



## Owner's Team tours construction site for new Gila Crossing school

*New 122,106-square-feet school is on track to open in July*



The Gila Crossing School Construction Owner's Team walks along the main corridor of the future school on Jan. 24 in District 6. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

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

The Gila Crossing School Construction Owner's Team toured the construction site of the new 122,106 square-foot Gila Crossing Community School, which will be open in July.

School construction has

been underway since the groundbreaking in July 2018 and in six months, the current aging and undersized school will be replaced by brand-new facilities on West Pecos Road, in District 6

Before the Owner's Team toured the site, James E. LaPosta Jr., JCJ Architecture, and Laurie

Post, Tela Art Resource, updated the team on the design and artwork for the new home of the Eagles on Jan. 24

The design update included information on the playgrounds, appliances, equipment, materials and other needs integrated into

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis congratulates Jill Jackson, Finance Department, for being named the 2018 Governor's Employee of the Year. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

## Accounts Payable Technician named Employee of the Year

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presented the 2018 Governor's Employee of the Year award to Jill Jackson, Finance Department, Accounts Payable Technician.

"I want to say 'thank you' for voting for me," said Jackson of the honor.

"This is something special, you really support each other," said Gov. Lewis of the staff members who attended the presentation.

He lauded the Gila River Indian Community departments for their tireless efforts in service to the Community.

"I go to all these different

departments, I know that we have hard times, life happens, and you guys pull together," he said.

Jackson was presented a Pendleton blanket, and a plaque inscribed with her name, which proclaimed her as the 2018 Governor's Employee of the Year.

"I know that you have put in a number of years in dedication to our Community, it goes without saying the dedication, that you have put into your role," said Lewis, "It's more important to know, it's the people that you work with, it's your peers, that voted for you."

Jackson is the fourth employee from Finance that has been selected as Employee of the Month.

## Federal government reopens

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

After 35 days, the federal government has temporarily reopened after undergoing its third shutdown for 2018 which extended into 2019 making it the longest government shutdown in history. The partial shutdown

began on Dec. 22 when federal officials were unable to come to an agreement on the approval of a budget that would include \$3 billion in funding for Homeland Security for the construction of a barrier wall along the US-Mexico border, which has long been

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# 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

January 06 12, 2019

Calls for services this week: 36

Arrest made: 0

District One (Blackwater):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to St. Anthony's Catholic Church in reference to a male subject with a gun. It was reported the suspect had pointed the weapon at several church members who were having a meeting. During the investigation officers learned while one subject pointed the weapon on the other male asked for wallets and keys. After not obtaining any items both males ran out of the church and left in an unknown direction. Follow ups are continuing to identify the two subjects.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival contact was made with the homeowner, who stated they were not home when the incident occurred. Contact was made with the victim of the incident, who stated the suspect arrived at the residence and was informed they were not welcome there. A verbal argument turned into a physical altercation and the suspect pulled out a foreign object that looked like a screw driver. The victim and the suspect made physical contact where the victim held down the suspect until another subject broke up the altercation. The suspect left the scene prior to police arrival.

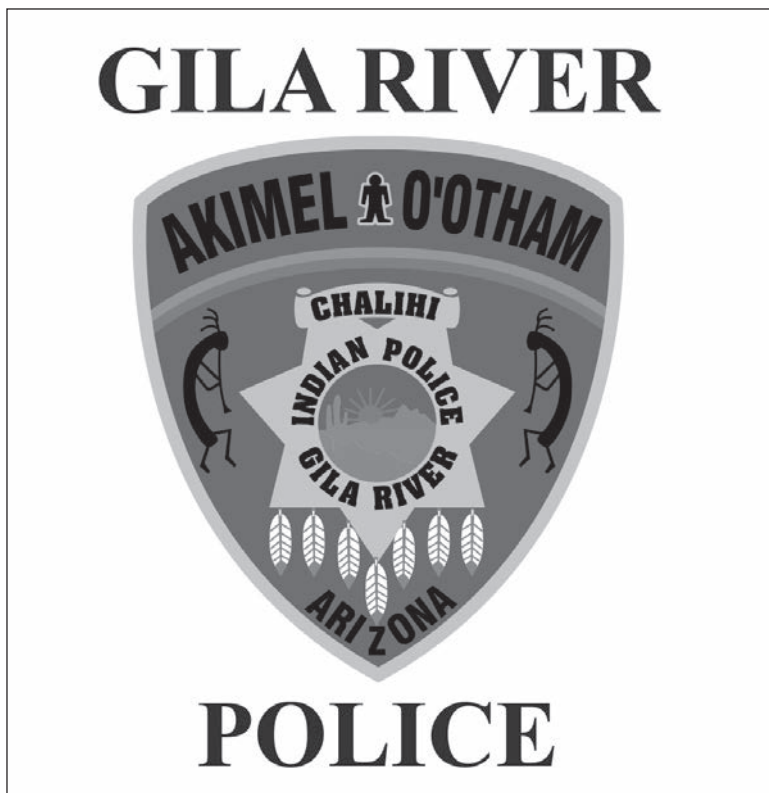
Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers responded to a new construction residence in reference to a possible theft. Upon arrival contact was made with construction employee who stated that one of the employees noticed wires were cut throughout the inside of the residence. Evidence was recovered and being reviewed.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault –



Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a call for service. Upon arrival at the residence contact was made with the victim. The victim stated the suspect was angry upon the victim returning to the residence. The suspect shoved the victim's head into the wall. The suspect then pinned the victim against the wall with their left hand on the suspects neck. The victim stated that their breathing was restricted. The suspect then pinned the victim against the wall with their left hand on the suspects neck. The victim stated that their breathing was restricted which caused pain in the area. The victim was observed to have redness in the neck area but refused medical attention. Photos were taken and impounded into evidence. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into jail.

Status: Suspect was arrested Aggravated Assault.

Theft – The victim reported that a suspect(s) had taken a handgun from a residence next door. The victim advised it had been awhile since they noticed the gun was missing but it was inoperable. The weapon had been in a handbag but the hand bag was recently located without the gun. The weapon was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to items taken from a vehicle. Upon arrival, contact was made with the victim who stated he had left the vehicle window open when he had gone into the casino. While in the casino a female suspect entered the victim's vehicle taking various items. Video surveillance was reviewed and the suspect was observed committing the offense.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to Love's Truck Stop in reference to a license plate being stolen. Contact was made with the victim, who stated that the vehicle was left at Love's Truck Stop due to mechanical problems. Due to the vehicle being left on private property for more than forty-eight hours Love's management had the vehicle towed. Upon getting his vehicle from the tow yard, the victim stated his license plate was missing. The tow company stated there was no license plate upon towing the vehicle. The license plate was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlet reference to a theft of a wallet. Upon arrival, contact was made with a store employee who was reviewing the video surveillance. A male suspect was observed in the store walking around and going to the sunglasses and wallet area. The male is then observed ripping open the packaging, removing the wallet, and then leaving the store without paying for the item.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the area reference shots fired. While en route dispatched advised a male subject sustained a gunshot wound to his foot. Upon the officer's arrival, several blood spots were located leading up to the front door where the victim was located. The victim stated that an unknown male sitting in

a dark colored SUV pointed a handgun to his feet and shot twice. The suspect fled the scene in his vehicle heading towards Phoenix. The victim was transported to a hospital in the Phoenix area for further medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – Officers were dispatched

reference to an agency assist. Maricopa County had stopped a vehicle and were requesting a welfare check to see if the registered owner knew where the vehicle was and if the driver did indeed have permission to be driving the vehicle. The owner was later contacted in reference to wanting to report his vehicle stolen. The victim stated that the person driving the vehicle did not have permission to drive the vehicle and they did not know the person. The victim stated that other items were taken from the residence. Suspect was identified and charged with theft of the vehicle and the items from the home.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the area reference to the report of a theft. Once on scene, contact was made with the victim and their guardian who stated that the victim was riding a freestyle bike in the area. The victim went into a residence for a couple of minutes leaving the bike in front of the house. When the victim returned outside, the bike was gone.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

## Incident Log

January 13 - 192019

Calls for services this week: 20

Arrest made: 35

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a stabbing. Upon the Officer's arrival it was discovered the victim was asked to leave the residence by the suspect. The victim stated as they were attempting to leave the residence

the suspect presented a box cutter knife during the verbal argument. The suspect lunged at the victim with the knife and the victim put up an arm causing the laceration to the hand. The victim was transported to Chandler Regional for injuries sustained. The suspect was located and taken into custody.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Theft (from motor vehicle) – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a vehicle being burglarized. Officers were advised when the victims were leaving for work one vehicle had the car door ajar and items were thrown around the vehicle. The glove compartment contents were on the passenger seat and items had been taken. Photos were taken and placed into evidence.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a new build construction site in reference to theft and criminal damage. Upon arrival at the construction site, the reporting party was contacted and stated that when he entered the site the forklift battery was observed to be missing along with a pallet of cement building blocks were broken.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to Chandler Regional Hospital in reference to a stabbing. Upon arrival at the hospital, the nurse advised, the victim was brought to the hospital by a friend. The medical staff did locate a stab wound to the chest area. The victim was taken to the trauma room and later had surgery for the injury.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft– The victim called dispatch to report a vehicle stolen from the residence. The victim stated she thought her daughter had taken the vehicle. When her daughter returned home, she learned her daughter did not have the vehicle so she notified the police. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to the area of the vendor booths on Ocotillo Rd. Officers were advised the victim received a call from another vendor

indicating their booth had been damaged. Upon observation, the metal screen was pushed in and damage was observed to the back wall (ply board). The suspects used the chair to enter the booth and took drinks that was left in the booth after their sale ended for the day.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a domestic altercation. Dispatch advised the suspect had thrown the victim to the ground and then choked them. Upon officer arrival, contact was made with the victim, who was visibly distraught. The victim stated the suspect and victim were involved in a verbal altercation and the suspect grew angrier as the argument continued. The suspect threw the victim to the ground as the victim attempted to leave the room. There was a physical altercation during which time the suspect put both hands around the victim's neck.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Auto Theft– Officers were dispatched to a residence where the reporting party stated they had been in possession of their mother's vehicle. They advised they had picked up a male subject who they knew through social media but had not met. After spending some time together, the reporting party went to the restroom and upon returning the suspect and vehicle were gone. The reporting party made it home and informed the registered owner of the incident. The registered owner wished to pursue charges against the suspect and the vehicle was entered as stolen. Later that day, the vehicle was located at a residence and the suspect was gone. The vehicle was returned to the victim and removed from NCIC. Charges are being forwarded to law office for review.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a domestic in progress. Upon arrival two females were actively arguing and were separated. Contact was made with the suspect, who stated the victim threw a

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# Skyline building strong basketball program in the CAA

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

Skyline girls and boys basketball teams have been doing great the last two seasons. The boys basketball team went undefeated last season with a 16 0 record and have so far, gone undefeated again this season at 17 0, with one home game left before the playoffs on Feb. 8

Basketball has proven to be a great outlet for these young men. They have succeeded quite a bit within these recent seasons with plenty of hard work and support from one another.

They beat the number one team in the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) a non-profit organization that facilitates communication and organizes tournaments for charter schools, public schools and home school organizations. Through CAA, Skyline is now ranked number 1 in Division 1 - Region 1 in the state.

The team's hope is to win the playoffs and bring home another banner and most importantly bring recognition back home to their Community.

"Nobody has the heart these young gentlemen have. We're building character, strength, endurance; and the ability to move forward is what I'm trying to instill in them" says Athletic Director Michael Craig. "I'm proud of them. For them to give me the opportunity to coach them, that's a blessing to me."

Boys basketball will have their last home game Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. Skyline Gila River District 5 9 Preschool Rd Bapchule, AZ

**Skyline Boys' Basketball:**  
#1 Isaac Miguel  
#2 Francisco Castro  
#3 Artemese June  
#4 D'only Michael  
#5 Micah Case  
#6 Dominic Yazzie  
#7 Allen June  
Skyline's boys basketball isn't the only one succeeding this season. The Girls' Basketball team did very well this season with 12 wins and 1 loss against Paradise Valley Christian School, but the team also ranked in the CAA: Division 1 - Region 1 Champs. Daveda Taylor is the coach and she points out their senior star player, Cassidy Cook who has been playing for Skyline since the sixth Grade.

Cassidy would have graduated in December 2018 but decided to stay to compete and possibly win a state championship, something that the school has never done. "She is basically the heartbeat of our team, she brings that energy every day that helps us win," said coach Taylor.

**Skyline Girls Basketball:**  
#1 Tahni Escalante  
#2 Ariana Rivera  
#3 Anjelica Ulate  
#4 Helley Johns  
#5 S eleste James  
#6 Arielena Casarez  
#7 Cassidy Cook  
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Skyline Girls' Basketball team. Region Blair/Skyline Education



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rock at the windshield of her car. Contact was made with the victim who stated the suspect threw a rock and hit the victim in the head. Officers observed marks consistent with the statement regarding the incident. The victim stated the rock was thrown at the suspect's vehicle due to the victim thinking the suspect was going to run her over. The suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a stabbing victim. Upon the Officer's arrival a male subject was observed laying on the ground. A witness observed the male, who was bleeding, walk up to the shack and fall to the ground where the witness was standing. The victim was transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment. Two crime scenes were located and secured until detectives arrived.

Status: Under Investi-

gation

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to a new build construction site. Upon arrival, contact was made with the reporting party/site worker for the construction company. The reporting party stated someone had stolen copper wire from inside the residence.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched to a residence where the victim wished to report his vehicle as stolen. The victim had given the vehicle to a family member to use, who in turn gave it to another family member. The vehicle was later stolen by the suspect in the area of 5s t Ave and Indian School Rd in Phoenix, AZ. The victim stated he did not give the suspect permission to use the vehicle

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to the Chevron where a shoplifting had just occurred. Employees reviewed video footage of a male subject walking into the store and picking up some merchandise and then exiting the store without paying. The male then got into a vehicle

and left the area. Contact was made with the registered owner of the vehicle and follow ups are being completed.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapons – Officers were dispatched to shots fired in the circles. Officer also heard two shots coming from the circles and began to check the area. A welfare check was conducted and a 911 call was received from the Komatke Market. The victim stated while leaving his residence a male with a shot gun was seen and yelled out for the victim to come to him. The victim stated rather than approaching the male subject he quickly made his way to the market to catch the city bus. No suspect or spent shells were located.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Theft – The victim reported that two weeks' prior, someone had stolen a portable window a/c unit. The victim did not have any paperwork and was unsure of who would have done this.

Status: Under Investigation



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12:00pm	Wild Kitchen <i>Cottonwood Corner</i>	Creative Native <i>The Navajo</i>	Creative Native <i>Medicine Wheel</i>	Creative Native <i>The Survivors</i>	Creative Native <i>Distribution of Wealth</i>	Creative Native <i>Sweet Reflections</i>	Wild Kitchen <i>Cottonwood Corner</i>
12:30pm	Untamed Gourmet <i>Qu'appelle Valley</i>	First Talk <i>Women In Power</i>	First Talk <i>Reality of Modeling</i>	First Talk <i>The New Weight</i>	First Talk <i>Aboriginal Economics</i>	First Talk <i>Hopi Nation</i>	Untamed Gourmet <i>Qu'appelle Valley</i>
1:00pm	Native Planet - Hawaii <i>The growing native sovereignty movement and how it helped.</i>	William and the Windmill <i>He soon finds himself faced with complex choices, burden of expectation and constant question of "what next?"</i>	<b>GUEST SPEAKERS: TIM TERRY &amp; BEN SMILEY</b>	The Beginning of the End	Trudell <i>Activist and poet John Trudell fuses his radical politics with music, writing and art.</i>	Lived History: The Story of the Wind River	Circus Without Borders <i>Two figures committed to change, with the talent to achieve it.</i>
1:30pm	Storytellers in Motion			A Thousand Suns		Peyote Man	
2:00pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>Giiahl Galang Stories</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>Defining Haida Art</i>	The Price of the Prize
2:30pm	Working It Out <i>Mary Kathryn Nagle</i>	Working It Out <i>Together Motivation</i>	Working It Out <i>Together Self-</i>	Working It Out <i>Together The</i>	Working It Out <i>Together</i>	Working It Out <i>Together</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven
3:00pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>
3:30pm	Mohawk Girls <i>The lives of 3 girls and an inside look at Native youth culture now.</i>	Native Planet - Hawaii <i>The growing native sovereignty movement and how it helped.</i>	Indian Pride <i>Culture, Traditions</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders <i>South of the South</i>	Storytellers in Motion	Making Regalia <i>Rocker Construction</i>
4:00pm	Journey to Opportunity	First Talk	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Klemtu</i>	Common Ground <i>Water Color Artists</i>	<i>A singer, a swinger, and couple of straight-shooting cowboys.</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Children of the Desert
4:30pm	William and the Windmill <i>He soon finds himself faced with complex choices, burden of expectation and constant question of "what next?"</i>	Behind The Brush	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders - The South of the North <i>Fabulous farmboy, a swamp kauri sculptor, a bee-keeping broadcaster.</i>
5:00pm	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>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Circus Without Borders <i>Two figures committed to change, with the talent to achieve it.</i>
5:30pm	Native Voice TV	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>	Indigenous Focus <i>Songcatchers</i>
6:00pm	The New Creative India	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>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee
6:30pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Petroglyphs</i>	Dabiyiyuu <i>The Feast Master</i>	The New Creative India	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	Wassaja <i>Mary Kathryn Nagle</i>	Sharing Circle <i>Sharing The Land</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Treasure of Sierra</i>
7:00pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Wild Archaeology <i>Innu of Sheshatshui</i>
7:30pm	Native Shorts <i>Wakening</i>	Wild Archaeology <i>Innu of Sheshatshui</i>	Urban Native Girl <i>Is Print Really Dead</i>	Frybread <i>From The Ashes</i>	Native Shorts <i>Wakening</i>	The Aux <i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native &amp; World</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Hunting for Treasure</i>
8:00pm	The Aux <i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native &amp; World</i>	Indians and Aliens <i>Sandy Mast</i>	Hit The Ice <i>The Full Monty</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Ollie &amp; Emma 3,</i>	Studio 49 <i>Raye Zaragoza</i>	When I Hear Thunder <i>The tradition of boxing intact on rez's across Arizona, where young men train in gyms often run by their</i>	Mixed Blessings <i>3am Feedings</i>
8:30pm	More Than Frybread <i>22 AZ Native frybread makers convene in Flagstaff to compete for the state of Arizona Frybread Championship!</i>	The Price of Peace <i>Sent to prison for weapon offences, Tame's legal case is mired in a legacy of colonial animosity.</i>	Dust N Bones <i>Examines the legal issues, political controversies and historic mysteries.</i>	Dakota 38 <i>... We're doing it to ourselves. We're selling drugs. We're killing our own people. That's what this ride is about, is healing.</i>	First Nations Comedy <i>Experience Graham Elwood hosts Beef Archambault &amp; others.</i>	Johnny Be Good	MOOSE T.V. <i>Jack Sprat</i>
9:00pm	Trail of Tears <i>Nearly a quarter of the Cherokee died, arriving with few elders and even fewer</i>	Back to Pikangikum	Trail of Tears <i>Nearly a quarter of the Cherokee died, arriving with few elders and even fewer</i>	Peach Blossom <i>Garden</i>	Shadow Nation <i>Where the nation's highest rates of poverty, crime and alcoholism can be</i>		RED TAIL HAWK OPENING CEREMONY
9:30pm							The Tundra Book <i>A community determined to preserve it's ancient cultures and</i>
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# Native Health builds Community Gardens in the heart of Phoenix

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Native Health, an urban Indian health program, which provides primary medical, dental, behavioral health, WIC and wellness programs in Phoenix recently started an initiative to reclaim their ties to traditional life ways by starting two community-based gardens.

Both gardens are located in Central Phoenix.

One of the gardens is on Central Avenue among buildings and local businesses, Agave Farms, was flowing with activity, as groups of volunteers tended to a community garden, used by Native Health on Jan. 26

Melissa Peeples, Native Health Garden Coordinator, said individuals can grow foods in the garden and harvest them, once they are ripe.

Throughout the year, the Community Garden is in constant transition with crops of vegetables rotating by season.

Peeples said, "If they are interested, we can provide them with garden space, they can contact me and I can coordinate with them to get the space they need."

"A lot of the people are growing really neat things, and its days like today, that allows us to share with others about what we are growing and how we are preparing them," said Peeples.

Many of the dishes available to try were made with ingredients harvested from the Community Garden, like blue corn cake, and muffins, onion and potato hash, and salsa made with white onions, tomatoes, jalapeños, cilantro.

She said on Feb. 23, they will get together, to kick off spring planting, which will include squash, melons, beans, tomatoes,



**Fresh foods grown in the Community Garden were prepared to make healthy recipes.** Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

peppers, and corn. The other Phoenix location grows food that is more common with tribal communities and can be harvested when ready.

To present on some of the foods grown at the community garden, Twila Cassadore, a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, prepared a fresh dish of Magdalena squash, tepary beans from Ramona Farms and pumpkin seeds.

Cassadore, who works with the Western Apache Diet Project, shared her experiences working to reconnect tribal members with traditional foods.

"It's about reconnecting with traditional foods," said Cassadore, "How do we re-introduce it back to our community, so it won't be forgotten?"

In her work, she said, "A lot of people have a general knowledge of traditional foods, but it takes on even more meaning, when you talk to the elders and compile hundreds of interviews on traditional food ways."

Among her people, there are 00 document edible foods, and 2,8 5 plant species that are identified, that serve a traditional purpose.

One thing that is common among tribes, is the approach to planting, harvesting and foraging traditional foods. "We forget

the traditional part as indigenous people, is there is a prayer and sometimes a song that goes with harvesting," said Cassadore.

The neat part of the community garden is that all of the materials and equipment are provided to the individual, that would like to plant vegetables. There is an area for mulch, planting soil and fertilizer, growers can use to give their plants the best chance of growing.

Cassadore said she commits her time to researching traditional foods



**The Native Health Community Garden is located in Central Phoenix and provides space for local gardeners to grow their own vegetables.** Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

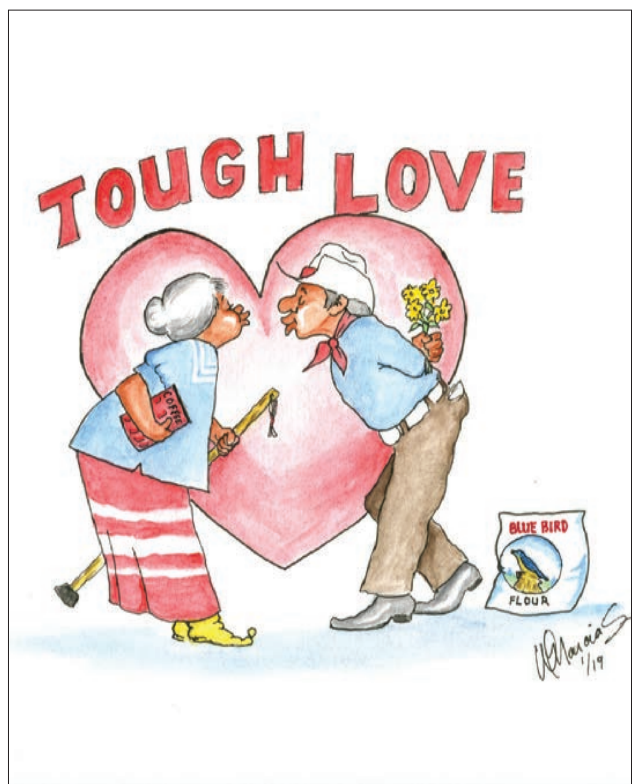
to prevent others from developing complications from diabetes. Most of all, she wanted to be a good example to her children and teach them about eating healthy and planting tradi-

tional foods.

It is preventing health concerns like diabetes and obesity, that is why the community gardens exist. It is also ties the individual back to their traditional

practices of growing and harvesting off the land.

For individuals interested in the Native Health community garden, you can contact Melissa Peeples at: [mkpeeples@nachci.com](mailto:mkpeeples@nachci.com).



## 74th Anniversary

# Iwo Jima Flag Raising

**Military Parade and Flyover to begin at 8:30 AM. Ceremonies to follow at the Mathew B. Juan, Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park in Sacaton, AZ.**

*All Public and Veterans Groups are welcome*

## Feb. 23 2019

Luncheon hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 84 with St. Peter Church and School.  
 Event sponsored by American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post No. 84 and Auxiliary Unit No. 84  
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# A'AGA

## Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

As I'm writing this, a lead article in the "Casa Grande Dispatch" newspaper is titled: "GRIC Threatens to End Its Approval" of the Arizona Drought Contingency Plan.

A Jan. 31 deadline has been imposed forcing action to address the use of Lake Mead/Colorado River among various stakeholders. The "threat" that GRIC has made is in response to Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers' proposed changes to state laws to help Safford area farmers, who according to Bowers, have been "scratching it out" with water from the Gila River.

Don Pongrace, attorney representing the Com-

munity, countered Bowers: "These people are not scratching out an existence. They've been stealing water from the community since 18."

Our Governor Lewis, Community Council, and attorneys for our community are acting as "water warriors" to safeguard our interests, while continuing our history of aid and assistance to newcomers on our land.

Land. Jeved. When our reservation was first surveyed and established in 18 much of our traditional jeved was left out. The eastern boundary was set just east of Blackwater. Antonio Azul protested, informing authorities that our traditional lands stretched from the Pinal Mountains

near Globe on the east, to near present-day Gila Bend on the west. That protest didn't matter – one of the provisions for the GRIC reservation was that it could not exceed 100 square miles.

From about the 18s, O'otham and Piipaash/Maricopa were a key source of supplies for immigrants and migrants traveling through the American Southwest. In 18 the Superintendent at Sacaton wrote the O'otham and Piipaash had an excellent crop and found a ready market with the troops, miners and settlers in the area.

In 18 a railroad surveyor was told that there were only two areas in Arizona and New Mexico territory where travelers were assured of absolute safety: Zuni Pueblo and O'otham land along the Gila/Akimel. Due to our military effectiveness against raiding Natives, we provided an island of safety. According to a Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in 18

settlers knew that by keeping close to us they were protected, "by the vigilance and bravery of the Pima and Maricopa Indians."

O'otham and Piipaash warriors were like security guards for the settlers, but over time we became dissatisfied with settlers up the river from us. When these settlers moved in just beyond our eastern boundary, their crops and livestock were raised with water diverted from the Gila/Akimel. By taking that water, they were putting the hurt on the O'otham who provided security. In essence, they were biting hands that protected them.

General O.O. Howard as Special Commissioner of Indian Affairs called a meeting of O'otham and Piipaash headmen about the lack of water in 18. Antonio Azul told him two dams up river, off the reservation, limited water flow to the O'otham and Piipaash. When asked what could help bring

more water down the Gila/Akimel, Azul replied, "Our remedy is rain."

One possible option was to ask the Mexican settlers to allow water to run for six days. Azul believed the Mexicans would honor that request because according to Mexican law, hoarding water upstream was not allowed. (Land south of the Gila/Akimel had been Mexico and only become part of the United States less than twenty years before.) O'otham and the Mexican ranchers usually worked things out – no confrontations had been reported. General Howard asked what if no water was released? The O'otham replied they would cut the dam to let the water out. The general said the U. S. government would not let that happen.

Antonio Azul was asked if there would ever be enough water in the Gila. Azul replied, "It is impossible. Sometimes the river is dry; and now there are

many dams above, and the country is full of ditches that are taking away the water." Our water is still being taken away and in our lifetime our water has never flowed freely in the Akimel. O'otham and Piipaash probably knew this long before Ben Franklin said, "When the well is dry, we know the worth of water." Another saying that comes to mind is "Once burned, twice shy." We got burned when the reservation boundaries were set up. We don't want to get burned again. It's good that Governor Lewis and his team aren't being shy about fighting for this Drought Contingency Plan.

Information was also taken from *People of the Middle Gila* by John P. Wilson. *Gila River Indian Community Anthropological Research Papers, Number 6*

## Winter storytelling comes to life at the Huhugam Heritage Center

Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

For a moment, attendees, were taken into the world of Akimel O'otham legends at the Ho'ok A'agi storytelling event, hosted by the Huhugam Heritage Center on Jan. 18

Akimel O'otham legends, that have been told through the generations around the fire, have captivated the attention of listeners, and were told by Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Barnaby Lewis.

Lewis, who delivered a resounding performance in front of a packed house of Community members and visitors to the HHC, orated two legends at the storytelling event. The first story, Haw-awk (Ho'ok), at the beginning of the Ho'ok story, is about a man who attempts to win the attraction of a woman, with his talent for making a colorful objects with his hands.

The story led the audience through a series of events and characters, depicting the gluttony of a witch, who was later vanquished. The second story is a gripping legend about Eagle Man (Va:ntha) and his appetite for people from a nearby village. That story also ends with the demise of the eagle and the saving of the people from winged terror.

During the winter, stories are told from evening to sunrise, up to four days, broken-up into segments, and associated with the creation of the world.

To welcome the audience Antonio G:ok Davis from District 5 was the master of ceremonies for the evening. He asked for the people to listen with an

open heart and mind and to immerse themselves in the stories that were told at the event.

He described the differences between the winter solstice and summer solstice, and how they are integral to the passing of traditions. Lewis said, "When we tell these stories, we only tell them in the winter, there are certain protocols that the people adhered to, that still apply today."

Although the stories are central in origin, Lewis said, it is up to the listener to take away something from the stories, that is personal to them. "They are essential to our tradition," said Lewis, "Even though they are told every year, they reaffirm their connection, knowing we practice our traditions."

Joyce Hughes, who helped organize the event said, "It encourages us, [the people], to learn the stories." The stories would go on for four nights in the winter and would have extensions to the story, that would be told the next night.

"It was something that was taught in my family growing-up, but we know not everyone knows the stories," said Hughes, "This is who we are, and it sparks something in the people, just like the stories, they start and like vines, they lead to another story."

In working in previous positions in the Community, Hughes worked with the youth and in the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. She said the kinds of stories told can have a positive impact on people, because it develops a form of identity and



Crowds gathered at the Huhugam Heritage Center for the annual Ho'ok A'agi storytelling event on Jan. 18. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

connection to their (our) culture, whatever tribe that may be.

Part of the captivation of the traditional stories is allowing people to think what it means to them and what they take away from the moral of the story.

"Each and everyone one of them took part in preparing for the event, from the poster, luminaires and the volunteers that came out to help," said Hughes, "The Department of Environmental Quality Fuel & Restoration crew came to help with the fires that were lit."

Before the storytelling began, a traditional prayer was given. The spiritual part, Hughes said was thought of, because it's something that we do, before we start telling the stories, or any O'otham event.

### O'otham Lesson

O'othams - a 'OthamGlish' word (LOL)

Otham a human being  
Akimel Otham a river human being (Pima)  
O'otham m any human beings  
Akimel O'otham = many river human beings (Pimas)

What is put before the 'otham or O'otham' makes the difference

(S)-onk Akimel Otham s alt River Person (singular)  
(S)-onk Akimel O'otham s alt River People (plural)

Akimel Otham e ila River Person (singular)  
Akimel O'otham e ila River People (plural)

Tohono Otham B esert Person (singular)  
Tohono O'otham B esert People (plural)

The beginning of an Otham word, such the /o/ in Otham reduplicates. It is usually a pattern that a lot of nouns reduplicate to make plurals  
See below

Let us make singular coyote and buzzard into plural.

4) Singular  
5.) ban 'coyote' 6.) ñui 'buzzard'  
7) Plural  
8.) ba:ban 9.) ñu'ñui  
ba:-ban ñu'-ñui  
RED-ban RED-ñui  
'coyotes' 'buzzards'

In number 5 and 6 above you see the first consonant and vowel of each word, the beginning two letters 'ba' and 'ñu' is added to the words. This is call 'reduplication', and is glossed as - RED'.

The prefix used with ban and ñui reduplicates at the front of the root word. By reduplication, we have made plurals (more than one) out of our nouns.  
Akimel O'otham uses reduplication often and is the preferred and common way of making a word plural.

On an added note there are those stubborn nouns that refuse to reduplicate but will add a number to pluralize. One needs to remember which ones do not reduplicate. They will sound funny if you are a speaker and it will make you want to put a number with such words.

# BIE funded schools review plans and discuss strategies at meeting



Isaac Salcido, Tribal Education Department director, reviews the priorities to improve education at the BIE strategic planning meeting on Jan. 26. Emma Hughes/GRIN

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community's Tribal Education Department (TED) reviewed three priorities to improve education for all students within the Community. "Increasing the level and types of parent/family engagement in the educational process." Something that was highly agreed on and a constant topic throughout the event. And "Develop a Community-wide plan to increase student achievement" and lastly to "Increase student motivation".

Due to the recent government shutdown, it was confirmed weeks before the event that a BIE representative would not be present

and a slideshow presentation was provided on their behalf.

Tribal Education Department (TED) reviewed three priorities to improve education for all students within the Community. "Increasing the level and types of parent/family engagement in the educational process." Something that was highly agreed on and a constant topic throughout the event. And "Develop a Community-wide plan to increase student achievement" and lastly to "Increase student motivation".

Three Community BIE funded schools presented how they've addressed and incorporated TED priorities in their schools and

their overall strategic direction: Blackwater Community School, Casa Blanca Community School and Gila Crossing Community School.

During the presentations and discussion, all schools shared some of the same goals and concerns. One of the main focuses was parent/guardian involvement, which is a very important part in a student's life and education, in helping them to be motivated and succeed. Some schools were utilizing newsletters to have parents and community better informed and incorporating the education of culture as much as possible.

Blackwater Com-

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community School, some of

their highlights included behavioral health for students, addressing educational needs at home or at school. The school talked about their encouragement for their teachers and staff to pursue professional development, either through

school or training.

Casa Blanca Community School highlighted their commitment to listening by having surveys for parents and students. They've utilized awards to encourage attendance and counseling for students.

Gila Crossing Com-

munity School announced the construction of their new school, covered their address on bullying, and highlighted their technology education, teaching the students coding skills.

Following the presentations, attendees participated in group discussions in regards to early childhood education, wellness, safety, postsecondary and career readiness. These discussions utilized technology by allowing the attendees to give their input online in a group chat that could be saved and used by TED.

"We need to be proactive and start to build strong institutions, build strong educational pipelines for all of our students to succeed and to move on and to achieve their career path, to achieve their educational goals," said Gov. Lewis during the wrap up of the event.

"I think that's the challenge before all of us; but it's about working together and respecting each other. Everyone has a role, has a part to play in this. We're at a critical point where we can start to really make generational changes on how we want to improve our educational system"

Gov. Lewis also announced his 4th annual Education Summit Feb. 9 at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass & .m. to 2 p.m.



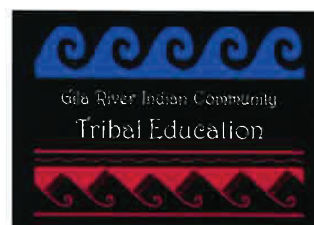
## Testing for the Native Language Teacher Certification

The Tribal Education Department will be administering the test for Community Members seeking certification from the Arizona Department of Education to teach the Akimel O'otham language.

# District 3 Head Start Center Thursday, March 7, 2019

**Requirements:**

- > At least 18 years of age
- > Completed TED Application
- > Copy of Tribal ID or Certificate of Indian Blood
- > Valid Identity Verified Prints (IVP) Card
- > Must be employed or have recently applied for employment with the Gila River Indian Community or an educational institute which services Gila River Indian Community Members.
- > \$60 Fee to be paid to the Arizona Department of Education



Contact Anthony Gray at the Tribal Education Department for more information  
Email: [Anthony.Gray@gric.nsn.us](mailto:Anthony.Gray@gric.nsn.us)  
Tel: (520)562-3662

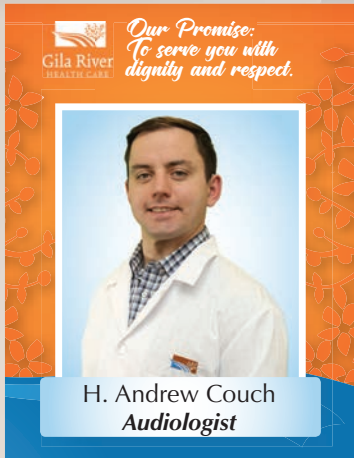
**Deadline for TED application is Friday, February 22, 2019**



# GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

## *Audiology Services Now at Hau'pal Health Center*

**Audiology Clinic Hours are  
Monday - Friday: 8 am - 5 pm & Friday: 8 am - 12 pm**



H. Andrew Couch, Au.D., is now providing audiology services to GRIC member's ages six months to elderly through the Tobacco Tax Program.

**Services include:**

- Audiologic Evaluations
- Hearing Aid Consultations\*
- Hearing Aid Fittings\*
- Hearing Aid Checks\*
- Hearing Aid Battery Replacement\*
- Ear Wax Removal

*GRIC Members services only\**

The Audiology Department is on the 2nd floor (inside Optometry).  
For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (602) 528-1200 ext. 2697.

## ALTERNATIVE THERAPY PROGRAM

**MESSAGE THERAPY**

Mon.	Tues.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
RTH PCD Specialty	HHKMH Life Center	Komatke Shegoi Bldg.	HHKMH Life Center	HHKMH Life Center	The Caring House
8am-4pm Laura Ornelas	8am-4pm Laura Ornelas	8am-4pm Cynthia Scott	8am-4pm Laura Ornelas	8am-4pm Laura Ornelas	8am-4pm Laura Ornelas

**ACUPUNCTURE THERAPY**

Mon.	Tues.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
HHKMH Life Center	The Caring House	Komatke Shegoi Bldg.	HHKMH Life Center	RTH PCD Specialty	HHKMH - Life Center
8am-4pm Susan Luo	8am-4pm Susan Luo	9am-5pm Dr. Bradford	8am-4pm Susan Luo	8am-4pm Susan Luo	8am-4pm Susan Luo

**CHIROPRACTIC THERAPY**

Mon.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
The Caring House	RTH PCD Specialty	HHKMH PCD Proc. B	HHKMH PCD Proc. B	HHKMH PCD Proc. B	Komatke Shegoi Bldg.
8am-4pm Dr. Nienstedt	8am-4pm Dr. Rae	8am-6pm Dr. Rae	8am-6pm Dr. Rae	8am-6pm Dr. Rae	8am-4pm Dr. Rae

To schedule ATP services, please call IMS / Inpatient Department at: (520) 562-3321 ext. 1218 or ext. 1219.

**The Life Center Diabetes Prevention Program**  
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# February Fitness Challenge



To register, contact any Life Center Diabetes Prevention staff member at:  
Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital (520) 562-7940  
Komatke Health Center (520) 550-6000  
Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center (520) 796-2657

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GRHC employees and Phoenix Indian Memorial Hospital (PIMC) & Indian Health Service Employees. GRHC employees, their families, and Seton Catholic High School collected food for donation to the St. Mary's Food Bank and distribution to PIMC employees.



## *Thank you, Dr. Jones, for all of your dedicated work over the years!*

Leading by example is exactly how Dr. Darcy Jones successfully managed the eye clinic for the last seven years as Director of Optometry. GRHC would like to announce Dr. Jones' departure from Gila River Health Care, as she starts a new phase of her career in the private sector.

Gila River Health Care would like to thank Dr. Jones, for her inspiring leadership and guidance, and for her drive for excellence on behalf of the patients we serve.



# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • January 16, 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, January 16, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Robert Stone at 9:18 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Robert Stone

## ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evan (9:30); D7-Devin Redbird (9:20)

Council Members Absent:

D5- Thomas White

## APPROVAL OF A GENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Request for Council Agenda Item – Presentation – Hellsgate Fire District

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED FIRE CHIEF JOHN WISNER AND MS. ANGIE LECHER. CHIEF WISNER AND MS. LECHER EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND A BRIEF OVERVIEW. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND GRATITUDE FOR THE VISIT.

## REPORTS

>1. September 2018 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Lori Stinson

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. October 2018 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Lori Stinson

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Tribal Education Department FY2018 Annual Report

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

## REPORT HEARD

>4. GRHC Tobacco Tax Grant Annual Report (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018)

Presenters: GRHC Leadership

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Gila River Transit 'New Routes'

Presenter: Deborah Brunner

## REPORT HEARD

6. Facilities Maintenance Department Annual Report

Presenter: Sean Eastham

## REPORT HEARD

>7. Community Veteran Statistics and Needs Analysis

Presenter: Leonard Bruce

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. Defense Services FY2018 Annual Report

Presenter: Claude Jackson Jr.

## REPORT HEARD

>9. Office Of The Prosecutor's October 2018-December 2018 First Quarterly Report

Presenter: M. Lando Voyles

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. GRICUA's FY18 Q4 Report (July 1, 2018-September 30, 2018)

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. Monthly Financial Report Ending December 31, 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Johns

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Arizona Game And Fish Commission And The Gila River Indian Community, Department Of Environmental Quality (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with the additional information; NRSC & CRSC concur)

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss, Naomi Bebo

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Homeland Security Assistance To Firefighters Grant – Health And Wellness (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections; LSC motioned to forward to Council with the corrections changing GR-18 to GR-19 in addition to submitting a summary of changes)

Presenter: Thomas Knapp

APPROVED

>3. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Homeland Security Assistance To Firefighters Grant – PPE And Equipment (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections; LSC motioned to forward to Council with the corrections changing GR-18 to GR-19 in addition to submitting a summary of changes)

Presenter: Thomas Knapp

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving Tribal Education Allocation Funds For Schools And School Districts Located Within The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with the condition of Sacaton Elementary School and Sacaton Middle School to be separated reflecting two total allocation amounts, ESC concurs)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. 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

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Health Care Corporation For The Operation Of Facilities Associated With Health Care Activities Commonly Known As The Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, As Shown In Drawing Numbers 40314-0056, 40314-0056A, 40316-0725A And 40316-0725B, Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Lease Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Elizabeth Antone

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Approving An Agreement To Terminate And Cancel Business Lease Number BL00000072 Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Health Care Corporation For The Viola L. Johnson Administration Building (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Elizabeth Antone

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>8. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Logan Miguel Located In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 40318-0314 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Ada Salgado

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Approving The Appointment Of Devin Redbird To Represent The Gila River Indian Community On The Joint Control Board For A Term Of Three Years (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

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>10. A Resolution Granting 1.9329 Acres Of Reservation Land In District Five To The Department Of Public Works For The Purpose Of Design, Construction, Operating, Managing And Maintaining Potable Water Well At The Southeast Corner Of Murphy And Nelson Road (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Barney Bigman

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>11. A Resolution Granting 2.2218 Acres Of Reservation Land In District Three To The Department Of Public Works For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining Potable Water Well At The Southwest Corner Of Casa Blanca And Bluebird Road (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Barney Bigman

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community, Acting Through The Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project (P-MIP), To Enter Into A Title 1 Contract With The Bureau Of Indian Affairs (BIA)/San Carlos Irrigation Project, Pursuant To The Indian Self Determination And Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638), To Complete Repair Work On The Pima Lateral And The Southside Canal (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: David DeJong

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The 2009 Gila River Indian Community Code By Repealing Current Title 16, Chapter 11 And Enacting The Apiary(Beehive) Registration Code As Title 18, Chapter 8 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Daniel Hoyt, Dale Ohnmeiss

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2. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code By Rescinding Ordinance GR-10-13 (Taxation) And Replacing It With The 2019 Taxation Ordinance, To Be Codified At Title13 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linda Sauer, Mark Graham

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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

>1. Gila River Gaming Commission Declaration of One (1) Vacancy (G&MSC forwards to Council to declare the vacancy and advertise for 60 days; subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

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# HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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Stephen Roe Lewis  
Governor



Robert Stone  
Lt. Governor

## Gov. Lewis discusses economics and water at the Valley Partnership meeting

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

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis attended a breakfast hosted by the Valley Partnership and was featured on a panel of speakers to address the state's recent water discussions.

The breakfast was held at the Phoenix Country Club on Jan. 18 and was attended by over 200 who listened to Gov. Lewis along with Tom Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Ted Cooke, General Manager, Central Arizona Water Conservation District and Joe Gysel, President of EPCOR, USA.

Cheryl Lombard, President and CEO of Valley Partnership, hosted the discussion. Valley Partnership is a trade association, which advocates for development in the greater Phoenix Metropolitan area.

Gov. Lewis opened his remarks by outlining the Gila River Indian Community's role as an "economic engine," in Central Arizona.

"The Community, through its government and entities alone, employs approximately 9000 people. And, in any given year, we contract with hundreds of vendors and contractors located in the Valley," said

Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis shifted to the "bigger issue," of the over allocation of the Colorado River and the Drought Contingency Plan.

"The Community has been involved in the DCP discussions for over three years now, and led an effort in 2016 to try to front load conservation to reduce the risk of falling into shortage," said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis closed his remarks by saying that he was optimistic that the state legislature would approve the DCP and thanked those you have been involved in the processes of the plan development.



At the Valley Partnership breakfast, from left, Tom Buschatzke, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Ted Cooke, Central Arizona Water Conservation District, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Joe Gysel, EPCOR, USA. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



The interior of the gym was among the locations toured by the Owner's Team. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



A model of the new school is on display at Gila Crossing Community School. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



View of the school construction site facing northeast. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

### FROM THE FRONT PAGE

the project.

Post shared artwork concepts with the team and their locations throughout the school grounds and in the classrooms and interior spaces.

The meeting was adjourned and the team toured the site of the future school. "This is a spectacular location," said LaPosta.

The project will not be complete for several months, however, the designs and plans are coming to life with the next phase involving the interior finishes according to LaPosta.

"The entire layout of the school is about villages gathering around a river," said LaPosta.

The team walked through the construction zone of the "full-sized" gym and other buildings along the main corridor which will feature artwork and designs indicative of the O'otham and Pee Posh.

"We've been working with a cultural committee from the very beginning," said LaPosta.

The students will see the range of the Sierra Estrellas as they walk in from the east with courtyards representing the settlements that flourished among the O'otham and Pee Posh.

The school is set to open July 2.



Gila Crossing School Construction Owner's Team pose during the construction site tour on Jan. 24. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

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APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA >2. Request for Community Council Work Session (G&MSC forwards to Council with the recommended date of January 25, 2019 at 9:00 AM with corrections) Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA >3. District Two Letter of Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to appoint Ann Lucas-Stewart) Presenter: Sharon Lewis

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA >4. 2019 NCAI Executive Council Winter Session February 10-14, 2019 – Washington, D.C. (G&MSC forwards to Council for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegation) Presenters: Committee

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA >5. District Two Letter Of Appointment To The Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to appoint Rita Pancott) Presenters: Citizens Advisory Board Members

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA 6. Development Infrastructure in the Northern Border of the Gila River Indian Community (EDSC forwards to Council for possible action) Presenter: Elizabeth Antone MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO PROCEED UPDATING THE BORDER LAND STUDY GR-8098; FURTHER DIRECTING COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL PLANNING OPTIONS; TO BE BROUGHT BACK IN 60-DAYS [LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 30-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:15 P.M.] MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION 7. Phase II Addendum Treasurer Mentee Program Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Thomas Murphy ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXTEND THE TREASURER MENTEE TERM TO JUNE 30, 2020 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AUTHORIZE

G&MSC TO APPROVE AN APPROPRIATE WORK PLAN FOR THE TREASURER MENTEE [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA] 8. Government Shutdown Affects on GRIC Presenters: Community Council MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE AND EXTEND BENEFITS OF THE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO GRIC ENROLLED MEMBERS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE RESIDENCES OF THE RESERVATION, WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN; COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE UPDATES MINUTES 1. December 5, 2018 (Regular) MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS ADJOURNMENT MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:07 P.M. \* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the issuance of the air quality operating permit for the following facility: Facility Name: Coffman Specialties, Inc. Facility Address: Community-wide Portable Source Air Contaminants Emitted: Particulate Matter (PM) PM 10 microns in diameter (PM10) Carbon Monoxide (CO) Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Sulfur Oxides (SOx) Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) Public Notice Start Date: February 1, 2019 Public Notice End Date: March 3, 2019 Public comments will be accepted

in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received. Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision.

Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review at the DEQ Sacaton office (during normal business hours) and on the AQP website at: <http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education--outreach/public-notice> Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality

Attn: Ryan Eberle Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147 Physical Address: 5350 N. 48th St. Chandler, AZ 85226; Suite 120 For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 or visit our office located at Wild Horse Pass Corporate Center, Suite 120. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Laura Payne, PIO Gila River Police Department Dispatch: 520-562-4511 Silent Witness: 520-562-7144

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**PRESS RELEASE:**

**FATAL HIT AND RUN COLLISION**

(Sacaton, Arizona) On September 22, 2018 between the hours of 9:30 pm and 12:00 am, the Gila River Police Department (GRPD) responded to Saint Road & SR 87 in reference a female that was fatally struck by an unidentified vehicle that left the scene prior to officer's arrival.

The Gila River Police Department is asking for assistance with this case. If you have any information regarding the incident regarding the suspect and/or vehicle please contact the Gila River Police Department at (520) 562-4511 or you can remain anonymous by contacting Silent Witness at (520)562-7144



Natasha Cooper is a mother of four children we are asking for help in finding justice for her family.



**SPECIAL THANKS**

We the family of Christophe A. Soke Sr. Would like to send special Thanks to: • St. Johns Church for the Rosaries and Mass services as well as preparing the meal and most of all for Blessing our loved one. • Lawman's funeral home for setting up everything so nice, you all did a great job. • Governance Center for letting a former councilman lay in state. • District 6 service center- The work crew on helping to dig the grave. As well as the use of the facilities. • LENO thank you Sir for the making of the cross, sorry we asked some much from you we loved your work, you did an awesome job. • Most of All "The Riders" for making it possible for our loved one to enjoy his last ride. • All the choirs who came to share encouraging words and songs. The chicken scratch band was just what we all needed. Thank you for that. • To all the people who came to share memories and stories of our loved one. • For all the people we may have forgotten to mention, thank you for all you did and your donations as well.

• And our families for being there when we needed you all. Love you all so much. From the: Soke, Avery, Williams and Juan families

**Fed Gov't reopen, shutdown ends from Page 1**

promised and demanded by President Donald Trump. The shutdown affected 80,000 federal employees. Of those, 36,000 employees were furloughed and in some cases, required to work without pay. Since the shutdown, those 80,000

workers have missed two paychecks. Although many federal agencies were impacted, which include some federal law enforcement, Department of Commerce, NASA, National Parks and Forest Services, and HUD, among dozens of other smaller agencies. Those that resumed work during the partial shutdown included: Social Security, Medicare and

Medicaid, the US Postal Service, Veterans Hospitals and VA benefit programs, Food Stamps, the Military and Homeland Security, all of which were deemed critical. On Jan. 25 it was announced by Trump that a deal was reached to end the shutdown and temporarily reopen. Trump first said he would not agree to any deal unless it included

the funding for the border wall but did not receive that with the bill that ended the shutdown. If they do not reach an agreement on funding for the border wall, the government will experience another shutdown on Feb 15 Trump also stated the federal employees will receive their back pay "very quickly or as soon as possible." Tribes across the na-

tion were beginning to feel the impact as many services, including education, healthcare and even law enforcement programs depend on federal resources. Although some services are funded through federal contract rather than direct services, the greater concerns are with long-term affects tribes might be impacted by due to the overall cost of the shutdown.

The partial shutdown has cost the U.S. economy \$ 1 billion, according the Congressional Budget Office. "As everyone knows, I have a very powerful alternative but I didn't want to use it at this time. Hopefully it will be unnecessary" said Trump, which is referring to declaring a state of emergency in order to have the border wall built.



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**Eligibility requirements**

- Be 16 or 17 years of age.
- Provide two personal references (I.E. Teacher, Counselor).
- Submit current grades.
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- Be an enrolled member of Gila River Indian Community.
- Submit a current biography.
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For more information contact Melanya Pasqual at 520-796-8808 or email [mpasqual@gilarivertel.com](mailto:mpasqual@gilarivertel.com).

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# Tribal Health Dept. hosts food fermentation demo



Participants added food to jars for fermentation at the demonstration held on Jan. 22. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

*Gila River Royalty Pageant  
Cultivating Akimel O'otham & Pee Posh  
Community & Culture*



**Saturday, March 2, 2019**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Blackwater Multi-Purpose Building**  
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**Gila River Royalty Applications Now Available**  
Application Deadline February 5, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.  
For More Information Contact the  
Gila River Royalty Committee  
at [missgilariver@gric.nsn.us](mailto:missgilariver@gric.nsn.us)

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

At one food demonstration, a unique way of using those left-over vegetables introduced participants to preserving them for future consumption.

Participants were offered a chance to take vegetables, add a little spice and water and place them into a mason jar, at a demonstration held at the District 3 Tribal Health Department on Jan. 22.

Joshua Whitehead took the participants through a step-by-step process of preparing the foods for fermentation. Whitehead, along with his wife, own and operate a business called Green Table Foods, in Guelph Ontario Canada.

According to the website, Green Table Foods, purchases their ingredients from the surrounding region from local farmers, which is in-line with the company's philosophy of "local fair trade," practices.

The participants set out to make sauerkraut with turmeric and ginger, kimchi, and ginger beet kraut, which require an average of seven days to fully ferment.

To understand the fermentation process, it requires little equipment and expertise to achieve the richness of flavors and nutrients vegetables have to offer.

Sprawled out on a kitchen counter, ingredients like cabbage, carrots, garlic, ginger and an assortment of other vegetables, were sliced and diced into smaller pieces. To add to

the colorful mixture, spices such as, turmeric, garlic and pepper were added.

After everything has been mixed together, the contents are placed into mason jars, and are compacted down as much as possible to get the air out, but to also excrete the water from the vegetables.

"You're using the water to keep the air out and also to let good bacterial spores to get in there," said Whitehead. He said the overflow is normal, so during the fermentation process you want to check it.

Whitehead's taste for kimchi drew him into wanting to learn how to make it. "This was pre-internet day and it was through trial and error, a friend of mine showed me."

He said as a youth, his mother fell ill, and required him to pitch-in to maintain a normal household, "I took over the role of cooking and doing domestic chores, and keeping up appearances, just so the house wouldn't fall apart."

He went into making different types of homemade foods, and was teased by his friends for his interest in preparing foods.

"I just love culinary, I went to school for history and English literature, I didn't go to school for [it]," said Whitehead on his experience with cooking.

He said their business in 100 percent GMO free and is certified organic, and is in accordance with the Canadian governments policy to maintain fair standard of organic projects.

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