with diabetes, who also smoke tobacco, will have a higher risk of the complications. Also, smoking makes it harder to control diabetes.



Call Gila River Health Care Life Center (520) 562-7940 to schedule an appointment to see our Dietician, Counsellor, Fitness Staff or Providers to help you manage your A B C S, Send your questions to: ASKDROOPA@GRHC.ORG

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WIOA holds banquet following successful summer program

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On Friday, July 26, District 4's new service center hosted the WIOA Banquet recognizing the 119 participants in the Summer Youth Worker Program. The event highlighted outstanding participants and employers while also demonstrating various aspects of what they learned over the seven weeks.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone spoke and said he was happy to see the support of the families in attendance.

"Do the best you can do because hard work should be given 24-hours a day 365-days a year."

Stone encouraged them to take advantage of these programs and to continue on their path and find a place within the Community when they become adults.

Three of the employment programs were highlighted during the banquet including the Film 101 class, the Culinary 101 Program and the cadet program. Edit Box hosted the Film 101 class of students and premiered their 15-minute film project called, "An Elders Past." The Culinary 101 Program, led by Alyssa Dixon, showcased a video



Cadets were recognized during a banquet for the Summer Youth Worker Program on July 26. Kyle Knox/GRIN

highlighting the youth and also served a Pima corn cake drizzled in mesquite syrup. And lastly, the Public Safety's First Responder's Cadet Program, comprised of Fire, EMS, and Police, demonstrated various speed skill drills vital to their field.

Officer James Milano said of this year's 16 students and Public

Safety Program, "We are known as the fun program but it is serious fun." Officer Milano shared that their program is para-military style, with marching and physical training every day during the program. They work in supervised but strenuous scenarios learning first-aid, CPR, fire turnouts, and fire weapons. It was also an-

nounced that the Public Safety Program will now be year around.

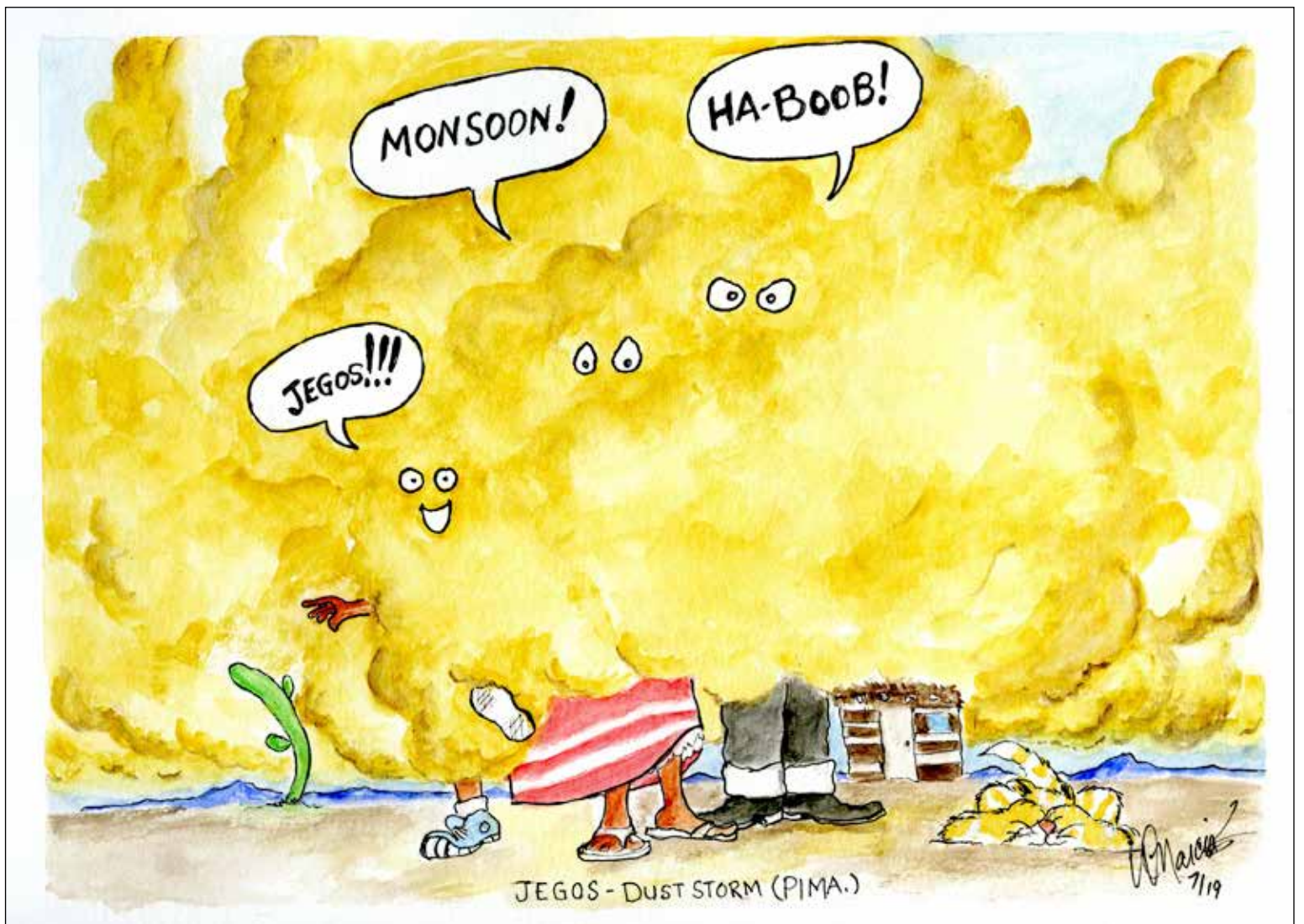
Daniel Narcia was presented with the Outstanding WIOA Summer Youth Worker Award from his time at Ak-Chin UltraStar, and Alyssa Dixon was presented the Outstanding WIOA Summer Youth Employer for her Culinary 101 Program.



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone offers encouragement for the workers to continue on their career paths. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Alyssa Dixon (left) shows her certificate with Deanna Ringlero from the WIOA. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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

Incident Log

July 07 - 13, 2019

Calls for services this week: 744

Arrest made: 23

District One- (Blackwater)

NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART ONE CRIME

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

BURGLARY – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a side door being kicked in at the Lady of Victory Church. Contact was made with an officer already on scene that was processing the scene. Contact was made with a parishioner; items that were taken were two cases of soda and meat. No other items were missing; the damages to the building were to the lock and drywall of the building. Photos were taken of shoe prints and a bar that was located believed to be used to gain entrance. The suspect is still outstanding at this time.

Case Status: Under Investigation

District Three- (Sacaton)

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - The victim called dispatch to reported that the juvenile family member (suspect) threw a fork at the victim during an argument causing pain and discomfort and injury to the upper part of the arm. The suspect was admitted to throwing the fork at the victim during the argument due to being angry. The suspect was arrested and booked into JDRS.

Status: A juvenile suspect was arrested and booked for Aggravated Assault.

District Four-
Stotonic Area –

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - Officers were dispatched to a stabbing. Investigation revealed the victim was stabbed in the upper abdomen area and the left bicep. Officers rendered aid until GREMS arrived on scene. The victim did not disclose a suspect name/identity; and was transported to Chandler Regional where the victim was treated for non life threatening injuries. Evidence was gathered and entered into evidence.

Status: Open Investigation

BURGLARY – Officers were dispatched to the Santan Headstart in reference to a shed that had been damaged. During a walk thru of the building a window was observed to

be broken; entrance was gained through the window. Multiple items were found to be strewn all over and food items were opened and left out. Shoe impressions were located and photographed later being impounded into evidence. A copy of the video surveillance will be reviewed to assist in the identification of the suspect(s).

Status: Open Investigation

Lone Butte Area

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to a suspect taking the victims purse. Investigation revealed the victim left a purse while gambling and walked off. The suspect claimed to go into the restroom to return the purse and returned to playing the games. The victim then had the purse returned when one gold cross pendant and five gold stud earrings were missing. The suspect has been identified and charges are pending at the moment.

Status: Open Investigation

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART ONE CRIME

District Six – (Komatke)

ARSON – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a suspicious vehicle parked near the old mission. The vehicle was observed to be completely burned on the interior of the vehicle; a wants/warrants check revealed the vehicle was stolen out of Phoenix PD. Elite took possession of the vehicle.

Status: Open Investigation

BURGLARY – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a burglary. Investigation revealed the suspect(s) damaged a door to gain entry into a building taking an air conditioner unit that cools the electrical panels. Latent prints were located and will be sent to AZ DPS lab for analysis.

Status: Open Investigation

District Seven – (Maricopa)

THEFT – The reporting party/victim reported their vehicle was taken from a residence while giving two other individuals a ride to pick up belongings. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Closed – Vehicle was located

Incident Log

July 14 - 20, 2019

Calls for services this week: 746

Arrest made: 32

District One- (Black-

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water)

NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART ONE CRIME

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

WEAPON – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to shots fired. Investigation revealed that shots were fired and the family went out to investigate; located holes on the passenger side of a vehicle parked in front of the residence. A window was also pierced by the bullets; no persons inside the residence were injured. A 12 gauge shot gun casing was located in the front yard, was photographed and impounded into evidence. Welfare checks will be conducted through the neighborhood; no suspects were identified in the case.

Status: Case Forwarded

District Three- (Sacaton)

THREATENING – Officers were dispatched to meet with the victim; upon contact with the victim it was revealed the suspect threatened the victim while at funeral services. The victim feared for their safety due to believing the suspect would carry out the threats of shooting the victim. The suspect was not located and the victim left the community to seek safety.

Status: Open Investigation

District Four-
Lone Butte Area

BURGLARY – Officers were dispatched to the Wild Horse Pass Casino in reference to theft. Contact was made with the victim and it was reported that a vehicle was taken and did not know the whereabouts of the vehicle. During the investigation, it was revealed an unknown male entered the vehicle and moved the vehicle from the first level to the second level of the garage then

moved it to the E parking lot. The victim stated there was money and a spare key that was not located in the vehicle at the time the vehicle was located. A bag that did not belong to the victim was located and later impounded into evidence for safekeeping.

Status: On-going

SHOPLIFTING – Officers were dispatched to Lone Butte Smoke Shop in reference to a theft. Upon officer arrival it was learned that an unknown female walked in to the store and picked up two cartons of Pall Mall Red cigarettes. As the female proceeded to the register, only one carton was placed on the counter for payment while the other carton was placed in the black bag the female was carrying. As the transaction took place the female attempted to pay for the carton of cigarettes with two \$1.00 fake bills, the employee informed the female two of the dollar bills were fake and the female paid with other means of cash to cover the fake bills. Still photos of the female were observed and later impounded into evidence. There are no investigative leads at this time.

Status: Closed Pending Suspect Identification

THEFT – Officers took a theft call at the Wild Horse Pass Casino. Investigation revealed the victim left her purse unattended at a slot machine and walked to another area of the casino. A female immediately took the purse and left the casino. The victim stated vehicle keys, home keys, debit cards and cash were in the purse taken. The vehicle the suspect left the premises in was identified after the vehicle showed up at the victim's residence. After the victim was observed by the suspect vehicle; the vehicle left the area and area police were

notified. Case will be forwarded for further review; welfare checks were to be conducted by officers within the jurisdiction where the victim resides.

Status: On-going Investigation

THEFT – Officers were dispatched to Lone Butte Casino in reference to a theft of a ticket voucher. The victim reported to officers that only one of two vouchers were cashed out and only realized after walking away from the kiosk. After noticing not all the cash was dispersed; the victim immediately returned to the kiosk and alerted security. Through video surveillance a suspect was identified through their player's club card. A follow up will be conducted to speak to the suspect, charges are pending

Status: On-going Investigation

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – Officers were dispatched to a domestic violence call for service. Contact was made with the victims and they reported the suspect came home intoxicated and began to argue with the female juvenile victim (family member) and both the victim and suspect began to push one another; when the juvenile punched the suspect to keep the suspect away. The suspect went to the kitchen to retrieve a knife and returned to the bedroom with the knife stating he would stab the juvenile female. The suspect left the scene prior to officer arrival once learning dispatch was called. The suspect was not located and charges have been forwarded to law office for review.

Status: Charges Forwarded

District Six – (Komatke)

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – The victim reported that while driving the suspect became upset with the victim due to current living arrangements and pulled the steering wheel while driving down the road causing the vehicle to crash into some trees while coming to a stop. The suspect then began to "choke" the victim after a struggled the victim was able to become free momentarily before the suspect grabbed the victim again and "choked" the victim while victim began to fight the suspect off. The suspect then left in an unknown direction and the victim was able to go to a nearby family member's residence to call for help. During contact with the victim, it was painful for the victim to speak or swallow

with their voice being raspy and painfully sore. Photos were taken of the vehicle; the victim did not wish to be photographed. Photos were later impounded into evidence and the suspect was not located at the time of incident. Charges pending a follow up investigation with the suspect.

Status: On-going Investigation

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – Officers were dispatched to a report of a stabbing victim. Contact was made with the victim, who had two puncture wounds on the backside, a puncture near the armpit and another on the elbow. A crime scene was located at a different residence and officers made entry to ensure there were no other victims inside. Officers recovered evidence from the residence and was later entered into evidence as well as the clothing of the victim. The suspect was not located and another male was arrested on unrelated charges. The victim was transported to an area hospital where they were further treated for the injuries sustained.

Status: Case Forwarded

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – Offices were dispatched to the residence in reference to an unknown trouble call. Investigation revealed the victim and suspect were engaged in a verbal altercation when the suspect hit the victim with a glass bottle causing a laceration to the facial area of the victim. The victim was transported to the hospital for further medical treatment and the suspect left on foot last seen running into the desert. The suspect was not located and charges have been forwarded to law office for review.

Status: Charges Forwarded

THEFT – Officers were dispatched to a theft call; the investigation revealed fifty bales of hay was taken from the location and the reporting party did not have any suspect information.

Status: Closed Pending further information.

THEFT – Officers were dispatched to the Komatke Market in reference to a theft. Contact was made with the victim/store employee, who stated that while stocking items at the store and setting a cell phone down on the counter. The suspect grabs the cell phone and places it in their pocket and leaves the store on a bike. The suspect was not identified, but a person of interest has been identified. A follow up will

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona gives "Big Thanks" to GRPD officer

Bobbi Rose Nez
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona

Congratulations to Gila River Police Department Commander Jeffrey Hunter for recently being recognized at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona's 'Big Thanks' event on Thursday July 17, 2019. Big Thanks is a quarterly volunteer recognition event that recognizes outstanding volunteers in our program. Jeff was recognized for being a consistent and caring

mentor, his continued efforts to assist with volunteer recruitment, and assistance in planning our recent Public Safety Day. Jeff has been matched to his little brother in the program for 1.5 years and plans to continue in the program this coming school year.

Jeff is matched in our Gila River Site Based Mentoring Program; a partnership between Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona, Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley-Sacaton,

and the Gila River Police Department. The mentoring program matches Gila River Officers (Bigs) with interested youth (littles) at the Boys & Girls Club. Matches meet every other week during the school year and engage in a variety of activities including arts & crafts, playing board games, gym activities, etc. but the overall goal is provide youth with a positive and caring adult mentor. Additionally, this is a part of an initiative called "Bigs

with Badges" that gives youth and Public Safety the opportunity to build positive relationships together.

We are currently enrolling for the program for the 2019-2020 school year. If interested, please contact BBBSAZ Tribal Partnership Coordinator Bobbi Rose Nez at (602) 769-7463 / bnez@bbbsaz.org or B&GC Branch Manager Soyot Antone at (520) 562-3890 / Soyot.Antone@clubzona.org



Commander Jeffrey Hunter was recognized for his volunteer work on July 17. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona

Complete guide at www.grbc.tv/schedule		GRBC TV GUIDE						*Schedule may be subject to change.					
Don't miss Gila River's first talk show Wednesday at 7pm!													
Sunday 8/4		Monday 8/5		Tuesday 8/6		Wednesday 8/7		Thursday 8/8		Friday 8/9		Saturday 8/10	
12:00pm	Native Planet - <i>Australia Defending their "song lines" and way of life.</i>	First Contact - <i>The Journey Begins 6 travelers begin their journey in Canada.</i>	Washakie Last Chief of the Eastern Shoshone <i>Historical photographs and artwork.</i>	Standing on Sacred Ground <i>Pilgrims & Tourists</i>	Florence Benedict Akwesasne Mohawk Elder	The Young Ancestors <i>Story of the burgeoning movement to save their native languages.</i>	Potlatch Keepers <i>Elders ask youth to return to learn and preserve their culture.</i>						
12:30pm													
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion <i>Starting Out: L.Jackson</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Athlii Gwaii</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Fish Lake Part 1</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Giiahl Galang Stories</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Fish Lake Part 2</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Defining Haida Art</i>	Champions of the North <i>The Great Whale Cup</i>						
1:30pm	Vitality Gardening	Underexposed <i>Wind and Waves</i>	Underexposed <i>Cash or Crash</i>	Underexposed <i>Dig</i>	Underexposed <i>Surf's Pumping</i>	Underexposed <i>Over My Head</i>	Vitality Gardening						
2:00pm	Wassaja <i>Mary Kathryn Nagle</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Shake It Up</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Feed The Soul</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Fighting for Happiness</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Pushed to the Limit</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Diving In</i>	Wassaja <i>Mary Kathryn Nagle</i>						
2:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS						
3:00pm	The Tundra Book <i>A rare glimpse into a community determined to preserve it's ancient cultures and traditions.</i>	Native Planet - <i>Australia Defending their "song lines" and way of life.</i>	Native Voice TV <i>Randolph Pico</i>	On Native Ground: <i>Youth Report</i>	The New Zealanders - <i>Round The Mountain</i>	Storytellers In Motion <i>Bak Wo Son</i>	Making Regalia <i>Welcome-Get Started</i>						
3:30pm			Aboriginal Adventures <i>Klemtu</i>	Common Ground <i>Jaques Art Center</i>		On Native Ground: <i>Youth Report</i>	Children of the Desert						
4:00pm		First Talk <i>Hopi Nation</i>	First Talk <i>Fear of Success</i>	First Talk <i>Suicide Prevention</i>	First Talk <i>Nisga's Treaty</i>	First Talk <i>Nisga's Territory</i>	The New Zealanders <i>Out The Back</i>						
4:30pm		Behind The Brush	Indian Pride <i>Tribal Relations w/USA</i>	Making Regalia <i>Welcome-Get Started</i>	People of the Pines <i>World of Serrano</i>	Native Report							
5:00pm	First Contact - <i>The Journey Begins 6 travelers begin their journey in Canada.</i>	Washakie Last Chief of the Eastern Shoshone <i>Historical photographs and artwork.</i>	Standing on Sacred Ground <i>Pilgrims & Tourists</i>	Florence Benedict Akwesasne Mohawk Elder	The Young Ancestors <i>Story of the burgeoning movement to save their native languages.</i>	Tears of Our Ancestors	Indigenous Focus <i>Native Tracks</i>						
5:30pm						Lived History: <i>Story of the Wind River</i>	Osiyo, <i>Voices of the Cherokee</i>						
6:00pm	Red Earth Undercover	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Time Management</i>						
6:30pm	The Medicine Line <i>Dave's Roots</i>						Wild Archaeology <i>Innu of Sheshatsiu</i>						
7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Petroglyphs</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Spirit of Lin</i>	Wild Archaeology <i>Innu of Sheshatsiu</i>	DOWNTIME w/ROB JACKSON	Wassaja <i>Buying a University</i>	Dabiyiyuu <i>Charlie Makes A Drum</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Timely Visit</i>						
7:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS						
8:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Mud / Mobilize</i>	Red Earth Uncover	Cashing In <i>Double Down</i>	Chaos & Courage	Native Shorts <i>Nuuca</i>	The Aux <i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World Indigenous cultures.</i>	Cashing In <i>Double Down</i>						
8:30pm	The Aux <i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World Indigenous cultures.</i>	Indians and Aliens <i>The Navajo Files</i>	Studio 49 <i>Lakota John</i>	Tribal Police Files	Ingigenous Day Live 2018		DOWNTIME w/ROB JACKSON						
9:00pm		Gold Fever <i>Blown up mountains, despoiled water supplies and broken promises over jobs when gold miners dig into the 3rd world.</i>	Back to Pikangikum <i>Suicide has brought down the communities happiness and cast a grief.</i>	Wrestling Women	First Nations Comedy Experience <i>Jackie Keliiaa, Larry Omaha, and Nikki Glaser perform.</i>	Rhymes for Young Ghouls <i>By government decree, every Indian child under the age of 16 must attend residential school.</i>	Akornatsinnit-Taratta Nunaanni <i>Among Us - in the Land of our Shadows</i>						
9:30pm	Legends from the Sky <i>A Native Vet, burdened by survivor's guilt of a disastrous military tour, searches for his missing grandpa after lands are abruptly taken.</i>		Dakota 38 <i>Just before he awoke, he arrived at a riverbank in Minnesota and saw 38 of his Dakota ancestors hanged.</i>	Smokin' Fish <i>The messy collision between the modern world and ancient culture.</i>	Injunuity								
10:00pm		The Price of Peace <i>Sent to prison for weapon offences, Tame's legal case is mired in a legacy of colonial animosity.</i>		Touching the Past <i>Joe Morris Sr. shares his experience working as a Navajo Code Talker during WWII.</i>		When I Hear Thunder <i>The tradition of boxing intact on reservations across Arizona.</i>	Every Emotion Costs <i>From medications to love, addiction revels in their lives, edifying their own personal rituals, pain, lust and disappointment.</i>	Alaska's Big Thaw					
10:30pm													
11:00pm	Ambassadors of the Sky <i>Learning about the importance of protecting the night sky for humans and wildlife.</i>												
11:30pm													
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be conducted and charges pending the outcome of the follow up.

Status: Open Investigation

THEFT – Offices were dispatched to Vee Quiva Casino in reference to a theft of a bicycle. Contact was made with the victim, who was at the bus stop

when leaving his bike resting on the bus stop and began walking away when he asked a female to watch the bike. As the city bus pulled up, the victim observed the suspect go the bicycle and place it on the bus bike rack and enter the bus and leave the area. The suspect was not identified.

Status: Closed pending further information.

District Seven – (Maricopa)

THEFT – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed the victim arrived at home and placed a firearm in a box and left the residence. Upon returning to the residence, people were at the residence hanging out. The next morning the victim realized the firearm was not where it was last placed. There is no suspect in this investigation. The

weapon was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Weapon is still outstanding

Incident Log

July 21 - 27, 2019

Calls for services this week: 709

Arrest made: 25

District One- (Blackwater)

NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART ONE CRIME

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

WEAPON – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to structure damage caused by unknown bullets. Contact was made with the victim and it was stated that at an unknown time and date the suspect(s) shot at the residence causing damages to the interior and exterior of the residence. While conducting the investigation,

it was noticed that some electrical appliances were not operable due to possible electrical issues caused by the bullet. Photos were taken of the damages and uploaded into evidence. Welfare checks will be conducted throughout the neighborhood; suspect(s) have not been identified in this incident.

Status: Case forwarded

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Gila River's Got Talent puts GRIC members in the spotlight at MGR hosted event



Miss Gila River Tyler Owens assists contestants in the Gila River's Got Talent event on July 19. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Natalie Osife performed at the talent show. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community members strutted their stuff during an evening of singing, dancing and musical entertainment. Gila River Royalty hosted Gila River's Got Talent event at the Komatke Boys & Girls Club on July 19.

To open the event, Miss Gila River Tyler Owens and Jr. Miss Gila River Susanna Osife greeted the audience with a word of encouragement for the contestants. They said it takes a lot of courage to come on stage and perform, because everyone has a special talent to share with others.

Owens said, "Magic tricks, singing, and sharing words of inspiration gave a small taste of what the Community has to offer." Osife said, "It is important to allow one another to share what make each of us special."

Youth Natalie Osife lead the night of entertainment off with ABC's, while sisters Olivia and Naomi Figueroa pulled off their rendition of "Demons," by Imagine Dragons. To get the audience further settled into the night was master of ceremonies Antonio "Goh:k Hapoth" Davis comedy sketch.

To start off the second half of the performances,

Adrian D Thomas led the audience through a musical journey of empowerment. Jonathan Soke, had a few magic tricks up his sleeve to wow the crowd, while Andrew Kisto sang a rap song about the life as a young adolescent forced to make difficult life choices for survival.

Victoria Allison performed a cover of Selena's hit "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom," and Owens joined in the contest and danced and lip-synched to Beyoncé's "Before I Let Go."

To close-out the night, Osife performed a traditional Akimel O'otham dance, showcasing the cultural history of the Com-

munity.

All the right touches for an entertaining night were present to give the night Hollywood feel with lights, cameras, action for the performers. Little ones faced their fears and sang on stage, while others belted their version of hit songs.

The event brought Community members out to share their talents before a packed house inside the club's gymnasium. The event was broadcast live online and on Facebook.

Community members were also recognized at the talent show, Marlena Whitehair, youth of the year, Reuben Ringlero cit-

izen of the year for contributions to the youth skateboarding community,

Whitehair said, her parents taught to be proud her Native American heritage and grateful for the opportunities that are before her. "My educational goal is to attend Arizona State University and get Juris Doctorate in Law," said Whitehair.

Lee Nasewytewa, who will be attending ASU in the fall and running track & field, shared some words of encouragement. He said running has given him a platform to inspire youth from the Community and elsewhere to pursue their athletic and educational

goals. "I hope to inspire and be a role model for the youth of our Community and to ensure they reach their potential and grown up in a positive environment."

Kelcey Mosely, District 1 Fitness Instructor, was selected as leader of the year for his contributions within the Community. "I was thankful for the opportunity to be awarded leader of the year." Mosely attends ASU studying exercise and wellness and said his education has inspired him to promote wellness in his district.

PER CAPITA INFORMATION

(520)562-5222 Office or (866)416-2618 Toll free

Open: Monday – Friday 8a.m. – 5p.m.

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2019 Per Capita Schedule

Deadline	Payment
September 16 (Monday)	October 31 (Thursday)

HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR MAILING ADDRESS?

Remember you **MUST** update your information at the Enrollment Office as well as with the Per Capita Office as soon as you can. This is very critical in ordering new Pay-Cards, receiving statements, and most importantly receiving your payments! Please contact the Enrollment Office at (520)562-9790.

***Per Cap Checks have a printed **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED** on the front, therefore checks will not be forwarded.

KEEP STATEMENTS SAFE

Due to the high volume of statement requests the PCO would like to remind the community to keep track of all statements. Statements are used for income verification purposes, as the PCO does not verify to third party entities. The member must contact the PCO to request any documentation needed for verifications of any kind.

PAYCARD INFORMATION

PAY CARD LOST OR STOLEN:

Call (866) 213-8564 Press 1 for live operator; Please know your address, phone # and employee # (GRIC ID#) also they may ask for your card #; This is your chance to tell them what you need and ask any questions.

Providence First Trust 2019 Visits

September 27 and 30, 9am – 4pm

Minor Trust Early Distribution

Deadline	Payment
September 30 – Monday	October 15 (Tuesday)

This is a request for clothing, medical and educational needs. Early distribution is allowed twice a year and has a dollar limit.

- One packet is to be filled out per child.
- Please bring a photo ID (Tribal ID or State ID)

Trust Termination

Deadline	Payment
September 30 (Monday)	October 31 (Thursday)

Member must be at least 18 years old with a HS diploma/GED certificate or be at least 21 years old by payment date to terminate trust.

Please bring the following documents with you:

- High school diploma or GED certificate
- Photo ID (Tribal ID or State ID)
- Voided check or letter from bank, if selected direct deposit (name, routing number and account number)

A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

Aaaahhh. Rain/Ju:k has arrived, a little late, but aaaahhh. Thankfully, we close our eyes and treasure that smell. THAT smell – I just learned that in 1964 it was given an official name: petrichor and comes from two Greek words. “Petra” means stone and “ichor” means blood of the gods. Seems like a really fitting word. A chemical interaction of certain plants and clay-based soils through dry and wet seasons creates that smell. Clay/bi:t is key to that aroma.

Clay. While out on desert walk-about, we sometimes find bits of pottery. Makes you wonder about the hands that worked clay to shape and design those little treasures. We leave them where we find them so others can delight, too.

I came across an excellent quick read, *Dirt For Making Things*, by Janet Stoepplmann. The 1995 book is about Mary Fernald, who tells of her experience with Maricopa potters Mabel Sunn, Ida Redbird, and other Maricopa potters of the early 1970s. Mary Fernald decided to write

her 1973 Master’s thesis “A Study of Maricopa Pottery.” Around 1993, Janet Stoepplmann persuaded Mary Fernald to tell the story behind the story of gathering information from the potters which is how *Dirt For Making Things* came to be written. Some readers may see relatives mentioned in that book and this article. But first a short background about the Maricopa. Robert Hackenberg published *Aboriginal Land Use and Occupancy of the Pima-Maricopa Indians* in 1974 and stated the Maricopa’s stomping grounds were along the Colorado River, as part of the Yuman culture. Five groups --the Maricopa (Cocomaricopa), Kavelcadom (Opa), Halchidhoma, Kohuana and the Halyikwamai --began moving to our area as early as the mid-1500s. Today the western part of the Gila River Indian Community is home to most of the Maricopa/Piipaash/Pee-Posh. The Halchidhoma/ Xalychidom reside at Lehi on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation.

Maricopa may have come from the Spanish word “mariposa.” Maricopa women often painted

butterfly wings as decorations on their faces and bodies, according to the *Dirt For Making Things* book. When the Southern Pacific Railroad was laid through Maricopa in the 1880s, it presented a new venue to sell Maricopa pottery. From 1912 to 1937, Maricopa pottery wasn’t of high quality, because tourists didn’t care for quality as long as the pottery was cheap. Pottery went for a quarter or fifty cents. An early Laveen resident remembers Maricopa potters and O’otham basket makers selling their wares at Walgreens Drug on Central Avenue in Phoenix. In 1935, Ms. Elizabeth Hart, an extension agent of the Indian Service, arrived on Gila River and began an effort to improve the quality of Maricopa pottery. She established quality standards in an effort to raise prices and formed a Maricopa Pottery Association. Original members were Mary Juan, Pearl Miller, Lena Meskeet, Sallie McKinley, Maggie Colt, Alma Lawrence, Lula Young, Lou Johnson, Ruth Anton, Mary Loring, Susie Sundust, Grace Percherro, Agnes and Josephine Bread, Cora and Mae Smith.

Soon Maricopa pottery was earning high praise at a Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Convention and the Gallup Inter-Tribal Arts and Crafts Exhibition of 1938. The face and spokeswoman

of the group was Ida Redbird. She was talkative, forward in thought, much like her grandfather, Last Star. At the dawn of the 1900s, Last Star predicted men would fly in the air, travel among the stars, and be able to see people far away. When a young potter was questioned because her pot did not look “traditional,” Redbird spoke up and said the Maricopa potter was “trying a new idea.” Ms. Fernald surmised Maricopa pottery survived by allowing potters to experiment, borrow from the old and “outside” to express what the potter felt. The photographs in the book exhibit such an evolution: reptiles drawn and added on, faces, human forms, differing shades and colors, highly

polished, and long necked pots created to sell. With the onset of World War II, Maricopa potters stopped using the swastika design because tourists would not buy them. Cultures worldwide had used the design to represent the four directions, the universe, the wheel of life, and a supreme deity. German Nazis took over that symbol, changed it to represent evil and ugliness.

Back to beauty. Actress Lupita Nyong’o of Star Wars and Black Panther fame said, “Clay can be dirt in the wrong hands, but in the right hands it can be art.”

Maricopa potters of the past, present and future have shown they have the right hands to use bi:t for

art. Clay gives us perfume and beauty.

All O’odham/O’otham are one but are different political entities and each has determined their own writing systems. The Gila River website uses a phonetic spelling, Pee Posh while the Salt River website uses Piipaash, of the Alvarez/Hale/Zepeda orthography. Learn the system of your reservation or background and keep up the effort to communicate in O’odham/O’otham.

Information came from websites; <https://www.quora.com/Why-does-clay-have-the-distinctive-smell>; <http://theconversation.com/the-smell-of-rain-how-csiro-invented-a-new-word-39231> and <https://ca.hellomagazine.com/health-and-beauty/02018022142996/lupita-nyong-mexico-beauty-hair>.

Use caution as monsoon storms finally arrive in the Gila River Indian Community

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Monsoon season has begun and brings in more humidity that can lead to thunderstorms, heavy rain, lightning, hail, high winds, flash floods, dust storms and extreme heat. Many of which can be very dangerous. The monsoon season begins in June and typically lasts through September.

With many of the hazards the season brings, it is important to stay safe and be prepared. Heavy rain can cause dangerous and even deadly road conditions due to flooding. High winds that tend to come along with the season can cause power outages and even structural damage and can be hazardous when

driving.

Learn to be safe this monsoon season. Be prepared and practice these important safety measures:

- Take shelter when you hear thunder, storms can escalate quickly stay indoors to avoid getting caught in the rain, dust and lightning.

- Be prepared for power outages which can last hours to days (in some cases); have an emergency kit, flashlight, candles, battery operated radio, extra batteries or solar chargers for electronic devices, also keep extra food and water available.

- NEVER drive through flooded roads and washes: “Turn around, don’t drown”. 18-inches

of water can carry away a vehicle and only 6-inches of water can knock down an adult.

- Do not use your electronics during a lightning storm, power surges can cause damage to your devices or even fire or electrocution.

- Do not drive in dust storms, when caught in a dust storm, pulled to the side of the road, turn off your lights and wait it out.

The Office of Emergency Management provides coordination and support to the Community in the event of disasters. OEM can be reached at (520) 796-3755. More information can also be found online at gricready.org or through their mobile app

“GRIC OEM.” Through their app you’ll have access to health and emergency preparedness and more contact information.

In the event of an emergency, you may also contact your service center:

District 1 (520) 215-2110,

District 2 (520) 562-3450,

District 3 (520) 562-3334,

District 4 (520) 418-3661,

District 5 (520) 315-3441,

District 6 (520) 550-3805,

District 7 (520) 430-4780.



The July 30 storm caused damage throughout Sacaton. GRIN Photo

VFSO is hosting 3rd Annual veterans conference, Aug. 31

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The Veteran and Family Services Office is gearing up for another Veterans Conference on Aug. 31, at the Sheraton Grand Resort at Wild Horse Pass. This event focuses on bringing together veterans, active-duty military, and families of veterans. The goal is to inform participants about the numerous services that

are currently offered by the Veteran and Family Services Office.

Darrell Whitman, Veteran Peer Support Specialist, looks forward to the conference because another goal is to learn what the Community wants from their office. Therefore, the conference will provide a space to learn and set goals for years to come. The information gathered will im-

prove their services moving forward and keep everyone informed of what they have to offer.

Whitman stated, “We are keeping the program simple by sharing where our office stands today and what our goals are moving into the future.” Their office is considered new, having been only open for about a year and a half. So, it’s crucial to Whitman that

they keep a presence in the Community and continually build name recognition. Similar events and conferences like this greatly assist that effort.

The event will have various breakout sessions which include a community talking circle with veterans. The Huhugam Heritage Center will also host a session showcasing a new veterans exhibit that will debut

next year.

The event will be half a day, and they expect over 100 people in attendance this year. The event starts at 8 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. They will serve light refreshments in the morning and a meal at lunch. For more information, you can contact the Veterans and Family Services Office at (520) 562-6221.



Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 members during the 2019 Mul-Chu-Tha parade. GRIN Photo

Families attend End of Summer Bash at District 6 for fun, food and giveaways



Madison Antone picked up a new backpack in District 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On the evening of July 27, District 6's Kalka Park came to life with Community members, music, and food celebrating the end of the summer break. The recreation committee coordinated the event that provided backpacks, gifts, and school supplies for many of its youth and families that

attended.

Triple-digit temperatures did not stop Community members from coming out that evening. District 6 Recreation Coordinator Denise Jackson worked to ensure the success of the event that saw 200 Community members attend. Jackson said, "the goal is to bring the district members together before kids start

school and give them a good start with school supplies and a backpack." The backpacks distributed were unique to District 6 members. A youth from District 6 created the design printed on the front of the blue backpacks.

Jackson also said, "the highlight of the event this year was the Skateboard Competition." This part of the event was a new addition to the event from past years.

Seven Layer Army hosted the "D6 Skate Mix" and was a good return since the last skate competition held in District 6 was back in 2013. Ten skateboarders signed up vying for numerous prizes. Skaters were all given multiple items during the product toss and also provided a T-shirt just for signing up.

Inflatable water slides were provided for younger children, and resource booths lined were also set up along one of the baseball fields. Attendees were given a card for stamps after visiting the booths which served as a raffle ticket for numerous prizes including a 14-ft trampoline.

Much of the event's success was made possible by the District 6 Recreation Committee and the volunteers.



Children beat the heat with inflatable water slides on July 27. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Skateboard riders show off their new equipment at Kalka Park in District 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN

154th ANNUAL MUSTERING IN DAY CELEBRATION

"Together we stand strong honoring our past warriors and believing in our next generation."

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Save the Date

Gila River Indian Community
District 7 Pee Posh Park
8035 S. 83rd Avenue, Laveen AZ 85339
(83rd Avenue, South of Baseline)

Save the Date

For more information contact the District 7 Recreation @ 520 430-4780



GRIC member shares win for UNITY business plan competition



Joseph Davis on stage at the UNITY conference held in Florida. Courtesy of Joseph Davis

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community member Joseph Davis won the National Business Plan Competition at the 2019 UNITY Conference. This year the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) partnered with United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) to host a business plan competition at the an-

nual UNITY conference that took place July 4-8 in Orlando, Fla.

The competition was intended to “stimulate the real-world process of entrepreneurship seeking start-up funds”, according to NCAIED. It was divided into two divisions: Youth High School (14-17) and College (18-24). It was open only to those who would be attending the conference, where the winners

would be announced. Over 300 youth groups and tribal communities attended this year.

Davis, who is from District 5 has been actively involved in the Community, serving on the Akimel O’odham/Pee Posh Youth Council. After graduating high school, he pursued his education at Mesa Community College for a semester before working at Chipotle where he became a general manager.

In 2017, he joined UNITY to serve as western region representative before becoming the 2018-2019 NUC Executive Committee Male Co-president. “I’ve learned a lot and met a lot of people throughout those two years. Ultimately my goal was just to have a bigger reach on Native youth and to figure out what they need” said Davis.

With his experience in business, Davis partnered with Rachel Arthur (Colville Confederated Tribes) and submitted a business plan in the college division. Their idea for a



Joseph Davis (second from left) holds the promotional check given to him and his partner after their win in the business plan competition at UNITY. Courtesy of UNITY

coffee shop named Aesthetic Coffee Co., would focus mainly on its atmosphere for anyone to utilize the business as a place for their own productivity. They were announced as winners at the conference in the college category, receiving \$1,500. There were no entries for the high school

category.

After completing his term with UNITY, Davis wants youth to understand that they “don’t have to be a certain way to strive,” further discussing how he obtained his role with UNITY; “I didn’t have a college background and I didn’t have a political

background” he felt he was different, but was still able to take on a leadership role. He believes in is revitalizing culture, supporting youth and building their confidence. NCAIED and UNITY plan to continue to hold the business plan competition again next year.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

ment, while the Bears would make a good run to the championship.

The Bears rode a hot streak into bracket play on Sunday, winning all four of their games, with three of them posting double digit scores. The Bears dominated even as temperatures rose past 100-degrees and won the little league championship.

At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale branch in Lehi, the boys’ varsity basketball was in full swing. Two teams from the Gila River Indian Community, Snake-town Warriors and Hajun, played their way through hard fought games to get to

the championship games of their respective brackets.

On the last day, Hajun played in the varsity game against PHX Hotboyz in a game that went down to the wire. Hajun lost championship to the Hotboyz 66-64. The Snaketown Warriors played in the Showcase bracket but couldn’t secure a spot in placing in the games.

Back out on the baseball diamond, the Gila River co-ed softball team captured a second-place finish during tournament play. For more information about call the Arizona Sports & Entertainment Commission at (480) 517-9700



A Bears player hurls a pitch from the mound during a baseball game. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Bears players receive medals for their outstanding play. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Hajun represented the Gila River Indian Community at the annual Piestewa Games. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE

"Putting Our People First"



Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lt. Governor

The Gila River Indian Community welcomes state treasurer Kimberly Yee



Treasurer Yee visits the Governance Center in Sacaton. From left, GRIC Treasurer Robert Keller, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Yee, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, District 1 Council Representative Arzie Hogg. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

Arizona State Treasurer Kimberly Yee visited the Gila River Indian Community on July 25. Yee met with tribal leadership, elders, and toured the new Gila River Crossing Community school in District 6.

Yee's visit to the Community covered to governmental relations between GRIC and the state on economic development.

Yee met with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Robert Keller, Community Treasurer, Arzie Hogg, District 1 Council Representative at

the GRIC Governance Center, before going on a tour of the Community.

"We have a long-standing partnership with the Community and we provide them with an update from our office of our what we are doing with your investment dollars," said Yee.

Yee vested the Dis-

trict 2 elders, to talk about the state's responsibility to manage the investments of the state's local governments. Her office also, allocates funds for programs that will assist governments, like tribal communities on a myriad of issues and initiatives.

Although her visit was brief, she wanted to hear from the elders who talked about the importance of health and culture, which they said is being promoted through the Community's education system and own healthcare system, like the Gila River Health Care.

Yee said, "We have a great connection to our Native American community, because I am Chinese-American. I know similarly that in our communities, that we keep a rich tradition among our young people."

She said in a modern society, it's challenging to preserve culture, because there's so many distractions and influences, that



Arizona State Treasurer Kimberly Yee chats over lunch with the District 2 elders. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

happen from all directions. Yee pointed about the Community's investment to promote art and culture, and how that is incorporated into everyday living and education.

Her initiative to develop an inclusive office involves going out to places like the Community to get a hands-on experience on what is happening among tribes. "We should look at every corner of our state and it's important to have tribal communities at the table, there are so many distinct issues community

to community, especially among tribal communities," said Yee.

She said there's an interest to see what is going on and to make every effort to understand how the state treasurer's office can help them.

To close out her visit, Yee toured the new Gila Crossing Community School, to view the new classrooms, gardening area, and artwork created to represent the two cultures of the Community, the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Stanton remarked, "This is a great day for Arizona, the United States, and the students because they will become future leaders." His past work with the Community spans years and congratulated GRIC leaders for their innovative approach to make the school a reality.

GCCS's development is unique for several reasons but two stand out the most. First, this school was built with the Community in mind, referencing the O'otham and Pee Posh in

the art, language, and history embedded in the curriculum, signage, and art found throughout the school. And second, the school was built by the Community and will be leased back to the Department of the Interior over several years. The landmark partnership is unprecedented and offers a new approach across all of Indian Country.

Lt. Gov. Stone provided closing remarks thanking everyone in attendance. Stone reminded the audience that, "the school's



A large crowd filled the new Gila Crossing Community School gymnasium for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Owner's Team had only one mission, rooted in the school's motto, and in 13 months they delivered." Stone finished stating, "As

the celebration ends and we turn over this school to its board and administration, let us remember that motto 'Believe you can.'"

The original school was built over 100 years ago around 1900. The school will serve Pre-K to eighth Grade students. The

school enrollment for 2018 was approximately 550 students, a slight increase in enrollment is expected this year.



D. Baxter the Bobcat grabs a bite during the grand opening of the Gila Crossing Community School on July 27. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Children play on the new playground equipment. Kyle Knox/GRIN

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • July 17, 2019

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, July 17, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:14 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Janice Stewart

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Delmar Jones, Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans (9:44); D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D1-Joey Whitman; D4-Jennifer Allison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #1; TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #4, #5, #7, #8, #10, #11, #12, #13 AND NEW BUSINESS #3 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADD AND ACCEPT MATERIAL FOR RESOLUTION #15, TABLE PRESENTATION #1 AND APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS:

1. Gila River Police Department Introductions Of First Responder Cadets

Presenter: Sgt. Paul Maroney

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. GRHC Introduction of Dr. Anthony Santiago, Chief Medical Officer

Presenter: Scott Gemberling

MR. MYRON SCHURZ INTRODUCED DR. ANTHONY SANTIAGO. DR. SANTIAGO PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERNS AND WORDS OF WELCOME. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

3. Introducing Providence High School

Presenter: Henry Matthews

MR. HENRY MATHEWS, PRINCIPAL, THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, MS. KATHY HILLARY, CLINICAL STAFF, AND MS. ANNETTE GIAGOS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL WERE PRESENT.

EACH PROVIDED BRIEF OVERVIEWS OF THE SCHOOL'S STRUCTURE WHICH EMPHASIZED ON PROVIDING STUDENT'S ASSISTANCE WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:02 A.M.]

REPORTS

*1. Case Management Review

Presenter: Gale Rawson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. FY 19 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending June 30, 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotments 3735 and 3735) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Warren Wiltshire

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Rescinding Resolutions GR-29-83 And GR-084-17 To Dissolve The Voter Registration Board And Rescind The Voter Registration Bylaws (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, LSC concurs)

Presenter: Shannon White

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The Agreement Of October 1, 2018 Between The Gila River Indian Community And Franzoy Consulting, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

>4. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The Agreement Of October 1, 2018 Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gookin Engineers, Ltd. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2018 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Keller-Bliesner Engineering, LLC (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Amending The Current Membership Of The Litigation Team By Replacing Former Councilman Barney Enos, Jr. With Councilman Avery White, And/Or Appointing A Community Representative To The Gila River Water Storage, LLC Board Of Managers And Amending Resolution GR-49-11 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with the amendment of adding "and/or" to the title)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

>7. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Funding Between The City Of Phoenix And The Gila River Indian Community For Fixed-Route Transit Services For Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections)

Presenters: Timothy Oliver, Gregory McDowell

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. A Resolution Authorizing The Tribal Education Department To Submit A Grant Application To The Bureau Of Indian Education, Tribal Education Discretionary Grants (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, ESC concurs)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Employment And Training Department And The Arizona Department Of Economic Security Relating To The Request For Authorization And Disbursement Of Workforce Innovation And

Opportunity Act Title I Funding And Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity For The Limited Purpose Of Arbitration And Enforcement Of Any Arbitration Award (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with additional information; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Lana Chanda

APPROVED

>10. Resolution Approving The Office Of Emergency Management To Apply For And Receive Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Funding Under The Arizona State Department Of Health Services Through The Center Of Disease Control (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with amendments to the resolution body, LSC concurs)

Presenter: Kathyleen Curley

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Approving The Fiscal Year 2020 Gila River Indian Community Indian Housing Plan For Implementation And Submittal To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Laurie Thomas

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. A Resolution Authorizing Personnel From The United States Census Bureau To Collect Data For The 2020 Census Within The Gila River Indian Reservation (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila Local Exchange Carrier, Inc. To Waive Sovereign Immunity Solely For The Purpose Of Enforcing The Provisions Of The Joint Project Agreement Between The State Of Arizona And The Gila Local Exchange Carrier, Inc. And For Enforcing Any Arbitration Award Under The Agreement And For No Other Purpose (EDSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: David Ackerman, James Meyers, GRTI Board of Directors

APPROVED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

15. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Rescinds Resolution GR-080-19 And Approves The Revised Gila Crossing Day School Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Department Of The Interior

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Gaming Commission Two - (2) Appointments (one (1) full term and one (1) unexpired term)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT JULIE

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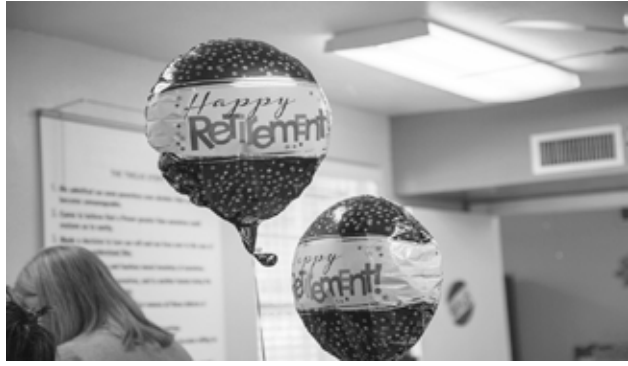
2. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Board of

Directors one (1) Appointment

Presenters: Community Council

ACTION SHEETS Cont'd on Page 12

Substance abuse counselor retires after 25 years, says time, 'flew by'



Balloons and decorations mark Arlene Allison's retirement after 25 years with the Community. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

After serving the Gila River Indian Community for 25 years, Arlene Allison, a substance abuse counselor with Gila River Health Care – Behavioral Health Oasis, has now retired. On May 31, family, friends, and colleagues gathered to say their farewells and to celebrate her

career.

"I really wanted to stay here. The years just flew by. It's been 25 years and I didn't realize it's been that long," said Allison

Allison referred to her time working with the Community by saying, "I love the work, I love working with people."

Allison was born in Sacaton but grew up and lives in the Salt River Pi-

ma-Maricopa Indian Community where she worked for 16 years prior to working with GRIC. She began working with the substance abuse program before a merge with Gila River Health Care.

"She's been a very good influence on the people," said Corey Hayes, who has known Allison for several years, "she's done a lot here in this Community but where ever she goes she's going to be helping somebody somewhere."

Allison shared her own experience with substance abuse as a young woman, and how she struggled with recovery. "Eventually I got back on my feet and I decided that this is the work that I want to do because even though I felt hopeless, getting some help made me see that if I can do it then I



Arlene Allison (center) is given a send off from family, friends and coworkers at her retirement celebration. Emma Hughes/GRIN

was a miracle to myself because it was very difficult to stay sober." This compelled her to want to help others with similar experiences.

Allison still holds a

license with the state as a licensed independent substance abuse counselor and wishes to continue utilizing it. Now retired, she plans to continue work through her

church and fellowship.

Through her mother, Hazel Lavern Azul, Allison is 5th generation of Chief Antonio Azul, GRIC's last traditional Chief.

GRPD Reports from Page 5

District Three- (Sacaton)

WEAPON – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to unknown suspect(s) discharging a firearm at the residence causing structure damage. During the investigation, a vehicle that was parked near the residence sustained damages as well as the residence causing dents and holes to both the vehicle and structure. Photos were taken and submitted into evidence; the victim stated that earlier that morning she heard approximately four shots and observed a vehicle leaving the area but was unable to describe the vehicle. There are no suspects at the time of investigation.

Status: Open Investigation

District Four- Stotonic Area –

NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART ONE CRIME

Lone Butte Area

SHOPLIFTING – Officers were dispatched to the Nike Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet regard-

ing a theft. Contact was made with the store manager and it was reported that the male suspect walked into the store picked up a shoe box where he proceeded to walk around while attempting to remove the sensor tags from the shoes. After several minutes he then placed the shoes in an under armor bag and walks past the point of sale without paying and walked out in an unknown direction.

Status: Open Investigation

SHOPLIFTING – Officers were dispatched to the Coach Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet where the suspect took six coach bags and fled the store. Employees from another vendor in the area stated the suspect left in a black Lincoln Navigator. The suspects identification has not been revealed.

Status: Open Investigation

THEFT – Officers were dispatched to the Chevron Gas Station in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the store and walked out with three thirty packs of Budweiser brand alcohol. The suspect left the premises in a red Ford Focus in an unknown

direction. There is currently no suspect information.

Status: Closed pending suspect information

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – Officers were dispatched in reference to a fight in progress. Contact was made with the reporting party and officers were lead to a male that was bleeding from the facial area. The victim stated that they did not remember or recall what happened, the bleeding was controlled by holding a towel to the facial area until GREMS arrived and transported the victim to Chandler Regional for further medical attention. No charges at this time due to the victim not willing to cooperate with officers. A follow up will be conducted

Status: Open Investigation

District Six – (Komatke)

THEFT – Officers were dispatched in reference to a theft. Upon contact the victim stated three hundred dollars was taken from a purse that belonged to the victim and was in a van that the victim and suspects were being transported in. Contact was made with the suspect who

initially denied taking any money. During questioning the suspect later admitted that he took the money. The suspect stated the only reason being that the suspect was told by two other suspects to take the money or be killed/hurt. Contact was made with the other two suspect who also tuned over the money that was taken and given to them. One suspect was arrested on unrelated charges and booked into JDRS. Not all of the three hundred dollars was recovered; the victim wished to press charges against all three juveniles involved. Charges were forwarded to law office for review.

Status: Charges Forwarded to law office

District Seven – (Maricopa)

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to an assault. Contact was made with the victim, a verbal argument between the victim and suspect turned physical when the suspect began to throw items in the residence and struck the victim twice in the facial area with a closed fist and then proceeded to strike the victim with a metal pole that was near the

area where the altercation took place. Evidence of the assault was photographed and later impounded into evidence. The victim was then transported to a family member's residence. The suspect was not located when attempted to look in nearby surrounding areas.

Status: Charges Pending

BURGLARY – The victim contacted police in reference to a burglary oc-

curing at the residence. The victim came home and stated someone had been in his residence taking a television, a black and decker drill and a beats pill speaker. The victim stated it is unknown who the suspect(s) is and did not have any problems with anyone in the surrounding areas.

Status: Open Investigation

CIVIL SUMMONS

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Cecilio Duncan Osuna, et al.
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ACTION SHEETS from Page 11

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT SERENA JOAQUIN NEW BUSINESS

1. Housing Advisory Committee Appointment – District 7 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Laurie Thomas

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT WAYNE NELSON, JR.

2. Proposed Banishment Ordinance Survey (LSC forwards to Council under New Business for discussion and possible action)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

>3. GRIC Support of Congressman O'Halleran Legislation (EDSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with additional information)

Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Resignation Letter (EDSC) (EDSC accepts and forwards to Council to declare the vacancy and requests to appoint a Council Member at the next Council meeting following the acceptance of the resignation)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE THE VACANCY AND REQUESTS TO APPOINT A

COUNCIL MEMBER AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. June 13 – 14, 2019 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AS SUBMITTED

2. June 19, 2019 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. June 27, 2019 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:16 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Storytelling goes digital at Nutrition Coalition and ITCA workshop



Youth work on their stories at the digital storytelling workshop. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



The three-day training consisted of learning of audio and video editing techniques. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Community members experienced a hands-on approach to storytelling through the use of technology at a three-day digital storytelling workshop hosted by the Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Nutrition Coalition and the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona.

Held at the District 6

Tribal Health Department building on July 23-25, participants developed, story boarded and put together their stories on a topic of their choice through using digital media software at the training. They were provided an overview of how to use audio and video editing software to help them produce their digital story.

“Why are we coming together to learn about digi-

tal storytelling? For indigenous peoples, we have a lot of stories, some are about our history, of our creation,” said Madison Fulton, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona Health Promotions Specialist.

“What makes our story important for our people, is that it is passed along. It’s important information that gets passed along through the generations,” said Fulton.

According to Fulton the subjects can range from health, culture, a personal account or a concern in their community.

Eric Hardy, ITCA Health Promotions Specialist assisted with the creation of digital storytelling.

“Everyone has their own process, some folks start with pictures, and then move onto the story boarding, writing out what they want to say,” said Hardy.

He said, it can be an emotional experience, because you are dealing with different issues, some of them very close to the participant, but they are sharing them with others. “When you are telling this story, you are asking yourself, why and what kind of story can I share?”

With previous digital storytelling trainings, Hardy said they range from telling a story of healing,

a personal journey of triumph and empowerment. Fulton said, some stories create empathy, because as the story teller, you want people to care about what you are saying to raise awareness about the issues.

“If it’s a memorable moment you care about, stories have the ability to create change, that can have a wider reach to audiences,” said Fulton.

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