



Community Welcomes New Fire Chief

“The Community makes history by hiring our first female Fire Chief, Kathy Garcia,” Gov. Lewis



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis congratulates Kathy Garcia on her promotion to Gila River Fire Department Fire Chief on Aug. 12. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Gila River Indian News

The morning of Aug. 12 was momentous as Kathy Garcia was named the new Fire Chief for the Gila River Fire Department. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis officiated Garcia’s transition, becoming the first female Fire Chief for the Community.

Gov. Lewis said, “The Community has made history by hiring our first female Fire Chief, Kathy Garcia.” He said her appointment is a demonstration of the commitment individuals like Garcia have in making the Community a safer place.

Fire Chief Garcia’s public safety career spans over 20 hard years serving both Gila River EMS and Gila River Fire Dept. Garcia said, “I’m excited to move into this positions but a little nervous as well for the change.”

Kathy joined the department in 1997, as an apprentice with the first All Native American Fire Apprentice Academy. Due to her long tenure, she’s seen the in’s and

outs of the department starting from the bottom and ascending to this point in her career.

Through a series of career opportunities, Garcia has filled many roles as a firefighter, acting Lieutenant, acting Captain with the City of Maricopa Fire Department.

In 2006, she returned to the Community and began her career with GRFD as a Fire Inspector. In 2014, Garcia’s leadership skills were put to the test, when she was sworn-in as the Deputy Chief Fire Marshal.

She also served with the Gila River Emergency Medical Services as an EMT. Garcia was also a Fire Captain at Station 421, overseeing the day-to-day operations.

As for being the first female to serve as Fire Chief, Garcia said, “It’s overwhelming and humbling but I’m honored.” She knows she has many youth and young girls watching her and she wants to serve as a positive influence for them.

In her new role, she looks forward to providing more training

opportunities for the department. She feels that proper training and development the department will be better adequate to enhance its service to the community.

There are many that have supported her through her career. “Besides my kids being the most influential in my life. It has been two people: Deputy Chief Dave Martin and former GREMS Chief Lawrence White”, said Garcia.

Throughout her career in the firefighting profession, she is also a mother of two children. Her oldest, Roland Enos Jr., served in the United States Marine Corps, and has a degree from Arizona State University. Her daughter, Devin, is currently attending Central Arizona College, pursuing a degree in nursing.

She is also a grandmother to a grandson named RJ. Garcia attributes her success to family, co-workers, mentors, friends and her two children for inspiring her to do more, while giving back to the Community.

Governor Ducey Signs House Bill Establishing Committee

Bill creates study committee on missing and murdered indigenous women and children

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, was joined by tribal leaders, representatives and advocates, who witnessed the signing of House Bill 2570 at the historic Senate Chamber at the State Capitol Museum on Aug. 13.

In attendance, were Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, District. 4 Council Representative Monica Antone, and Gila River Police Department Chief Timothy Chavez. Introduced by Rep. Jennifer Jermaine, D-Chandler, HB 2570 is a bill, that establishes a study committee on missing and murdered indigenous women and children and will aide in the collection of data and resources to address the issue.

“We are here to address an issue that has personally impacted people in this room and countless others across the nation,” said Ducey. He said it is a crisis, that is a heart wrenching reality to tribal communities in the state of Arizona.

The bill, which passed unan-

imously through state legislature, is an example of the support law makers have about addressing missing and murdered indigenous women and children.

Ducey said four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women, have experienced violence in their lifetime and in some communities across U.S., the murder rate of indigenous women is 10 times the national average. “For years, so many families have been subjected to the grief and pain of losing a loved one, who was killed or sadly vanished,” said Ducey.

Ducey said they are here with family, friends, advocates and warriors who have led the fight for answers, and today will see action. He said, “[Their] resolve is why we are here to sign HB 2570, this bill establishes a 21-member study committee on murdered indigenous women and girls.”

He thanked Lt. Gov. Stone and the leaders of the Community in bringing attention to the crisis and the many other state repre-



Gov. Doug Ducey displays HB 2570, a bill establishing a study committee on missing and murdered indigenous woman and children on Aug. 13. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

sentatives for bringing to the light the issue of MMIWC.

“To the victims of the families here and throughout the state, we feel your pain and stand with you to achieve justice and put this

crisis to an end,” said Ducey.

Antone said, “All the 22 tribes in Arizona will have an avenue to get data on cold cases on their reservations and allows for better coordination with trib-

al law enforcement, federal and state governments, that may in fact fall into this category.”

She said it was a powerful experience to see victims of violence testify before state legisla-

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MONDAY - 9/2/19

Saturday Clinics will remain open on August 31, 2019.

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Pharmacy Hours

Saturday, 8/31	8:30 am – 12:00 am
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Monday, 9/2	CLOSED

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FRIDAY - 9/20/19

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Sunday, 9/22	12 pm – 10 pm

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Tribal Education introduces space camp students at Community Council

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Count Community Council among those impressed with the students who attended the Robotics Academy and Aviation Camp.

Tribal Education Department introduced the students and chaperones who participated in the Aviation Challenge and the Robotics Space Camp at the Aug. 7 Community Council meeting where Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Community Council representatives and members of the audience, imparted words of encouragement and complimented the youth on their productive summer.

About 15 of the 20 youth who attended the program presented before council on their time at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., for the camp held July 14-19. This is Tribal Education's fifth group of students to spend the summer learning about robotics and aviation.

"We had a great bunch of kids," said Tammy Histia, Tribal Education.

Of the 20 students, 10 participated in the Robotics Academy and 10 participated in the Aviation Camp.

"I loved it, it was great," said Charity VanHardenburg, 12, Sacaton Middle School, who was in the Robotics Academy.

VanHardenburg said her favorite part of the camp was participating in the competitions held with drones and robots.

Kaylyn Escalante, Coolidge High School, attended the camp for a second time and said she met more people than the year before.

According to Histia the GRIC students met kids from China, Thailand and New Zealand, with close to 1,200 total kids who attended.

It was a week of science and technology for the campers, from programming robots to flight



Aviation Camp and Robotics Space Camp students were recognized during a Community Council meeting on Aug. 7. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

simulation. They participated in outdoor activities and attended IMAX presentations as well as the National Geographic 3D Movie Theater. The campers received a flight suit, backpack and other apparel.

This year, was probably the best time to go with festivities commemorating the 50th anniversary of the July 20, 1969 moon landing from the Apollo 11 lunar mission. Buzz Aldrin and other NASA astronauts gave talks about their missions into space.

The students also witnessed a possible Guinness World Record with the launching of 5,000 model rockets to commemorate the Apollo 11 lunar mission.

At the conclusion, the campers participated in a graduation ceremony and received a certificate of participation, team patch, and a 50th Anniversary Apollo commemorative coin.

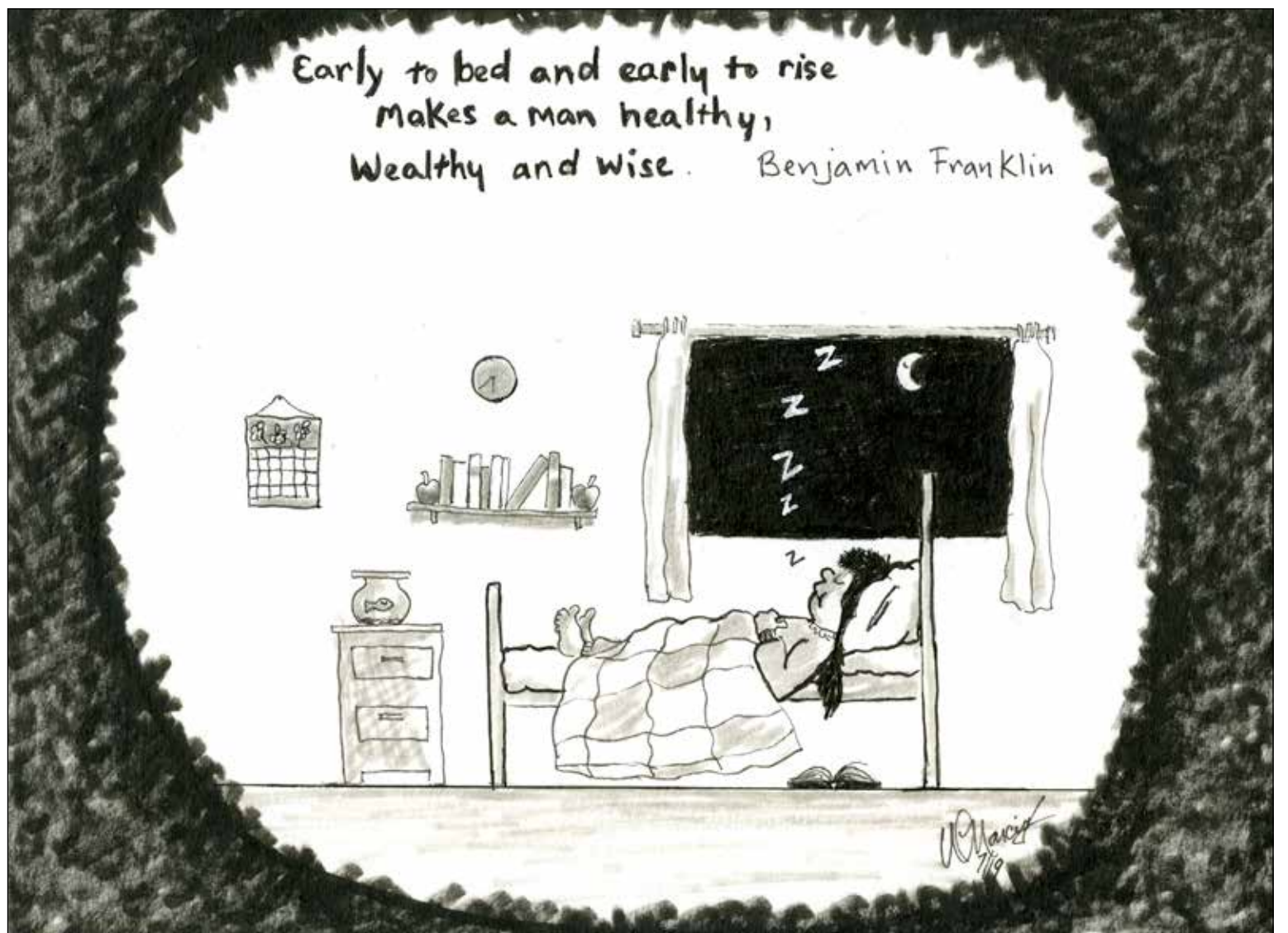
"It opens up their minds, it opens up their hearts, it opens up their career possibilities," said Lt. Gov. Stone of the experience for the students.



Aviation and Robotics Space Camp participants introduced themselves during the Community Council meeting on Aug. 7. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

- List of students:
- ROBOTICS ACADEMY
 - TEAM SENTAR
 - Devin Franklin
 - Raiyna Yoyokie
 - Gerald VanHardenberg
 - TEAM TOYOTA
 - Anela Garcia
 - Sayuri Jackson
 - Charity VanHardenberg
 - Kiah Miguel
 - TEAM DYNETICS
 - Mireya Piedra
 - Luna Harrison
 - Alayna Mark

- AVIATION CAMP
- TEAM ARGONAUTS
 - David Gomez Jr.
 - Kaylyn Escalante
 - Brandi Murphy
 - Lucio Acunia
 - Jenaye Yoyokie
 - Isreal Rose
 - Daniel Johns
 - Kristopher Perkins
 - Quincy Randell
 - Andres Testa



COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES NATIVE RIGHT TO VOTE

Roberto Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community members Rudolph Johnson and Peter Porter were denied the right to vote over 90 years ago, but their legacy in the fight for the Native American right to vote was honored at the Arizona Native Right to Vote Day celebration on Aug. 2 in District 4. The Communications & Public Affairs Office and the Community Council Secretary's Office hosted the event that provided the historical backdrop for voting rights while shedding light on the recent developments in voting registration.

Held in the new District 4 Multi-purpose Facility, the Arizona Native Right to Vote Day celebration included a video presentation on the history of Native American voting, members of the Porter and Johnson family, and ad-

resses from Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Community Council Representatives Carol Schurz, Janice Stewart, Joey Whitman, Patty Ferguson-Bohnee with the ASU Indian Legal Program and Alexander Castillo-Nunez with the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona.

In 1928, Porter and Johnson attempted to vote in Pinal County but were turned away by the County Recorder. The decision was upheld in an Arizona Supreme Court decision. Members of the Porter and Johnson families gathered at the celebration and offered remarks on their relative's place in history.

Rudolph Johnson was represented by five generations of family. Jane Johnson said it was a "history lesson," for some of the younger descendants.

Mikki Gastelum and Mario Porter were likewise



Participants and speakers came out for the Native Right to Vote event on Aug. 2. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

honored to represent on behalf of the Porter family.

"We are honored to represent the porter fami-

ly of our great-grandfather [Peter Porter]. He and Rudolph Johnson took that courageous step forward to

try to register for the state of Arizona," said Gastelum. Lt. Gov. Stone said it was important to remind

the younger generation of the history of voting and
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15th Annual Teacher In-Service Kicks Off New School Year

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Gila River Indian News

On Aug 9 over 500 educators, teachers, and administrators gathered at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass for the day-long 15th Annual Community-Wide Teacher In-Service hosted by the Tribal Education Department.

This year's theme was "Our Children-Our Future" and consisted of 24 breakout sessions, featured guests speakers and Community Leaders throughout the day to help everyone as they prepare for a new school year.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone was present to provide a blessing and open the day. Pearl Yellowman provided the morning's keynote presentation called, "The Evolution of Trauma: Collected Impact Regarding the Influence of Poverty, Culture and Brain Development on the Behavior and Health Disparities of American Indian Youth."

Yellowman shared a new approach when work-

ing with the Community, by understanding how to distinguish the influences of individual behavior and their interaction within a learning environment.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who was in attendance said, "With having all the schools present from pre-K to Eighth grade just shows that education is a priority for the Community."

Lewis said, "Everyone is here for one reason, and that is the for the education of our students on the Gila River Indian Community." The breakout sessions provided workshops and presentations on O'otham and Pee-Posh culture, how to work collaboratively, assessment for learning, classroom management, and engagement strategies were among the topics covered.

Isaac Salcido, TED Director, was happy with the number of participants this year. Salcido stated, "We look forward to this event in order to get people en-

ergized and invigorated for the new year."

Lucy Middaugh, Family Advocate for the District 6 Head Start, said, "This year focused a lot more on self-care for the teachers, and it was a good day."

Her favorite session was with Mitch Factor, who hosted "How to Prevent Teacher Burn Out" that emphasized how to identify stress and how to mitigate it for a healthier and fun school year.

At lunch, Richie Taylor delivered remarks on behalf of the Arizona Department of Education's Superintendent Kathy Hoffman.

To close-out the in-service, entertainment was provided by comedian Mitch Factor. Factor is a member of the Seminole and Menominee Indian Tribes.

With new schools opening in the future, next year's in-service looks to grow in numbers.



Pearl Yellowman was the keynote speaker at this year's GRIC teacher in-service on Aug. 9. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis provided the lunch time remarks during the teacher in-service on Aug. 9. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Complete guide at www.grbc.tv/schedule		GRBC TV GUIDE						*Schedule may be subject to change.
Sunday 8/18		Monday 8/19	Tuesday 8/20	Wednesday 8/21	Thursday 8/22	Friday 8/23	Saturday 8/24	
12:00pm	Native Planet - Chile <i>Defending their way of life against overwhelming environmental threats.</i>	First Contact - The Road to Healing <i>Emotions pushed to the limit, they are about to face their biggest test.</i>	The Winter Bear Project	Standing on Sacred Ground <i>Fire & Ice</i> <i>Global warming is melting glaciers, their water source.</i>	Rethinking Blackduck Pottery <i>How pre-contact indigenous people of our area made multi-functional pottery.</i>	American Outrage <i>The US Bureau of Land Mgmt seem to be after resources hidden below Native barren land.</i>	Kaha:Wi - The Cycle of Life <i>Illustrates a traditional, but incredibly universal story.</i>	
12:30pm			Journey to Opportunity					
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion <i>The Indigenous Voice</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Argillite Carver</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>Carrying on the Tradition</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>The New Masters</i>	Forging Bonds: Pow Wow Stories from CA	
1:30pm	Vitality Gardening <i>Northern Garden</i>	Underexposed <i>Dirtbags</i>	Underexposed	Underexposed	Underexposed	Underexposed	Vitality Gardening <i>Aboriginal Agriculture</i>	
2:00pm	Wassaja <i>Alaska Natives Voice</i>	Working It Out Together <i>It's About the Journey</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Taking Control of Health</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Shillene McNaughton</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Stewards of the Land</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Babbeyjane Happyjack</i>	Wassaja <i>Alaska Natives Voice</i>	
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3:00pm	Kanie'keha:Living The Language <i>What it takes to learn and maintain a language through immersion by addressing key concepts of tradition, traditional education and identity preservation.</i>	Native Planet - Chile <i>Defending their way of life against overwhelming environmental threats.</i>	Native Voice TV <i>Temachtiani Ocelocoatl</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders - The Chathams <i>A sacred grove of ancient hand-carved trees.</i>	Storytellers In Motion	Making Regalia <i>Beading cont'd.</i>	
3:30pm			Aboriginal Adventures <i>Seaweed Harvest</i>	Common Ground <i>Metal Sculpting</i>		On Native Ground: Youth Report	Children of the Desert <i>Child of Tsifota</i>	
4:00pm		First Talk <i>Hopi Nation</i>	First Talk <i>Healing Process</i>	First Talk <i>Dating</i>	First Talk <i>Murray Porter</i>	First Talk <i>Buffy Sainte Marie Pt 2</i>	The New Zealanders - Central Plateau <i>People with a passion for dinosaurs, pens, art, rugby and Russia.</i>	
4:30pm		Behind The Brush	Indian Pride <i>American Indian Advocacy</i>	Making Regalia <i>Beading</i>	People of the Pines <i>Uncharted Territory</i>	Sheltered <i>Don't Be Lazy</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Hotshots</i>	
5:00pm	First Contact - The Road to Healing <i>Emotions pushed to the limit, they are about to face their biggest test yet.</i>	The Winter Bear Project	Standing on Sacred Ground <i>Fire & Ice</i> <i>Global warming is melting glaciers, their</i>	Rethinking Blackduck Pottery <i>How pre-contact indigenous people of our area made multi-functional pottery.</i>	American Outrage <i>The US Bureau of Land Management seem to be after resources hidden below Native barren land.</i>	Incas Remembered <i>They performed miraculously technical brain surgery, built modern irrigation canals.</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee	
5:30pm		Journey to Opportunity						
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6:00pm	Red Earth Undercover <i>A Small World: Part 2</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>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Wapos Bay <i>World According to Devon</i>	
6:30pm	The Medicine Line <i>Reanimated</i>						Wild Archaeology <i>Innu of Sheshatsiu</i>	
7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Prawn Opening</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Wildlife Warehouse</i>	Wild Archaeology <i>Inuit of Rigolet, Part 2</i>	DOWNTIME w/ROB JACKSON	Wassaja <i>Mary Kathryn Nagle</i>	N.A. Now <i>A. Brow, J. Reul</i>	Hit The Ice <i>True Role Model</i>	
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8:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Visions of an Island</i>	Red Earth Uncover <i>Wild Rose Wild Man Pt1</i>	Cashing In <i>From Dubai w/Love</i>	Chaos & Courage	Native Shorts <i>My Father's Tools</i>	The Aux <i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World Indigenous cultures.</i>	DOWNTIME w/ROB JACKSON	
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9:00pm		Irezumi, The Japanese Art of Tattooing <i>Special ink used to create masterpieces on the human body.</i>	Mohawk Girls <i>An inside look at Native youth culture in the 21st century.</i>	The Invisible Nation <i>Barely 9,000 Algonquin are left, often enduring abject poverty and human rights abuses, all the while suffering the threat to their very existence in silence.</i>	First Nations Comedy Experience <i>Laura Hernandez, Matt Baca, Kevin Avery, and Pete Lee perform.</i>	Maina <i>To fulfill a promise to her friend as she lay on her deathbed, Maina has to follow the trail of her enemies to retrieve Nipki, Matsii's 11-year-old son who has been captured. She is taken captive herself by Natak, the Inuit clan's leader, and forced to travel with them.</i>	Defenders of Life <i>According to custom, she must marry off her only granddaughter, and 70 yr-old shaman lays his claim to the girl, who is only 12 and already pregnant.</i>	
9:30pm	Blue Gap Boyz <i>In a small town on the Navajo Rez, 3 bros combine their talents to form the greatest band (the only one) Blue Gap has ever known!</i>	The Other Story of the Forgotten Slaves <i>The Atlantic slave trade lasted 3 centuries and affected millions of people.</i>	Janelle <i>A childhood of alcoholism, drugs, and violence, at age 21 and single, she strives to give her two sons a better life.</i>	Fractured Land <i>A young Indigenous law student fighting to protect his land and people from the ravages of neocolonialism.</i>	Walela <i>Open your heart to the marvelous and magical harmony of this very special experience.</i>			
10:00pm								
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11:00pm	The Ball <i>Way before football as we know it, the ball has been kicked around the globe by different cultures.</i>	Mad Cow Sacred Cow <i>Reveals shocking connections among Mad Cow crisis, Farm crisis and Global Food crisis.</i>	Lighthouse Lesvos <i>Battling bad weather and inadequate resources, a small team begins training.</i>		Peyote Man	This River	The Sacred Sundance: <i>The Transfer of a Ceremony</i> <i>Participants go 4 days w/o food or water. Then pierce the flesh of their chests in an offering to the Creator.</i>	
11:30pm					Across The Creek	Canada's Missing Women		
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that the fight for voting rights is, "everyday."

Ferguson-Bohnee shared the status of Native American voting rights in Arizona. "There's a legacy of people trying to vote in Gila River and being prevented from voting and I think it's important to share that message so that young people understand that the right to vote was really a fight," said Ferguson-Bohnee.

Although voting reg-

istration has increased in GRIC since the 2016 election, there is still room to grow with only 58% of the voting-age population registered to vote.

"According to the Native American Voting Rights Coalition study there's a low trust in government and people feel like there's a lack of responsiveness to their needs," said Ferguson-Bohnee.



Guest speakers talk about the history of Native right to vote on Aug. 2. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

FIRE CENTER PLAYS CRUCIAL ROLE IN MANAGEMENT OF WILDFIRES



The Pima/Salt River Agency Fire Management team and other BIA fire units, stand in front of a DC-10 air tanker at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway airport. Photo by Tribal Nations Response Team

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

An important component of managing a large scale emergency, is the use of communication to relay information in short order. The Phoenix Interagency Fire Center, located at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport in the East Valley, is the nerve center for all activity concerning wild-

land fires.

Alan Sinclair, Fire Management Officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Pima Agency/Salt River Agency, said a lot of information is passed through this center, which is also used as a base for air tankers used to fight wildfires.

Sinclair, who serves as the Incident Command-

er for the Southwest Interagency Management Team 1, has been active in the management of personnel from the Community and other BIA fire agencies this fire season.

He also oversees the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community, and Fort McDowell/Yavapai Apache Tribe fire

agencies.

The center serves as a staging area for wildland fire crews to deploy from, when they are called out to fires in other states.

Sinclair said the fire center contains a mobilization center, which can house up to five crews, until it is time to ship out. "What [this] is used for, when we send crews out to other states, if they're not driving, but flying, they will load up a jet [here]," said Sinclair.

He said in previous fire seasons, the Pima Agency crews, have flown to Alaska to assist with firefighting operations there. The mobilization center also serves as extra space to provide trainings, briefings and a cache of supplies crews will use out on a fire, such as food, water and equipment.

For air support operations, the facility can have

up to three to six air tankers at one-time depending on the size of the fire. Chris Price, Air Tanker Base Manager said, the ramp can fill-up, with aircraft of various sizes staging from the base.

He said aircraft like the DC-10 air tanker, can be filled with 9,400 gallons of fire retardant in 13 minutes, to get the aircraft back to firefighting activities.

Price said larger aircraft, such as a Boeing 747 passenger plane, reconfigured into an air tanker can be staged from the base, if needed.

Price said, firefighting air operations are a little niche within the fire community, is always looking for individuals, who are interested in air tanker ops. "Just grinding it out, I had the support of my peers," said Price, "There is just not enough people involved, so there's a lot of aviation op-

portunities to fill."

Price said sorties where air tankers staged from the base, can easily rise to over 100 air drops completed on fires during record breaking years, such as in 2017, 2018 and this year alone.

In the center's dispatch center, the activity was light compared to the previous weeks of operations on the Verde Fire, that threatened the Fort McDowell Yavapai Apache Nation tribal lands. "We have to communicate here on the floor and then when our expanded dispatch center is open, they are processing information and other things," said Ashley Truett Dispatch Center Manager.

She said the challenge is making sure everyone who relies on the dispatch center, receives the resources and help needed, while out on a wildfire.



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Hasa'elith heg Ba:b ch Hu'ul 'To Respect our Elder Males and Females'

There comes a time in the lives of O'otham when we enter our Golden Years at the age of fifty. Some communities recognize an individual as a senior citizen at the age of fifty-five and are entitled to certain services by their communities. This group of O'otham called Kekel as a group, Keli for an elder male (some prefer Ba:b or Vosk) and Hu'ul or Ka:k for an elder female. There are certain conditions or phrases that are associated with this age group. One phrase often heard concerning our elders is "Ge'e haichu s-amchuth." 'To have thorough knowledge of a subject, or multiple subjects.' Many elders retain over 80 years of knowledge and life experiences. They are willing to share their life experiences through "Haichu a'aga." 'To tell about things, stories of life. One phrase often spoken to younger generations was

"Haichu 'o 'e ju: s-pehegim 'o s-hasigam." 'You can do things the easy way, or the hard way.' This phrase often repeated when taught how to fell a mesquite tree quickly and efficiently. This especially applicable when taught to create a V notch and not a U notch to cut down the tree. Of course, this phrase applied to all other learning situations throughout our lives. This phrase became very important when learning to perform work that involved continuous physical labor such as turning up the soil of our enormous spring garden. One phrase often spoken, as Kekel talk among themselves is "Pi gevkatad." 'To not be as strong as they used to be.' There comes a time when we take into consideration and plan our retirement from our careers. The life-changing phrase is "Ha'as chipk." 'To quit work-retire.' Over the years

and most recently we have witnessed the retirement of many fine O'otham and Pee-Posh whom have contributed a great amount of time and knowledge to their companies, departments and organizations. After retirement some O'otham enjoy what is called "Ahoubad" 'To finally get rest, take a break.' When asked what they would do after retirement a few Elders responded with the sentences: "Mañ s-sho:hith mantho ñeithath jiajul wi!" 'I like to watch television.' In other words they will be binge watching their favorite programs. Another Elder stated that, "Mañ so:hith hasko me:k eñ pasim." 'I like to travel far!' Indeed, they will certainly have the time for it. We encourage you to learn these phrases and use them with your family members. Speak with a Kekel or speaker in your family and learn how to pronounce the phrases,

Hasa'elith heg Keli ch Oks: Match the Elder phrase with its picture!

Pi gevkatad

S-ba'bag oimed.

Ñeithath jiajul wi.

Ahoubad

Pi chekith.

Hasko me:k eñ pasim.

Sko'ok heg 'e o'o.



as they might be slightly different between villages. This month's word match will test your knowledge of phrases used to address the next stages of life as Kekel and retirees. **(Answer key on Page 12)**

Marine Recognized for Heroism on Battlefield in WWII

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community veteran, Joshua Morris from Komatke, was born in 1923 and graduated from Tucson Indian Boarding School, also known as Esquella.

Morris entered the service at the age of 20 and honorably served with the 3rd Battalion, 21st Marine Regiment, Third Division, during World War II.

He was a part of the operation to take back Guam from Japanese control. Fighting against enemy Japanese forces on the Asia-Adelup beachhead, Guam in the Marianas group on July 26, 1944.

Fighting and outnumbered by Japanese troops occupying a strategic hill on the right flank of his battalion's positions, PFC Morris advanced alone in a daring attempt to find the location of enemy troops.

Moving in on the flank of the Japanese until they replied, skillfully tricking them into revealing their position.

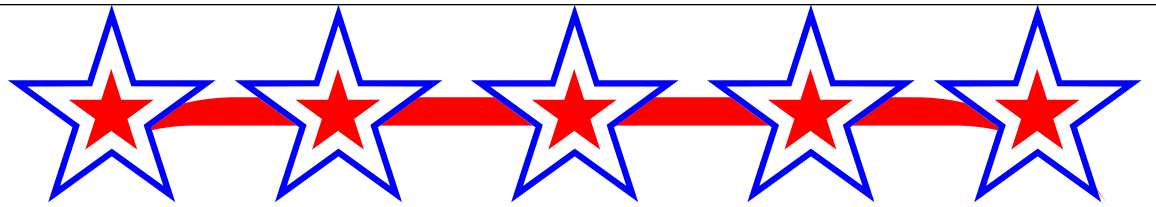
When his platoon was ordered to withdraw from the uneven battle, PFC Morris volunteered to cover the retreat, remaining at his post and defending his position until being overwhelmed by enemy forces, he was fatally struck down. By his intrepid initia-

tive, aggressive fighting spirit and great personal valor, PFC Morris contributed to the successful withdrawal of his unit, due to his self-sacrificing devotion to duty in the face of almost certain death reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Gary Anderson Sr., a Gila River Indian Community veteran who spent 22 years in the U.S. Army Special Forces has been finding information of those Community members who lost their lives during WWII to give them recognition and show that they are not forgotten.

After having met with the family of PFC Morris and Community members, with their support, Anderson has petitioned to have the new Gila Crossing Community School's gymnasium named after PFC Morris. "It has been met with tremendous support," says Anderson.

Congressman Tom O'Halleran and the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services have provided letters of support to the school board for the naming of the school's gymnasium after PFC Morris, Anderson will go before the school board to propose the naming of the gym next month.



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Gila River Flag Football Teams Take to the Field at AZ Cardinals Preseason Opener



GRIC youth from Sacaton run to the field during Arizona Cardinals game Halftime on Aug. 8. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

The Arizona Cardinals kicked off their preseason football game against the Los Angeles Chargers Thursday, Aug 8 at State Farm Stadium in Glendale. Prospective players utilize this time to showcase their talents to secure a spot on their teams. Among the on-field talent, were two flag football teams from the Community, who showcased their skills and abilities on the field under the bright lights at halftime.

The Komatke Stars and Sacaton Flag Football Team were two of eight teams that took to the field

at halftime for exhibition games. Both Gila River teams are with Boys and Girls Clubs of the East Valley Sacaton Branch and Komatke Branch in partnership with the Arizona Cardinals Youth Football.

The Komatke Stars were led by coaches Regan Thomas and David Antone. The Sacaton Team was coached by Chelsie Hadley and Allen Pratt. Both branches played their "8 years and under" teams.

The Arizona Cardinals' Manager of Youth Football Coach Mo Streeety invited all the teams, who are part of leagues the Arizona Cardinals organization works

with. Coach Streeety said of the Gila River teams, "The kids on the Community participate in the programs run by the two Boys & Girls Club programs. Those seem to be running well, and the total is around 60-70. They are looking to grow and add a teen league, and that will help them approach the 100-year mark."

This game is one of many opportunities the Community will display a strong presence throughout the season. One notable event is the Community Day game that will take place later this Fall.

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Save the Date

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More Photos from GRIC Youth Flag Football Halftime Game



Sacaton Flag Football Team gearing up to play before halftime. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Youth from the Komatke Stars Flag Football team with coaches before halftime game. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Gila Crossing Guitar Donation from Community Partner Relentless Beats

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

he immediately informed Rawhide that he was going to donate four guitars.

On the first day of school, Aug. 1, Gila Crossing Community School's music program received a generous contribution of four acoustic guitars. The donations were made possible by Thomas Turner, the owner of Relentless Beats.

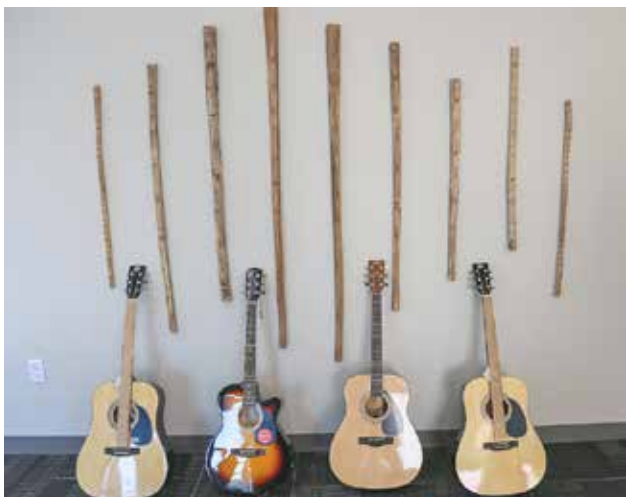
District 7 Council Representative Devin Redbird said, "I would like to thank Thomas Turner for his donation, which is an investment in our children and for being a true partner with the community." Redbird was present when the Fender, Rogue, and Yamaha guitars arrived at the school and were accepted by the administration.

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis stated, "For Mr. Turner to see the historic nature of Gila Crossing's construction and to donate the guitars, shows us all how much support we have." Gov. Lewis then shared his gratitude for the renowned company and is now a part of the school's success as a Community partner.

Gila Crossing Principal David Marks said, "It makes us all feel great to know there's that level of support. Especially from the Community at large and everyone wants us to succeed so that our students will succeed."

Relentless Beats is known for providing Arizona with numerous music events at the Rawhide Event Center at Wild Horse Pass. When Turner learned, the Community was embarking on building a new school

Principal Marks further shared, "They [guitars] will help the new [music] teacher in his instruction with introducing or furthering a student's interest in playing guitar."



Guitars Donated by Relentless Beats to GCCS. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Lt. Governor

Congressman Who Supported Construction of New School, Visits Students

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Gila Crossing Community School welcomed Arizona's 7th District Congressman Ruben Gallego on Aug. 6., during the first week of school. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Governor Roberto Stone, Community Council Representatives Redbird, Goldtooth, Terrance B. Evans, led Gallego on a tour of the newly opened school.

Gallego, is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Indigenous People of the United States, was integral in supporting the Community's efforts to construct the school through the unprecedented partnership with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Community's approach and completion

of the school serves as a model for all of Indian Country to follow.

Gallego spoke about the partnership between the Community and the BIA, "As a federal government we are failing Indian Country by not building schools faster. And for tribal organizations that have the funding, organization, and capability to be able to do what the Community has done, would be a strong and effective way to build modern schools for our students."

After the tour, Gallego stated, "It feels great being here" Seeing classrooms filled with teachers and students made the tour a success. Those who attended the ribbon-cutting couldn't see the school in full swing as Gallego did that morn-

ing. Governor Stephen Roe Lewis was pleased that Gallego was able to tour during a regular school day for that reason.

Gallego stated, "The merger of technology with culturally centralized education is relevant, and the children will be able to both learn and learn about their culture which is very key in understanding who they are and help them be better students."

He said the success of the school, "Is owed to the Gila River Indian Community to come up with an innovative way to fund the school. Especially when the BIA has failed the Community."

Jim Mosley, Gila Crossing Superintendent said, "It was wonderful and nice to know we have 2570, to cast light on missing individuals.

Stone said, "Something needs to happen and with the signing of this bill by Gov. Ducey, it helps tribal communities tighten up on their data assessment and collection to bring forward this issue and the resources needed to solve



Rep. Ruben Gallego (center left) tours the new Gila Crossing Community School with tribal leadership on Aug. 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN

the support of officials in congress. A congressman coming to our school is one of those things you always look forward too and hope [those] cold cases."

He said, to have the representation from the Community, other tribes and state come together is a big step towards addressing missing and murdered indigenous women and children, that includes men and members from the LGBT community.

that happens.

The visit is one of many visits from Congressional and Tribal Leaders who are interested in learn-

ing more about the school and its unique partnership with the BIA.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

ture to get the bill passed. Antone said, measures like HB 2570 and the Violence Against Women Act, upholds the rights of victims of violence.

Antone said, the bill not only protects wom-

en and children, but other groups as well. "There's a provision in there for men and also for the LGBT community."

She said there are groups in the Community, that need the support of HB



Gov. Ducey signs HB 2570 at the Arizona State Capitol Museum Senate Chambers. He was joined by tribal leaders, advocates and family members of missing and murdered indigenous victims, on Aug. 13. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Rep. Ruben Gallego talks with students at Gila Crossing Community School on Aug. 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gov. Lewis encourages students with high-fives, during visit to classrooms at GCCS. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Gila River Indian Community applauds decision upholding the Indian Child Welfare Act

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian News

Sacaton, AZ – Last Friday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit issued its opinion in Brackeen v. Bernhardt upholding the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), delivering a major victory for all of Indian Country. The Gila River Indian Community celebrates the Fifth Circuit's decision and ap-

plauds all of the Tribal Nations and ICWA protectors who have worked hard to defend this important law.

The ICWA was enacted in 1978 because, Native American children were being removed from Indian homes by state child welfare agencies at high rates and placed with non-Indian families. The Court rejected arguments that the ICWA is unconstitutional, holding that it is not a "race-based" classification, but instead based upon a

political classification and does not violate the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

The Court also rejected claims that the ICWA violates the Tenth Amendment by commandeering state resources and the non-delegation doctrine by allowing tribal law to dictate placement preferences. It also upheld the Bureau of Indian Affairs' ICWA procedural rule, promulgated in 2016.

"The Fifth Circuit's

decision to uphold ICWA appropriately acknowledges the inherent sovereignty of tribal governments as political bodies, and affirms our sovereign rights to protect our children. Instead of attacking this law, our attention should be focused on complying with the ICWA and serving the best interests of Indian children and families," said the Community's Governor Stephen Roe Lewis.

The Community appeared as amicus curiae—

or friend of the court—in both the Texas federal district court and Fifth Circuit. In addition to the Community, 324 Indian tribes, 57 Native American organizations, several child welfare organizations, and 21 states filed or joined in briefs supporting the ICWA, including the State of Arizona. The decision in Brackeen follows the denial of review by the U.S. Supreme Court of a decision by the Ninth Circuit last year dismissing a similar lawsuit (involving

two Community children) challenging the ICWA and brought by the Goldwater Institute in Arizona.

"This decision upholding the ICWA should end the attacks on a law that works and helps Indian families," said Governor Lewis. "However, if the anti-Indian groups and adoption industry continue their attacks, the Community stands ready to defend ICWA and fight for its members and their families."

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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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, August 7, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:15 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Joey Whitman

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-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; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Jennifer Allison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #1 THRU #5; TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THRU #26 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA; ACCEPT AND APPROVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS #3; ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #2, #3, #7 THRU #10 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE NEW BUSINESS #4 AND APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 15 minutes)

1. Presentation – Children's Museum of Phoenix

Presenters: Cheryl Pablo

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED KATE WELLS, BRIAN CAMPBELL, AND LIZ ZELAZO. MS. WELLS PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM BACKGROUND AND EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND THEIR EXPERIENCE IN ATTENDING THE FREE FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT.

*2. Gila River Police Department Introductions Of First Responder Cadets

Presenter: Sgt. Paul Maroney

SGT. PAUL MARONEY INTRODUCED THE PROGRAM AND THE CADETS. EACH CADET PROVIDED THEIR BRIEF INTRODUCTIONS. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS, AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

3. Introduction of Robotic Academy and Aviation Camp Students and Chaperones

Presenters: Isaac Salcido

MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED THE PROGRAM AND THE STUDENTS. EACH OF THE STUDENTS PROVIDED THEIR BRIEF INTRODUCTION AND THEIR EXPERIENCE AT SPACE CAMP. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:24 A.M.]

REPORTS

>1. Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley – Gila River Branches Third Quarter Report

Presenter: Jason Jones, Soyot Antone, Emiliano Morondos

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Auxiliary Unit

51 FY 19 2nd & 3rd Quarter Grant Financials & Summaries

Presenters: Pamela Thompson, Alison Anderson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. 3rd Quarter Report Four Rivers Indian Legal Services

Presenters: Diana Lopez-Jones, Jeffery Thomas

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Community Service Department-Elderly Services Program Elder Concerns Group Annual Report

Presenter: Linda Andrews

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Office Of The Prosecutor's FY2019 April 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019 Third Quarterly Report

Presenter: M. Lando Voyles

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for June 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #6, #7, AND #8

7. Gaming Commission General Report to the Community Council for June 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Dale Enos, Courtney Moyah

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #6

8. FY 19 Quarterly Treasurer's Report Ending June 30, 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #6

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Transit Services Agreement Contract No. 128-75-2020-00 Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Regional Public Transportation Authority Providing For Fixed-Route Transit Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections)

Presenters: Timothy Oliver, Gregory McDowell

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Rest Stop Day Resource Center For The Homeless (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Pinal County For Against Abuse Domestic Violence Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Pinal County For The Medical Forensic Services Department On-Demand Video Training For Law Enforcement (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

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>5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Kearny For The Kearny Police Department Computer Systems (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Pinetop-Lakeside For The Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department Public Safety Vehicles

Presenters: Pamela Thompson, Alison Anderson

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Springerville For The Springerville Police Department Public Safety Vehicles (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. A Resolution Memorializing An Amendment To The Current Membership Of The Litigation Team By Replacing Former Councilman Barney Enos, Jr. With Councilman Avery White (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Javier G. Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Boxing And Mixed Martial Arts Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

(G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. A Resolution Approving The Capital Projects Budget For The Gila River Telecommunications Inc. For The Period October 1, 2019 Through September 30, 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community, The Arizona Public Service Company, And The Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement And Power District To Maintain, Operate, And Repair A Communication Facility And Related Uses Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Designating And Approving 38.6936 Acres, More Or Less, Of Tribal Reservation Land Located In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation For The Development And Construction Of A Tribal Subdivision As Shown In Drawing #40518-0523 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Norman Brewer

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. A Resolution Designating And Approving 6.4297 Acres, More Or Less, Of Tribal Reservation Land Located In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation For The Development And Construction Of A Tribal Subdivision As Shown In Drawing #40518-0523A (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval on the consent agenda)

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>14. A Resolution Authorizing Right-of-Way Application to Facilitate Sundust Road Improvements at Lone Butte Development Park (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with additional information map to be included; EDSC concurs)

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>15. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Angela Ann Munoz Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>16. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Patrick Anthony Thomas Jr. Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Joann Aspaas Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Ariana Nikayia Manuel Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
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 Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Ronald John Enos Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>21. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Aliza Daelonnie White Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>22. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Kayleoon White Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>23. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Snyder Lee White Jr. Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>24. A Resolution Approving The 2019 Enrollment/Census Department Policies And Procedures (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>25. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Kimberly Marie Ramon Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>26. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Lachelle Carolyn Garcia Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES
 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors One (1) Appointment
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT CONTRA NELSON

2. Economic Development Standing Committee Appointment One (1) Council Seat
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN MONICA ANTONE

3. Government-to-Government Consultation with the USACE (G&MSC forwards to Council with the recommendation to designate a consultation Team; NRSC and CRSC concur)
 Presenters: Javier G. Ramos, Ian Shavitz
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Letter Request for a Council Orientation 8-15-19 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of August 15, 2019)
 Presenters: Dale Enos, Courtney Moyah
 TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Code Of Conduct Complaint (s) – Preliminary Assessment (July 03, 2019) (LSC forwards a recommendation to the Community Council that Chief Judge Donna Kisto-Jones be suspended without pay pending the outcome of the Investigation and that Judge Kami Hart be appointed to undertake the necessary duties of the Chief Judge)
 Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee
 [COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG CALLED FOR A CAUCUS WITH THE COUNCIL AND COUNCIL SECRETARY. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:22 P.M.]
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND CHIEF JUDGE DONNA KISTO-JONES BE SUSPENDED WITHOUT PAY PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT JUDGE KAMI HART TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY DUTIES OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

6. Code of Conduct Complaint-Preliminary Assessment (July 08, 2019) (LSC forwards to Council that Associate Judge Lucille Antone Morago be suspended without pay pending the outcome of the investigation)
 Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND ASSOCIATE JUDGE LUCILLE ANTONE MORAGO BE SUSPENDED WITHOUT PAY
 PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION

7. Tribal Elections Program Voter Registration Questionnaire (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Nadine Shelde
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. GRHC FY 2018 External Audit Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to accept, H&SSC concurs)
 Presenters: REDW
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Revenue Internal Audit 3rd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to accept)
 Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. Gaming Internal Audit 3rd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to accept)
 Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES

1. July 3, 2019 (Regular)
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS

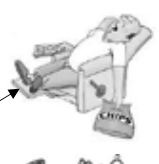
2. July 17, 2019 (Regular)
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS


ANNOUNCEMENTS


~ Veteran's Conference, August 31, 2019
 ~15th Annual Teacher's In-service, Sheraton Grande Wild Horse Pass
 ~Special IOPC meeting, Thursday, August 8, 2019, 9am
 ~Housing Owners Team meeting Friday, August 9, 2019, 1pm


ADJOURNMENT
 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:32 P.M.
 * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
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3. Timeline For Constitutional Amendments (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenters: Javier Ramos, Michael Carter
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS
 NEW BUSINESS

1. Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Director's Declaration of one (1) vacancy (G&MSC forwards to Council to advertise for 30 days subject to the Code of Conduct)
 Presenter: David White
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE FOR 30-DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

>2. Government-to-Government Consultation Regarding Assignment of NEPA (G&MSC forwards to Council to pursue the NEPA Consultation; NRSC forwards to Council with additional recommendations; CRSC concurs)
 Presenters: Javier G. Ramos, Ian Shavitz
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ASU law students give a presentation on the health and policy stances of candidates

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The law students at Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law presented on the presidential candidate health policy positions on July 31 with analysis of the presidential candidate's stance on health policy and how it will affect health care coverage for millions of workers. James Hodges, Professor and Director for the Center for Public Health Law and Policy, welcomed the audience to the presentation.

"We are going to talk about issues related to the 2020 election and get a good sense where the candidates stand on health policy," said Hodges.

The presentation was led by a team of Center for Health Law and Policy Legal Researchers, Michelle Castagne, Hannah-Kaye Fleming and Erica White, all Juris Doctorate candidates in health law.

"The scope of the presentation is on the health law and policy of the candidates, we mostly focused on the Democratic can-

didates, but we will also share what the incumbent President Donald Trump, of the Republican Party is saying on the issues as well," said Castagne.

She said, from a recent debate, more thorough information was presented by candidates around Medicare for All, and what it could look like as a single care system and how it will affect the healthcare system as a whole.

Castagne said, "The presentation covered Medicare for All and the Affordable Care Act. Specifically, what does that really mean, the ACA provides the authorization needed for a healthcare system to run as it is today. Although, there is an increased access to healthcare, it is not accessible to everyone and is expensive."

To circumvent the cost of single coverage and family plans, which can range from \$7,000 to \$20,000 a year, premiums increase each year. The increase in premium means, it hits voters in the pockets and leads to lower health outcomes across the board.

"This is the most diverse lineup of candidates we've seen before in past elections, a record number of women, we have people of color as well as members of the LGBT community," said Fleming.

She outlined the different requirements and backgrounds of the candidates, ranging from public officials, some who hold law degrees, entrepreneurs and ages that span four generations.

"Voters, when they go the polls are going to weighing in, 'we are going to have these new faces in the white house, or would we consider someone who is more seasoned and has experience,'" said Fleming.

She said her team considered what the candidates are focusing their platforms on, based on what most American's are facing today, LGBT, gun violence, opioid abuse and Medicare. Fleming said, "Medicare for All and climate change are not getting passed up and many of the candidates have rolled out their proposals touching on the different issues."

She said the candidates' proposals are meant to address the major ques-



Panelist discuss the presidential candidates stance on health policies during a presentation at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law on July 31. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

tions, such as how global warming impacts people's health and the Medicare for All policy, if it is a viable solution in an economy that is largely based on private insurance companies.

Some of the candidates are running off of the nostalgia of previous administrations, while others look for a more progressive health care system. Candidates like Bernie Sander and Warren, share common goals to modifying the health care system.

White said, a majority of the candidates want to

rejoin the Paris Agreement, a multi-nation initiative to combat climate change.

"All of our candidates agree universal access to health care is a goal, but they disagree on how to get there," said White. Some of the candidates, also have varying time frames to achieving Medicare for All, in either four to 10 year times spans.

Castagne said, Julian Castro, Marianne Williamson and Bernie Sanders are a few of the presidential candidates discussing tribal issues.

Castagne said, "Castro just came out with a pretty specific plan on how to work with tribes to improve, strengthen, the Indian Health Services system, including full funding of the system."

A Native American Presidential Forum will be hosted on August 19-20, in Sioux City Iowa. Sanders, Castro, Williamson, and six other presidential candidates will take park in the event to discuss tribal issues.

Notice of Public Scoping

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING
Environmental Assessment for the Pima Commerce Center,
Proposed in District 4 of the Gila River Indian Community
The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Pima Agency and the Gila River Indian Community (Community) are releasing this notice in support of an environmental assessment for the proposed Pima Commerce Center in District 4 of the Community. The Pima Commerce Center would be a new business park that would support growth in a variety of commercial sectors throughout the Community for the foreseeable future. This notice is intended to provide details about the proposed project, and to request your input.

Proposed Action
The project proponent, MainSpring Capital Group (MainSpring), has submitted a commercial master lease application to the BIA for the development of a new business park on approximately 270 acres of Community land. The proposed project would be located at the southwest corner of Old Price Road and Queen Creek Road. The business park would be developed to support multiple business uses that could include multistory offices and/or hospitality buildings, suburban offices, and flex space for retail and light commercial development. Final site design would be dependent on prevailing commercial needs; however, key project components would include the following:

- Two new signalized intersections would be constructed, as well as six right-in-right-out access points off Queen Creek Road.
- A new center left-turn lane would be constructed on Queen Creek Road fronting the project area.
- Maximum building height of four stories (about 60 feet), with the tallest buildings located along Queen Creek Road. Average building height would be two stories.
- A new well and water treatment facility would be developed on-site to provide all water needs for the business park.
- A fully fenced wastewater treatment facility would be constructed on-site to treat wastewater, which would be used for on-site irrigation.
- MainSpring would connect all required utilities to the business park, including electrical service, communications, etc., through coordination with local service providers.

- Street lighting and parking-level lighting would be down-facing, and lighted signage would be backlit, following a "dark sky" development practice.
- Stormwater would be detained in basins or swales and allowed to percolate on-site, instead of being discharged.

Early site development would begin in mid-2021, with construction expected to be complete by late 2022. Vehicle access along Queen Creek Road would be maintained throughout construction; however, vehicle traffic along Queen Creek Road could experience occasional short-term temporary delays. No transportation detours or changes in transportation access are anticipated.

Purpose and Need
Development of the proposed business park on allotted land requires issuance of a new master lease by the BIA, which is considered a federal action subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the proposed project is to build a 270-acre business park on Community land to support multiple new commercial uses. The project would provide needed commercial business opportunities within the Community that would facilitate economic growth, as well as providing needed goods and services, and employment opportunities. The project would also increase lease revenues paid to allottees over those paid for the existing agricultural uses of the land, a direct quality of life improvement for the allottees.

Scoping Period
As part of NEPA, federal agencies are required to consider the potential social and environmental impacts of proposed actions. This letter serves as the BIA's invitation to you or your agency to submit comments, concerns, or suggestions regarding the proposed action. All comments received become part of the public record associated with this proposed action. Accordingly, your comments (including your name and address) will be available for review by any person that wishes to view the record. At your request, we will withhold your contact information to the extent allowed by the Freedom of Information Act. Please submit your comments by September 15, 2019.
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CIVIL SUMMONS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL
Lori Pomeranz
Plaintiff(s), v.
Cecilio Duncan Osuna, et al.
Defendant(s). Case No. S1
100CV201900660
SUMMONS To: Cecilio Duncan Osuna
WARNING: THIS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE COURT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. READ THIS SUMMONS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE.

1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other court papers were served on you with this Summons.
2. If you do not want a judgment taken against you without your input, you must file an Answer in writing with the Court, and you must pay the required filing fee. To file your Answer, take or send the papers to Clerk of the Superior Court, 971 Jason Lopez Circle Building A, Florence, Arizona 85132 or electronically file your Answer through one of Arizona's approved electronic filing systems at <http://www.azcourts.gov/efilinginformation>. Mail a copy of the Answer to the other party, the Plaintiff, at the address listed on the top of this Summons.

Note: If you do not file electronically you will not have electronic access to the documents in this case.

3. If this Summons and the other court papers were served on you within the State of Arizona, your Answer must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date of service, not counting the day of service. If this Summons and the other court papers were served on you outside the State of Arizona, your Answer must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date of service, not counting the day of service. Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the court by parties at least 3 working days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding.

Title VI Elder Survey

The Community Services Department (CSD), Elderly Services Program and Elderly Nutrition Program will be asking for the help of elders in the Gila River Indian Community to participate in filling out an Elder Survey. The completion of the survey will take approximately 30 minutes and assist in applying for Older Americans Act, Title

VI grant funds to be used for elder services in the community. Specifically, this grant will fund Home Delivered Meals, Congregate Meals, the Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP), and the Family Caregiver Support Program. CSD staff will be conducting surveys throughout the community – each elder who completes

a survey will receive an incentive for their participation. For further information, contact the Elderly Services Program at 520-562-5232, or the Elderly Nutrition Program at 520-562-9696.



LUNCH WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Come and enjoy some lunch and join in the conversation with Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Paul



Wednesday

September 18, 2019

November 6, 2019

January 15, 2020

March 4, 2020

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Middle School Room D-8

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