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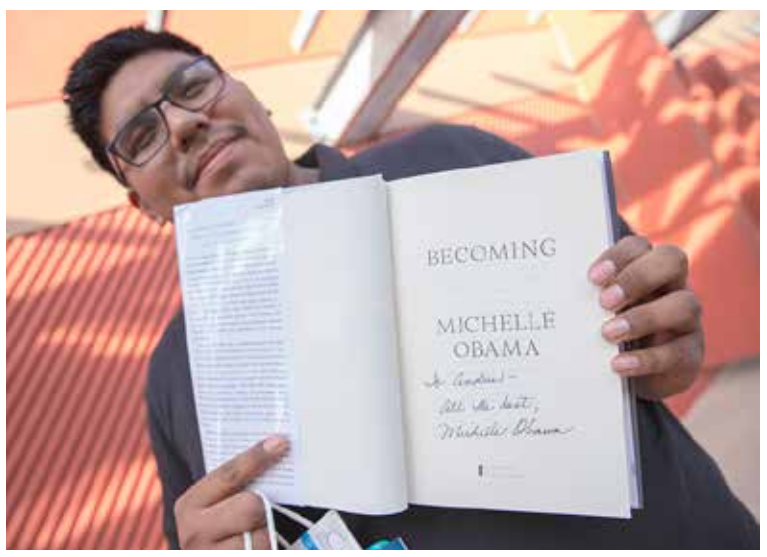
Michelle Obama makes surprise visit to GRIC

Former first lady joins youth for historic roundtable discussion at the Huhugam Heritage Center

Gila River Indian Community youth and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis meet with Mrs. Michelle Obama and Valerie Jarrett for a roundtable discussion at the Huhugam Heritage Center on Feb. 12. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Mrs. Obama listens while the young people introduce themselves to the former first lady. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



Andrew Thomas holds up his autographed copy of "Becoming," by Michelle Obama. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Roberto A. Jackson
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Former first lady Michelle Obama made a surprise visit to the Huhugam Heritage Center for a roundtable discussion with seven Gila River Indian Community youth and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. The Feb. 12 meeting began with the youth and Gov. Lewis discussing education and their plans for the future, but quickly shifted when, unbeknownst to the youth, Mrs. Obama walked in and asked to join the meeting.

"I thought it was just a regular roundtable," Erica Dawahoya, 19.

The youth were under the impression that the meeting would include a guest, but it came as a shock when the former first lady entered to room. "My mind just went blank," Dawahoya said.

Charisma Quiroz, a student at the University of Arizona from District 1, was also invited to the meeting to discuss education.

"I really had no idea that Michelle Obama was going to be here," she said.

Mrs. Obama was joined by Valerie Jarrett, former advisor to President Barack Obama, as part of her Reach Higher initiative, which was launched in 2014 to inspire every student in America to pursue higher education. For the visit, Reach Higher partnered with Yoobi, a stationery and school supply company, to donate school supplies to the 900 elementary and middle school students in the Community.

The youth present were Dawahoya, Quiroz, Jr. Miss Gila River Samaira Juan, Adam Cardona, Andrew Thomas, Daniel Lewis and Karissa Escalante.

Local news outlets were also present and covered the first part of the meeting as the students introduced themselves to Mrs. Obama. The media was then excused while the meeting continued in private.

"My impression of her was that she's a smart and confident woman who is a role model to me," said Cardona.

The youth described their experiences in education to Mrs. Obama and she encouraged them to reach their goals. Mrs. Obama also revealed her own struggles as a young woman, according to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who said the former first lady bonded with the students.

"Mrs. Obama connected with

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Governor's Education Summit brings together students, families and educators

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Tribal Education Department hosted the Governor's 4th Annual Education Summit at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass on Feb. 9, which was an all-day summit to receive input from Community members, students, parents and educators.

"I've put on this Summit every year since I've been governor to engage our Community in the state of education throughout the Gila River Indian Community," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

The summit's theme, "Improving GRIC Schools from Within," promoted the sharing and gathering of information on how to improve the education of the Community.

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> - Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

The summit was directed at parents, grandparents, and guardians residing in the Community, school board administrators, and school staff. It also encouraged the participation of high school students, who have an active interest in the future of their education.

"This is important, we get the input of our youth, parents, and our elders, everyone in the room today," said Gov. Lewis, "The important thing, is that we stay true to who we are as Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh, and how our value system makes our schools better."

He said these are exciting times for the youth, so much is happening at a rapid pace, that they will need the skills to keep up with students from non-tribal schools.

Marlena Whitehair, 12th grade student at Marcos de Niza High School, presents at the education summit. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

"Strong schools produce healthy children, they go on to be

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Coyotes Foundation donates to Sacaton Elementary STEM

Christopher Lomahquahu
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The Arizona Coyotes Foundation donated $5,000 to Sacaton Elementary School during a game against the Dallas Stars at Gila River Arena on Feb. 9.

At the game, the Coyotes aired the donation on live-television before a packed house of over 13,418 hockey fans.

The donation will go towards the school's Junior Master Gardner's STEAM programing for the second to fourth grades at SES. According to a school press release, it is a "hands-on approach," that will teach children about plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables and their purpose in their diet.

Wanda Burton, SES Principal said, "It gives our students a chance to learn by doing things hands-on. This is a huge experience for them, we can't say thank you enough to the Coyotes Foundation for this gift."

"This is a great opportunity to expand our agriculture in the schools to the young ones, that will carry-on our traditions," said Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, who was present to receive the donation.

He said the partnership between the Community and the Arizona Coyotes Foundation, benefits everyone. "Agriculture is our heritage and anything that keeps our children involved in the planting of our traditional foods is important," said Lt. Gov. Stone.

Ahron Cohen, President and CEO of the Arizona Coyotes, said, "It's wonderful, our partnership with GRIC is so important to us and we want to do some positive good for the Community and see the students get involved with different things."

Cohen said that work in the Community is important to the Coyotes organization.

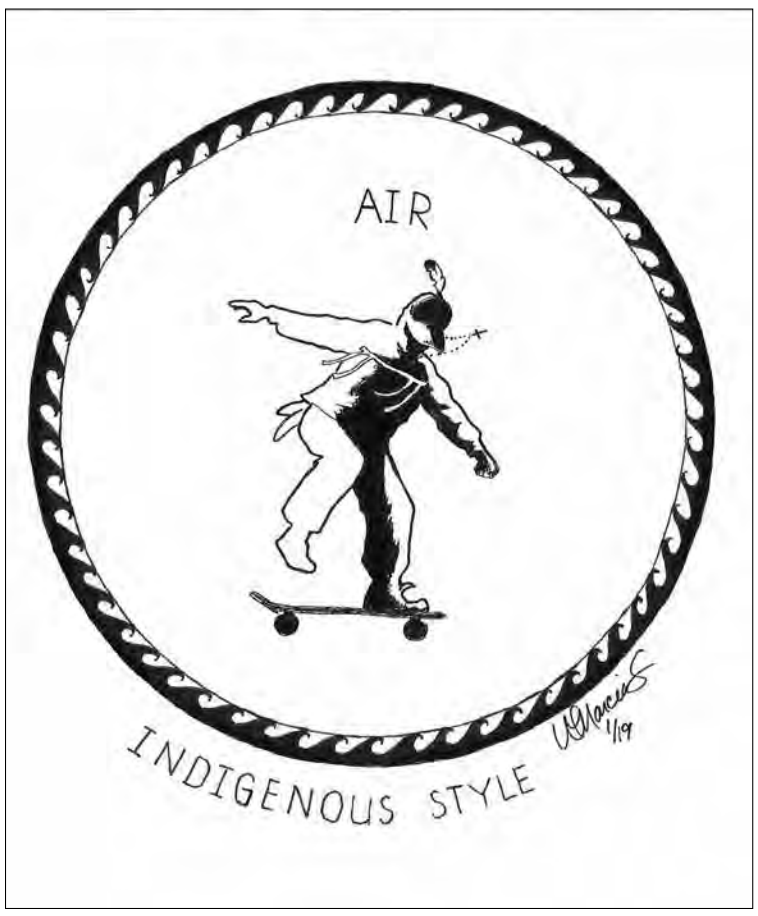
Sacaton Elementary School receives $5,000 from the Arizona Coyotes Foundation. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

"One of our core pillars of our team, is giving back to our local community and what better way than to give back to our major partners, the Gila River Indian Community," said Cohen.

The JMG, includes a curriculum that will teach the students about plant growth and development, soils and water, ecology and horticulture, insects and diseases and landscape. In addition, the curriculum integrates math, science, language arts, and social studies.

The Pee Posh Veterans Association presented the colors during the signing of the national anthem prior to the game, and later the Arizona Coyotes and the National Hockey League launched a month-long campaign called, "Hockey is for Everyone," an initiative to promote diversity and equality on and off the ice.

Coyotes bested the Stars 3-2, to avenge an earlier loss in the season.



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

Gila River Indian Community
Tribal Education

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

Deadline for TED application is Friday, February 22, 2019

Nike N7 Jr. Golf Experience held at the TPC Scottsdale course

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Native youth teed off at a golf clinic just yards away from the 2019 Waste Management Open, the Nike N7 Jr. Golf Experience was held at the TPC Scottsdale Champions Course on Jan. 27.

The event, was sponsored by the Notah Begay III (NB3) Foundation, The First Tee of Phoenix and the Ak-Chin Indian Community, and in partnership with Nike N7.

The event was a first for a Native-based organization to host an event in partnership with a high-profile event like the Waste Management Open.

Sam McCracken, N7 General Manager, said, "It's our first ever Jr. Golf Tournament in the state of Arizona. We'd really like to thank our sponsors and recognize the Akimel O'otham land, that we are hosting this event on, [here] today."

CEO of N7 Golf Robin Herrington said, "It's an action-packed day, as we officially launch the N7 Junior Golf Experience."

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was present to welcome the group of Native youth, who took part in the clinic.

"The Notah Begay Foundation is a great organization, that encourages the youth to be active in the game of golf," said Lewis.

Lewis also said the junior golf event promotes a positive influence among the youth and aspiring golfers.

To help the kids put a little step in their swing, Nike N7 ambassador and Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) golfer Gabby Lemieux, who is Shoshone and Paiute, provided advice on how to succeed on the green.

Lemieux, has been golfing competitively since last year and will be competing on the LPGA tour this year.

Clint Begay NB3FIT Jr. Golf Coaching Team Director said, "We appreciate the opportunity that we have to be here teaming up with Nike N7 and The First Tee of Phoenix. We hope that you walk away with something special about the game of golf."

Clint said, Notah is very passionate about the game of golf, which led to the creation of the foundation of NB3 and its work with Native youth.

A young golfer takes a swing at the N7 golf experience. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Throughout the afternoon, the youth rotated through three different stations, a driving, chipping and putting range.

O'Odham Tash back with new events

By Heather Smathers
PinalCentral.com

CASA GRANDE — O'Odham Tash is a time for local tribes to celebrate their shared heritage while honoring their unique differences.

Some new events will take place at the annual O'Odham Tash celebration this year, which will be held on Feb. 16 and 17.

Event coordinator Georgette Johnson said a traditional social Waila dance will be added this year.

The softball tournament had been a staple at the O'Odham Tash celebrations, and Johnson said she's excited to see it back. This year the tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, although should enough teams sign up, play might need to begin on Friday night. The double-elimination tournament is open to Native players but each team is allowed to have up to four non-Native people, two men and two women.

Johnson said other events will be taking place simultaneously: the social powwow and Toka tournament.

The Toka tournament started just a few years ago as a regular event with the O'Odham Tash celebration, featuring a traditional Native American game. It is akin to a field hockey match; it is a team event with teams still being accepted.

While spectators are welcome to watch the social powwow and traditional dancing, photographs are only permitted with permission.

Vendors, including artists and craftsmen, will be on hand with their wares and different food vendors selling traditional Native fare, Johnson said.

On Saturday night, a concert featuring Native Creed will take place. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. It is family-friendly, and children under 10 can attend the concert for free. Adults will pay $10 per person at the gate.

Kevin Juan, who is helping Johnson coordinate several O'Odham Tash events this year, said all of the events are open to families and no drugs or alcohol are permitted at any of the events.

"We want to show the next generations our traditions and history," he said. "When we go to these events, no matter where we're from, we're all family."

To have a booth at the event, contact Johnson at 520-221-5368. To sign up a team for the softball tournament, call Serena Johnson at 520-993-6563.

O'Odham Tash Rodeo draws top notch cowboys

By Maria Vasquez
PinalCentral.com

CASA GRANDE — Spectators should expect two jam-packed days at the O'Odham Tash Rodeo. "The public can come out to watch the best that Indian rodeo has to offer," rodeo secretary Penny Mix said.

Contestants from the Indian National Finals Rodeo and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association along with amateurs will be competing in different events from bull riding to calf roping and bareback riding.

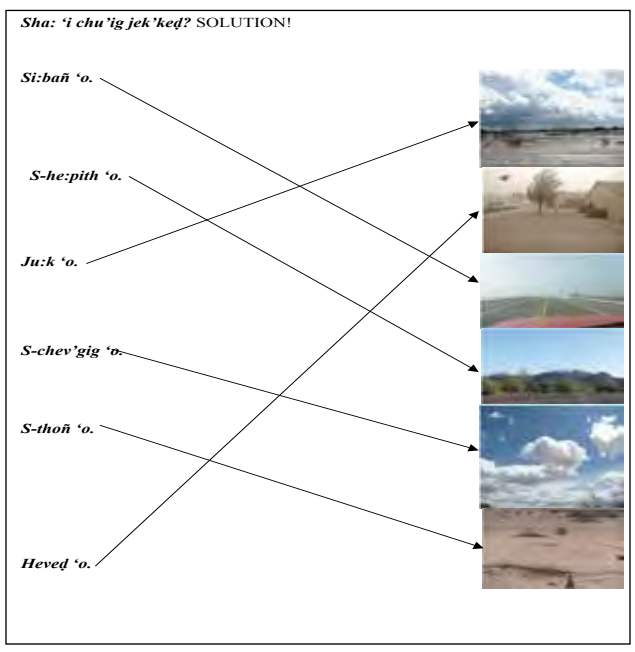
In the wild horse race, teams made up of three members will attempt to catch, saddle and ride a wild mustang. There will also be a roping competition that will bring together the four sister tribes of the area.

According to Mix, in order to participate the contestant must be a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Ak-Chin, Gila River or Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian communities.

There are roughly 10 to 30 contestants per event, with the largest being the team roping and the women's breakaway roping.

This year the rodeo will re-introduce bareback riding. Other events include saddle bronc and tie-down roping. Buckles will be awarded to each event winner.

The O'Odham Tash Rodeo is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. on Feb. 16 and 17 at Ed Hooper Rodeo Park. Admission is $15, children 12 and under enter for free.



Gila River Indian Community
2019 Community Council Election Schedule
Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

FEBRUARY 15, 2019	START DATE: Nomination of Candidacy (NOC) district meetings to be held in Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 for council seats expiring June 2019 *Title II, Section 2.105: The meetings shall be called by the District Chairman and shall be announced by notices posted 5 business days prior to the meeting in at least 6 public places within the district.*
MARCH 4, 2019	• END DATE: Last day to hold nomination meetings in D#2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (DOC) OPENS: any GRIC member who was not nominated at their district meeting may declare their candidacy by filling out a DOC form; forms available at the Tribal Elections Program (TEP) office, 315 W. Casa Blanca Rd. Bldg. 9, Sacaton
MARCH 11, 2019	DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY CLOSES for Community Council declarations in Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7; DOC forms to be turned in to TEP office before 5 pm.
MARCH 12, 2019	TEP will route NOC/DOC applications to Enrollment/Law Ofc./HR depts. to ascertain qualifications for candidacy
MARCH 14, 2019	Special Election Board meeting: to determine candidate residency qualifications
MARCH 25, 2019	NOC/DOC'S applications to return to the Tribal Elections office
APRIL 3, 2019	Section 2.116. Community Council Elections. D. 2. *The certifications of Council candidates shall be conducted at the first regular Community Council meeting in April. All candidates must be in attendance.*
APRIL 8, 2019	VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSES: for the May 7th election
APRIL 15, 2019	ABSENTEE VOTING OPENS; for GRIC registered voters unable to vote at the polling sites on Election Day
May 6, 2019	ABSENTEE VOTING CLOSES; absentee ballots must be accepted by your District Judge or Tribal Elections office before 5:00 p.m.
MAY 7, 2019	GRIC 2019 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION DAY in Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7; polls open 6:00 am to 6:00 pm
MAY 10, 2019	DEADLINE: for protest to election. Any registered voter shall be allowed to file a protest in writing to the Election Board Chairperson within 3 business days following the election
MAY 15, 2019	Section 2.113. Certification of Election Results. A. *Certification of election results shall be conducted by the Community Council at its second regular meeting in May.*
JUNE 5, 2019	Community Council Meeting - Newly elected/re-elected Community Council candidates are sworn into office and are to take their seat of office.

For questions in regards to this schedule, contact the Tribal Elections office @ 520-562-9735 or 9758

Firearms and Community Members on GRIC

Lt. Jason Figueroa #1286
Gila River Police Department

The Gila River Police Department has recently received a number of questions about Community Members' rights and responsibilities while owning and carrying firearms on the GRIC. Here are some answers to some of the most common questions we get on this topic:

-Can Community Members legally own and possess firearms on the GRIC?

The GRIC Community Council has not passed any laws which make it illegal for Community Members to own or possess firearms on the GRIC. However, as a sovereign nation, the Council could choose to do so in the future.

-When is it illegal for a Community Member to own or possess a firearm on the GRIC?

Some things make it nearly permanently illegal for a Community Member to own or possess a firearm. Some examples of this are being convicted of a felony in tribal, state, or federal courts, being convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence in tribal, state, or federal courts, and being dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

Other things make it temporarily illegal to own or possess a firearm. Some examples are being the subject of a domestic violence order of protection (the order is against you), being on terms of release from a court which prohibit you from having firearms (including some kinds of probation for misdemeanor crimes) and being adjudicated as mentally incompetent by a judge. Additionally, if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs (including prescription drugs) to the point of intoxication, it's illegal for you to have a firearm until you are no longer intoxicated.

-Where can Community Members legally possess and carry firearms?

If you can legally possess a firearm, you can carry it on your own property and in public places which do not carry any legal restrictions to carry firearms. If you're on the property of another person or of a business, and they do not want you to carry firearms, you have to either leave your firearms off the property, or leave the property with your firearms.

Although some buildings and facilities are open to the public (such as the casinos and Rawhide), they are actually considered private property for legal purposes. These facilities also have the right to post signs which prohibit people from carrying firearms on their premises.

Some public buildings, areas, and events have posted notices which prohibit Community Members from carrying firearms. Examples would be government buildings (such as Service Centers, the Governance Center, the Community Courts, and the Criminal Justice Facility), schools, hospitals, and the Mul-Chu-Tha.

-Where can Community Members legally shoot their firearms (target practice)?

You can shoot on their own lands, or the lands of others, provided you have legal permission to do so and can shoot there safely. It is very important that shooting locations have a safe back-stop (a place to catch bullets after they hit their target), are not near residences, personal property (buildings, farm equipment, livestock), or roadways, and allow you to make sure each shot can be safely taken. No litter (ammunition casings, targets, appliances, bottles, etc.) should be left at the shooting site after you're done, unless you're shooting on your own property.

-Are certain kinds of firearms illegal to own or possess on the GRIC?

Most types of pistols, revolvers, rifles, and shotguns are legal to own and carry. Machine guns, sound suppressors (silencers), short-barreled shotguns and rifles (see below), explosives (grenades, dynamite, etc.), and bombs are not legal to possess under tribal, state, or federal law, unless the you are specially licensed by the federal government. Additionally, stolen firearms and firearms which have had their serial numbers removed are illegal to possess.

-What defines a short-barreled / illegally short rifle or shotgun ("sawed-off")?

These are defined by federal law as follows: Rifles must be at least 26 inches in overall length, and must have a barrel of at least 16 inches in length. Shotguns must be at least 26 inches in overall length, and must have a barrel of at least 18 inches in length. Possession of a rifle or shotgun shorter than these measurements is a federal felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

-Can a Community Member hunt on the GRIC?

Community Members can hunt on the GRIC, provided the game being hunted is not a protected / endangered species and you are in a location where it is legal and safe to be and shoot at the game. The Community does not presently define seasons for game. A Community Member's privilege to hunt does not extend to guests or family members who are not enrolled GRIC members.

-Can a Community Member carry a concealed firearm on the GRIC?

No current laws which prohibit carry of concealed firearms on the GRIC.

-Can a GRPD officer legally take my firearm during a contact? Do they have to give it back?

While engaged in official and properly-justified business (such as a police investigation or a traffic stop), GRPD officers can take temporary custody of your firearm. As long as you are legally allowed to possess the firearm, it is not a stolen or illegal weapon, and it is not being seized as evidence or for safekeeping (which can happen during certain kinds of domestic violence calls), your firearm will be returned to you at the end of the contact. Officers will usually return your firearm to you unloaded, and ask you not touch or reload it until they have left the area.

-If a GRPD officer asks if I have a firearm during a police investigation, do I have to tell him/her?

By Community Code, you have to be truthful if a police officer asks you whether you have a firearm during an official police investigation or contact.

Local non-profit organization works with GRIC members on their goals

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

A local organization is looking to help individuals find personal success through workshops and events. Amanda Lyons is a Community member from District 3 and is the founder of 21st Century Native, a local non-profit that works with Community members on ways to better improve and achieve personal goals by providing step by step coaching and support.

Lyons started 21st Century Native after seeing the challenges most Native communities are faced with and wanted to create a way to help and support them.

In 2016, originally starting out as a basketball program to help young athletes develop their talent and reach their goals, with the assistance of her father, Ronnie Lyons, who is also the head coach of their basketball program. Along with sports they now also provide life skills workshops for all ages.

They just wrapped up their January schedule that focused on goal setting, planning and coping with possible challenges for the new year. They currently do not have any other workshops planned for February but will be available with an informational booth at the 57th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo.

21st Century Native isn't just for Community members; they are looking to reach out to other tribal communities as well and are now looking to offer one-on-one classes for anyone in need of support.

For more information on 21st Century Native, you can contact Amanda Lyons at (480) 708-9249 or 21stcenturynative.net or check them out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @21stcenturynative

GRFD seeking recruits with new SAFER grant

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Fire Department has received a Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Community has been working to obtain the SAFER grant for quite some time and have now been successful.

The SAFER grant is a three-year grant that provides funding to fire departments and volunteer firefighter organizations to help increase or maintain trained firefighters.

The grant is allowing Gila River Fire Department to recruit 20 firefighter apprentices. GRFD is in dire need of more firefighters due to high call volumes, economic development, and high levels of traffic that comes through the districts and casinos. GRFD currently has four stations in Districts 1, 3, 4, and 6 with the hopes of more in the future.

With the SAFER grant, GRFD is eager to bring in as many Community members as possible on board but the apprenticeship is open to anyone who applies, with limited to zero certifications.

Those accepted will go through a six-month academy, EMT school, Fire Fighter I &II and move on to the academy. The closing date to apply is Feb. 21 and you can apply online at www.gilariver.org

GRFD has been actively promoting the department through Community engagement with a focus on youth, to see and explore the fire service through job and health fairs with firefighters in gear on site.

GRFD is also working to bring back their explorer program which allows ages 14 to 21 gain some experience and mentorship towards the apprentice program.

LA theater company holding auditions for "Native Nation"

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A Los Angeles theater company is reaching out to the local Native population for actors and stage hands.

Cornerstone Theater Company and Arizona State University Gammage have partnered together to bring a unique opportunity to the greater Phoenix area for individuals who want to explore their interests in acting.

Cornerstone and ASU have hosted script reading sessions at Steele Indian School Park and the ASU Center for Indian Education for the past couple of months as they prepare an April showing of the play "Native Nation."

"Native Nation," is based on the experiences of Indigenous people from all walks of life. The play is written by Larissa FastHorse (Lakota), and will be directed by Michael Garces, Cornerstone Theater Company Artistic Director.

During the early process of writing the plays, some of the stories are about social issues and customs, topics related to child custody, cultural knowledge and a myriad of issues Native people face, while trying to find an identity in modern times. In between transitions, from one scene to another, the three plays include information about local tribes, like the Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Pascua Yaqui and others. The production recognizes the traditional lands of the Akimel O'otham, who trace their ancestry to the Huhugam and how for over a millennia, the Huhugam inhabited what is now the Phoenix Metropolitan area.

"We are definitely looking for people to participate in the auditions that we will be hosting later this month," said Garces, "The play will change throughout the process and the way it will change is hearing back from people, who will help guide us and tell us what is missing and what is exciting and appropriate for the play."

During a script reading on Jan. 27 at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix, FastHorse and Garces, sat down with participants to emphasize the importance of American Indians' contributions to the play.

"It's very much still in progress and that is why we are here to see what we need to add, we have been coming out here for more than a year and half now," said FastHorse, "We've been talking to folks in settings like this and asking what we should write about and what people need to hear about, about indigenous people in this area."

When the play takes place Garces said the audience will be splitting up into groups and watching different stories told simultaneously, so people can have different experiences and learn from the stories each time.

Garces used this same format previously for the play, "Urban Rez," which focused on the Native people of Southern California living within the Los Angeles County area. It also included the stories of Native people, who moved to LA from places from across the country.

During the LA event, it became something akin to a cultural fair, which gave visitors an opportunity to experience Native traditional food, performances and arts & crafts booths.

Participants join the script reading at Steele Indian Park in Phoenix. Christopher Lomahquahu/ GRIN

For over 35 years, Cornerstone Theater Company, a collection of professional artists and local members, has been producing plays that go beyond the stage with stories based on the challenges and experience faced in local communities.

In their previous productions, several of the actors did not have any theater experience. FastHorse and Garces, said that it adds to the sense of community, when a play is based on real experiences and perspectives found in Native people.

Information about the auditions

There will be open auditions for individuals of all ages and crew members in stage management, set design, sound, lighting, costumes, make-up, production, and other related tasks will be held at the Phoenix Indian School Visitors Center on Feb. 18, and ASU Memorial Union on Feb 19.

In addition, there is a call for models for a jewelry and fashion showcase to take in between the two show times. Seeking models of all sizes and gender identities. Please wear all black and comfortable shoes.

For more information, you can email FastHorse at larissafasthorse@gmail.com or Sequoia Lynn Dance, ASU Community Engagement Coordinator at: sdance@asu.edu, or ASU Educational Enrichment Program Manager Desiree Ong at (480) 965-3940. For each of the castings for actors, crew and models, there is no experience necessary.

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12:00pm	**GOVERNOR LEWIS MAR 5 SPEECH**	Creative Native *Havasupai*	Creative Native *Domestic Facelift*	Creative Native *We Are What We Eat*	Creative Native *We Are What We Eat*	Creative Native *Smithsonian Institute*	Wild Kitchen *Lesson in Pemmican*
12:30pm	**GUEST SPEAKER: BEN SMILEY**	First Talk *Children's Hospital*	First Talk *Indian Romance*	First Talk *Racial Passing*	First Talk *Relationships*	First Talk *Hopi Nation*	Untamed Gourmet *Newfoundland Moose*
1:00pm	Native Planet - Australia *Gov't & corps. attempt to develop world's largest*	Tending The Wild *How humans are necessary to live in balance with nature.*	Sheltered *Peru: The Journey*	The Other Story of the Forgotten Slaves *The Oriental and inter-African slave trades.*	Reggae Got Soul *Performances and interviews w/Toots and other famous stars.*	Che Ah Chi-History of Boynton Canyon	Defending The Fire *The journey of warriors work to survive and secure resources and culture.*
1:30pm			Sheltered *Work, Don't Be Lazy*			Telling The Truth About California Missions	
2:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles *Argillite Carver*	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles *Carrying On Tradition*	Samaqan Water Stories *Every Yr*	Ravens and Eagles *The New Masters*	Reclaiming Sacred Tobacco
2:30pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening *Surprise*	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening *Raised Garden Bed*	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Make Prayers to the Raven
3:00pm	Wassaja *A Voice in State*	Working It Out *Moving Forward*	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	**2018 RIVER OF LIGHTS PARADE**
3:30pm	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**
4:00pm	Tending The Wild *How humans are necessary to live in balance with nature.*	Native Planet - Australia *Gov't & corps. attempt to develop world's largest natural gas field*	Indian Pride *Myths & Real Truths*	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders *Passion on the Plains*	Storytellers in Motion	**INHALANTS - LSD - HEROIN**
4:30pm			Aboriginal Adventures *Seaweed Harvest*	Common Ground *Rosemalist, Sculptor*	*A frightening farmer, sweetheart Samaritans, street cleaner.*	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Children of the Desert
5:00pm	K'ina Kil: The Slaver's Son	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders - Life on the Crater Rim *Penguin farmers, rubber burning botanist*
5:30pm	The Sun at Midnight *16yo Lia is sent to spend time w/grandma,steals a boat and sets out to the vast Northern wilderness hoping to*	Behind The Brush *Waimarama*	People of the Pines *Origin of Yuhaviatam*	Making Regalia *Welcome-Get Started*	People of the Pines *World of the Serrano*	Native Report	
6:00pm		Sheltered *Peru: The Journey*	The Other Story of the Forgotten Slaves *The Oriental and inter-African slave trades.*	Reggae Got Soul *Performances and interviews w/Toots and other famous stars.*	Che Ah Chi-History of Boynton Canyon	Defending The Fire *The journey of warriors work to survive and secure resources and culture.*	Indigenous Focus *Ollie & Emma 5*
6:30pm		Sheltered *Work, Don't Be Lazy*			Telling The Truth About California Missions		Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee
7:00pm	Native Voice TV *Garvard Good Plume*	Democracy Now! *A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.*	Democracy Now! *A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.*	Democracy Now! *A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.*	Democracy Now! *A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.*	Democracy Now! *A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.*	Wapos Bay *They Dance at Night*
7:30pm	The Medicine Line *Reanimated*						Wild Archaeology *Innuit of Rigolet Pt.2*
8:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures *Prawn Opening-Sidney*	Dabiyiyuu *The Sled Maker*	The New Creative India	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	Wassaja *A Voice in State*	Sharing Circle *Woman Leaders*	Hit The Ice *Awards & Recognitions*
8:30pm	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**	**GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS**
9:00pm	Native Shorts *Indian 49 / The Hill*	Wild Archaeology *Inuit of Rigolet Part 2*	Urban Native Girl *Is Blood Thicker Than*	The Medicine Line *Reanimated*	Native Shorts *Indian 49 / The Hill*	The Aux *Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World*	Mixed Blessings *Boyfriends Back*
9:30pm	The Aux *Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World*	Indians and Aliens *Mabel Sam*	Hit The Ice *Awards &*	Indigenous Focus *Ollie & Emma 5*	Studio 49 *Cody Coyote*		Moose T.V. *Charlie Makes A Drum*
10:00pm		The Child of the Sahara *A French teenager questions whether he made the right choice to find his biological parents in*	Trick or Treaty *Indigenous leaders seek justice with the Canadian Gov't to raise awareness about vital issues for First*	Box 25-Caja 25 *Based on letters written in 1963, makes the defragmented historical memory of the Panamanian*	First Nations Comedy Experience *Nikki Glaser, Craig Shoemaker, Jimmy*	Secret Uprising *An unfiltered look into the biggest protest movement in Saudi*	Legends from the Sky *A Native Vet serches for his missing grandfather after land is mysteriously taken.*
10:30pm	Pete & Cleo *2 Navajo bros pester one another about directions they've chosen in life. Constantly at odds over values and views, in a*						
11:00pm					Jr Redwater: Full Blooded Hilarious Motivational speaker and comedian devoted to heal pain through laughter.	One More River Part 1 *Decision making process to allow another mega-hydro project to be built on*	
11:30pm		The Human Effect	Mad Money Hunters	Goshen: Places of Refuge for Running People			Fractured Land

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Michelle Obama shakes hands with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

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them instantly," said Gov. Lewis.

Mrs. Obama presented the youth with autographed copies of her book, "Becoming," and tickets to her appearance at the Comerica Theatre in Phoenix for "An Intimate Conversation with Michelle Obama."

After the meeting a message was posted to Mrs. Obama's official Instagram account, @michelleobama, that said, "Today I sat down with several young people from the Gila River Indian Community in Chandler, Arizona, home to the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh tribes. To me, these students are living proof of the power of resilience. No matter what they're facing, no matter their circumstances, they get up every day believing that they can make life better for themselves, their families, and their peers. I believe in them, too—and I hope you do as well. This isn't the last time we'll hear from Samaira, Andrew, Adam, Charisma, Daniel, Karissa, and Erica. #ReachHigher."

Adam Cardona during an interview with Channel 12 News. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Daniel Lewis sits between Valerie Jarrett and Mrs. Obama. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Gila River Indian Community participates in Tohono O'odham Nation parade

The Gila River Basket Dancers performed during the parade in Sells and won second place in the parade's group category. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Miss Gila River Autumn Cooper waves during the parade. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis acknowledges the crowd as an entry in the parade. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community participated in the Tohono O'odham Nation's 81st Annual Wapkial Ha:Tas Rodeo & Fair in Sells, Ariz. GRIC was represented in the Nation's parade on Feb. 2 by Gov. Stephen Rie Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Miss Gila River Autumn Cooper, Jr. Miss Gila River Samaria Juan, Haskell Osife Antone Post No. 51, Keli Akimal Hua Modk Cudkdam (Gila River Basket Dancers) and Achem A'al Indigenous Traditional Pima Basket Dancers.

The parade's theme was "Celebrating the resiliency of O'odham Himdag through Beauty, Health, and Wellness" and presented awards in six categories: Business, Group, School, Music, Tribal Programs, and Royalty.

Keli Akimal Hua Modk Cudkdam (Gila River Basket Dancers) won second place in the parade's group category and Achem A'al Indigenous Traditional Pima Basket Dancers placing second in the music category and both groups had performances during the weekend at the fairgrounds.

Following the parade, GRIC Royalty attended the TON Rodeo and Fair's Pow Wow and participated in the grand entry ceremony.

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Talking About the Weather

In the July – October, 2018 issues of the GRIN the Akimel O'otham Orthography had been published along with the alphabet, vowels, diphthongs and diacritics. These should assist our readers in understanding the sound system and how to speak basic Akimel O'otham. In the coming articles ahead we publish micro-lessons in putting basic sentences together for our readers.

This is the time of year when we experience huge weather changes as the different weather systems passing through our community. The weather is something that we all have in common on a day to day basis as we commute to work, school and in our daily lives. Many community members and other employees work outdoors every day. We all dress for the weather and try to keep warm to ensure that we don't become susceptible to colds and the flu. Before heading outside, it is helpful to ask someone to check what the weather is like before we leave home. One way to do this in O'otham is by using the phrase "Sha: 'i chu'ig jek'keḍ?" which translates into English as "What is it like outside?" Knowing how much the weather changes this time of year, there is a whole list of possible replies including the following:

S-he:pith 'o (jek'keḍ).
"It's cold (outside).
S-thoñ 'o (jek'keḍ).
"It's hot (outside).
Ju:k 'o (jek'keḍ).
"It's raining (outside).
Si:bañ 'o (jek'keḍ).
"It's sprinkling (outside).
Heveḍ 'o (jek'keḍ).
"It's windy (outside).
S-chev'gig 'o (jek'keḍ).
"It's cloudy (outside).

But let's say that we wanted to answer the question by saying the weather is really strong in some aspect ("really cold, really raining, really warm). We can do this in O'otham by using the word i:vo at the beginning of the statement. The word 'i:vo' or 'hi:vo' (depending on location where you live) works like the words "very" or "really" in English in that it gives importance to the action verb.

I:vo ('o) s-he:pith (jek'keḍ).
"It's really cold (outside).
I:vo ('o) s-thoñ (jek'keḍ).
"It's really hot (outside).
I:vo ('o) ju:k (jek'keḍ).
"It's really raining (outside).
I:vo ('o) si:bañ (jek'keḍ).
"It's really sprinkling (outside).
I:vo ('o) heveḍ (jek'keḍ).
"It's really windy (outside). I:vo ('o) chevgig (jek'keḍ). "It's really cloudy (outside).

Finally, if you wanted to ask a specific question regarding the weather outside, you can ask a simple yes/no question utilizing the original statements from above.

No s-he:pith (jek'keḍ)?
"Is it cold (outside)?
No s-thoñ (jek'keḍ)?
"Is it hot (outside)?
No ju:k (jek'keḍ)?
"Is it raining (outside)?
No si:bañ (jek'keḍ)?
"Is it sprinkling (outside)?
No heveḍ (jek'keḍ)?
"Is it windy (outside)?
No s-chev'gig (jek'keḍ)?
"Is it cloudy (outside)?

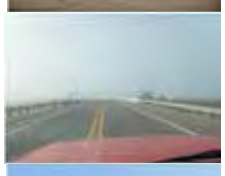
Now you have a number of different ways to talk about the weather with your friends and family. Try using these statements and questions with one another to ask each other "Sha: 'i chu'ig jek'keḍ?" You can see how much you know now by completing this month's language puzzle.

Sha: 'i chu'ig jek'keḍ? Match the weather statement with its weather element!

Si:bañ 'o.

S-he:pith 'o.

Ju:k 'o.



s-chevgig 'o.

S-thoñ 'o.

Heveḍ 'o.

HHC represents Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh for Michelle Obama visit

Mrs. Michelle Obama as she first entered the room at the Huhugam Heritage Center. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

The Akimel O'otham Room, where the meeting took place, included two displays of O'otham and Pee Posh basketry and pottery. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

How do you prepare for a visit from a former first lady in less than a week?

"It's been a whirlwind these past few days," said Shirley Jackson, Director of the Huhugam Heritage Center.

Jackson said they were alerted on Thursday, Feb. 7, that somebody, "high-profile," would be visiting. Her contacts couldn't tell her who it was while the staff paused their current projects and immediately started working on the visit. The Huhugam Heritage Center staff needed to accommodate the visitor but also members of the media. Jackson was conferring with what turned out to be Mrs. Michelle Obama's "people," and the media about "what would be a good set up and what would really capture the Community within this small amount of time and space," said Jackson.

As noted on local live news outlets, the visitor was in fact Mrs. Obama who surprised seven Gila River Indian Community youth for a roundtable discussion in the Akimel O'otham Room, which is a multipurpose room used for a variety of functions such as meetings and classes. Mrs. Obama's staff decided between the Veterans Room and the Akimel O'otham Room as a location for the meeting. The Akimel O'otham Room was chosen for the prominent murals and the location and the position of the tables and chairs for the meeting. Once the room was decided, the Heritage Center Collections staff then began selecting the items and preparing two displays that represented the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh.

According to Leland Thomas, Assistant Curator and Exhibits Project Manager, the displays contained a balance of O'otham and Pee Posh objects. "All the willow baskets are from the Breazeale Collections," said Thomas. The Breazeale Collection is a collection of objects from the early 1900s purchased by the Gila River Indian Community. There was also a miniature horsehair basket with a friendship design from the Blackwater Collection. The pottery was from the Arts & Crafts Collection and also a collection purchased from the Denver Art Museum.

"We tried to make it representative of both communities, both tribes within the room," said Jackson.

Although the staff did not meet Mrs. Obama, images and video of the room and the displays were carried on live television and news coverage of the event.

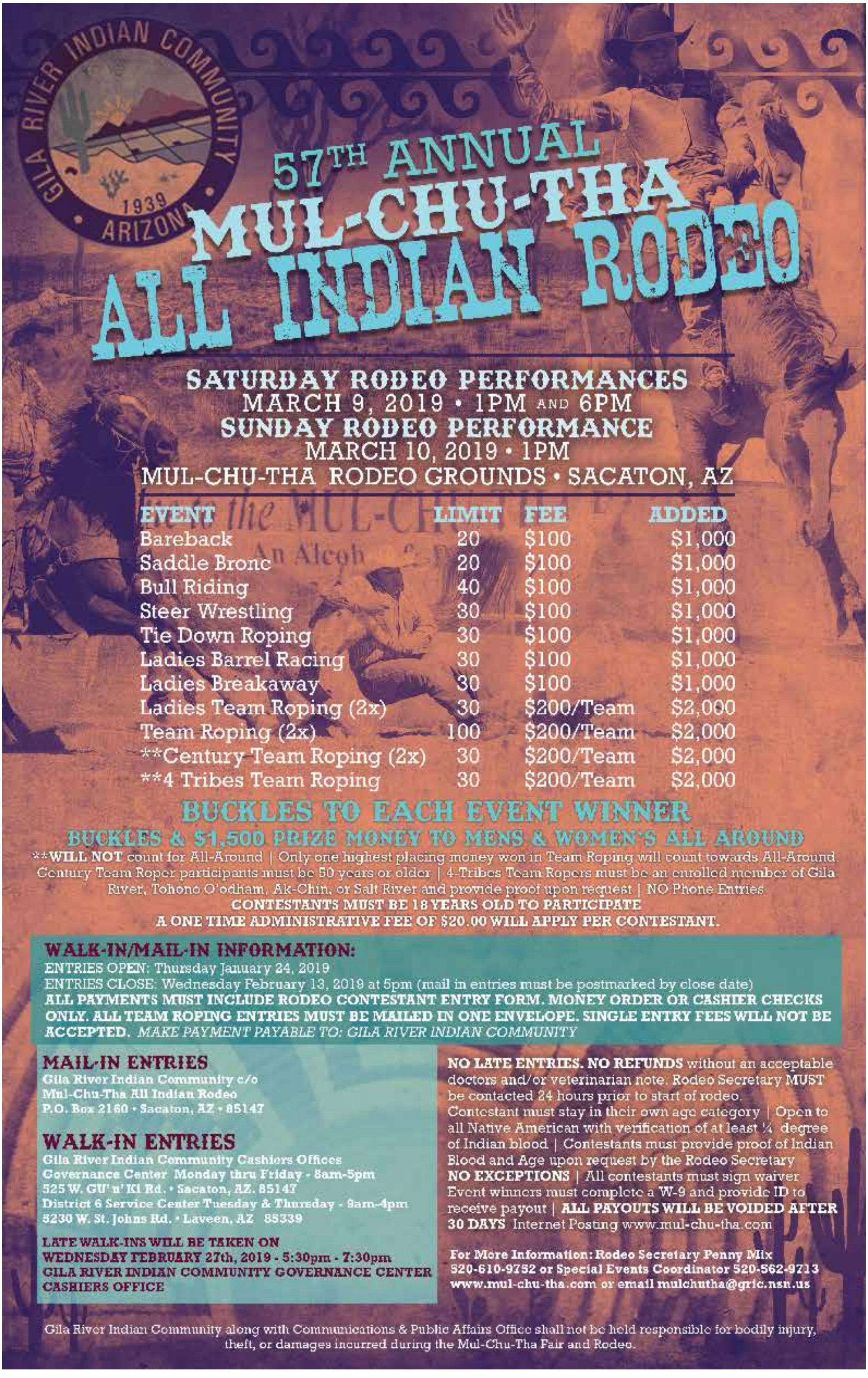
"Our work showed," said Thomas.

With short notification for the visit, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was also impressed by the staff who helped prepare for Mrs. Obama, her staff and the media.

"I just want to give a sincere shout out to the Huhugam Heritage Center staff, Shirley Jackson and her staff they made this happen," said Gov. Lewis.

The Heritage Center began receiving phone calls following the visit. "It's definitely brought us some notoriety," said Jackson.

The main museum and gallery are currently under construction and will reopen next year. Jackson said, the attention, "is a good way for us to keep telling people we'll reopen next year in January 2020 and please come and visit."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2019 Mul-Chu-Tha Parade Route

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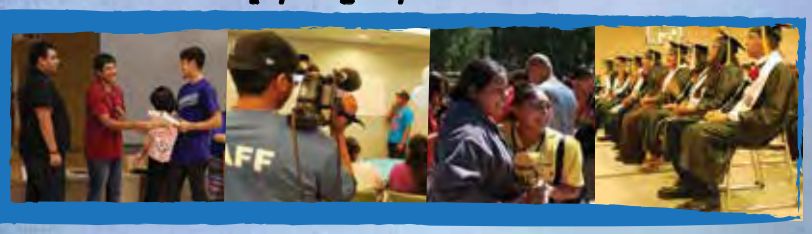

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Drought Contingency Plan moves forward with GRIC interests covered

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Threatened by a 19-year drought, Arizona along with six other states were given the task to develop a plan to conserve more water that comes from the Colorado River by Jan 31.

Arizona uses water from the Colorado River, which also comes from Lake Mead, where nearly 40 percent of Arizona's water comes from. If water levels in Lake Mead drop to critically low levels, that would mean Arizona could lose up to 17 percent of its water allocation, which is an equivalent of a year's worth of water for one million households.

Since July 2018, stakeholders from across Arizona have been working together to develop the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) which will help to better conserve and reduce Arizona's water usage and on Jan. 31 a bill was signed by Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, approving Arizona's Drought Contingency Plan just hours before the midnight deadline, which made for a historic legislation.

"The Drought Contingency Plan is the most significant water legislation passed in nearly 40 years - and it was done by putting party labels aside and putting Arizona first," said Gov. Ducey.

GRIC Governor Stephen R. Lewis also signed a water deal that helped allow the DCP to move forward. The water deal will supply water to the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRD) that will help developers in Arizona continue to build into the future.

"What's important about the passage of the DCP, is that the Community interests are covered. It's about stability for water supplies for the future, for Arizona but also for the Community and our water settlement is protected in the process. That was probably the most significant aspects as it applies to our Community that was just signed into law," said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the State Capitol on Jan. 31. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Gov. Lewis address the education summing on Feb. 9. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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strong adults, our leaders of tomorrow," said Lewis.

He lauded the schools for their tireless work in providing a quality education for the students, that introduces them to advanced subjects like, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Among Lewis' talking points was the construction of two schools at opposite ends of the Community in District 1 and District 6.

The new Gila Crossing Community School in District 6 is still under construction and is scheduled to open in July of this year, a year after the school broke ground on the new site.

In District 1, the Blackwater Community School, is also on their way to constructing a new school. "We are at a turning point in our education, we are constructing, and supporting two schools, that are long overdue for new facilities," said Lewis.

The keynote speaker, Pearl Yellowman, a member of the Navajo Nation, provided insight into her work to promote resiliency within Native communities.

With her background in social work and education, Yellowman has focused on the role culture plays in the development of children, both psychologically and physically. "There's a value system. How do you know the value system of [your] community?" said Yellowman, "Things like culture are a value system and within the schools, it's not an add-on, not an elective, but it's daily lived experience."

She said every Native person carries with them, genetic markers that allow them to be resilient in the face of challenges, a term called "blood memory." Yellowman said it is based on the previous generations experiences, that are embedded in today's generation to succeed at life.

"There are epigenetic markers that show a traumatic experience has occurred, maybe not in our current times, but in the past [we] had to turn some things (genetic markers) off to survive," she said, "To reactivate our resiliency, we have to do similar things our ancestors did."

Along those same lines, Yellowman, said those are the same ways tribal communities, can build individuals, families and schools that promote resiliency.

The summit also included a panel of students who shared their high school and higher education experiences. The students emphasized their role as ambassadors in public schools outside of the Community.

Marlena Whitehair, a 12th grade student at Marcos de Niza High School said, opportunities like the summit are important, because they, "Ask the youth about our plans for school and seeing if we are on the right track and understanding our opinions is important to their success."

At school she said, Native students must be a part of the conversation and being a part of classroom activities to etch a presence in a room with people of various ethnicities.

Napoleon Marrietta, Indigenous Rights and Social Justice graduate student attending Arizona State University, said going to a big university is challenging when you don't know the student next to you. Marrietta said it was an opportunity to educate non-Natives about the surrounding culture, and that we still exist in the modern age.

"When you're in a big school like ASU, at first it was challenging getting to know people, but I found the best way to do that, was making connections with other Natives, especially those from the other O'otham tribes," said Marrietta, "You form friendships and things just seem to get better from there."

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • February 6, 2019

ACTION SHEET
Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729
CALL TO ORDER
The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, February 6, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:19 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-Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr., Thomas White; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evan; D7-Devin Redbird (9:31)
APPROVAL OF A GENDA
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA AS NOTED
APPROVED AS AMENDED
PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)
REPORTS
> 1. Maricopa Village Christian School Annual Report SY2017-2018
Presenter: Patrice Laura
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
> 2. Culture Teachers Gathering 2019
Presenter: Anthony Gray
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
> 3. Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 4th Qtr Expense Reports
Presenter: Chesley Juan Jr.
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. Department of Housing Development 2014 RHIP Housing Construction Project Report
Presenter: JoAnn Garcia
REPORT MOVED TO NEW BUSINESS
5. Gila River Boys & Girls Clubs Quarterly Report 2018 Oct – Dec
Presenters: Jason Jones, Soyet Antone, Emiliano Morondos
REPORT HEARD
> 6. FCC Form 555 Annual Filing
Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors, Courtney Hogancamp
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
7. CRMP Report - South Mountain Freeway Progress Report
Presenter: Kyle Woodson
REPORT HEARD
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
8. Gaming Commission General Report to the Community Council for December 2018 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Dale Enos, Courtney Moyah
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
9. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for December, 2018 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK BY CONSENSUS. COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 11:33 A.M.]
RESOLUTIONS
* 1. 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
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
* 2. 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
> 3. A Resolution Approving The Master Participating Agreement Between The United States Department Of Agriculture, Forest Service, And The Gila River Indian Community, Department Of Environmental Quality (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC & CRSC concur)
Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss, Naomi Bebo
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
> 4. Resolution Establishing The Gila River Veterans And Family Services Office To Serve The Veterans Of Gila River Indian Community And Their Family Members And Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with additional material)
Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Governor Stephen R. Lewis
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 45 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2019 Through 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC accepts and forwards to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive Session)
Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Jones, Executive Office
APPROVED
[COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS]
6. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget Modification No. 1 For Fiscal Year 2019 (Executive Session) (G&MSC approves the salary adjustments as presented and forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections)
Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Jones, Executive Office
APPROVED
> 7. A Resolution Amending GR-217-08 The Petition For The Enrollment Of Hope Edeena Garcia Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
> 8. A Resolution Amending GR-218-08 The Petition For The Enrollment Of Deangela Angelica Garcia Into The GilaRiver Indian Community (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
> 9. A Resolution Approving The Relinquishment Of Paul Sydney Rock Krech From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
> 10. A Resolution Certifying The Membership Count Of The Gila River Indian Community As Of December 31, 2018 (LSC motioned to forward to Council with a recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
ORDINANCES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
>1. Gila River Indian Irrigation Drainage District Board of Directors Appointments (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval the Gila River Indian Irrigation Drainage District Board of Directors (3) Appointments of Donald Antone, Sr., Gwendolyn Thomas and Gina Thomas-Enos)
Presenter: Rodney Jackson
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
NEW BUSINESS
> 1. District Five Letter Of Appointment To The Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board For Pamela Vega (LSC motioned to forward the Letter of Appointment for Pamela Vega to the Citizens Advisory Board to Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenters: Citizens Advisory, Board Members
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
> 2. Maricopa Village Christian School Written Plan SY2018-2019 (ESC motioned to forward to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Patrice Laura
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. Education Research Proposals (ESC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Isaac Salcido
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
> 4. National Johnson O`Malley Association Conference March 4-6, 2019 Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino Las Vegas Nevada (ESC motioned to forward to Council for any interested Council members to attend under Dues and Delegations)
Presenters: Education Standing Committee
APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. FY19 First Quarter Report Revenue Internal Audit (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session)
Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT ITEMS #5 & #6
6. FY19 First Quarter Report Gaming Internal Audit (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session)
Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller
APPROVED AT NEW BUSINESS #5
[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
7. Department of Housing Development 2014 RHIP Housing Construction Project Report
Presenter: JoAnn Garcia
ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES
1.January 12, 2018 (Special)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
WITH AMENDMENTS
2. February 21, 2018 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
WITH AMENDMENTS
3.January 16, 2019 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
WITH CORRECTIONS
ANNOUNCEMENTS
~ LITIGATION TEAM MEETING, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019, 9AM
~ EDUCATION SUMMIT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019, 9AM, WHP CASINO
ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:33p.m.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
> Denotes CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

What's New at GRICUA?

Grace Elias – UCLA Rowing Team We are happy to announce that GRICUA's former Washington Youth Tour student, Grace Marie Elias, has made the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Women's Rowing Team.

Grace is an 18-year old freshman from District 7, majoring in Atmospheric Science. Her parents are Reuben Elias and Sarah Cedarface. Grace was interested in attending UCLA because of its Atmospheric and Oceanic Studies program, strong Native American community and plentiful academic and athletic opportunities.

Grace graduated in 2018 from Westwood High School in Mesa, Arizona, where she was active in many clubs and served as the President of the Westwood Native American Organization. In high school, Grace played volleyball, basketball and ran cross country. She was honored to represent GRICUA during the 2017 Washington Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

The UCLA Women's Rowing Team competes in the Pac-12 Conference at the NCAA Division I level. Grace is proud to represent the Gila River Indian Community and looks forward to the competition schedule that starts in March 2019. For general information about UCLA Women's Rowing, please see the team's website at https://uclabruins.com/index.aspx-?path=wrow..

Distribution Designer – Kerry Umsted GRICUA is happy to introduce our new Distribution Designer – Kerry Umsted. Kerry has previously worked for APS, SRP, Nevada Power, ED3, Trico Electrical Co-op and Ak-Chin Indian Community. He earned his Associates Degree in Drafting Technology from ITT and received a Master's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University. He also has over 160 hours in graduate studies in business and IT. Kerry was born and raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He moved to the Phoenix area in 1985 with his girlfriend, now wife Terri. They have 2 children – Rylee and Casie and 2 grandchildren that he loves to spend time with – Emelye Rae and Mila. This summer, he is planning a vacation to Lake Tahoe to do some cycling, hiking and photography.

Bob Weppler and Paul Bradsher Retire Journeyman Lineman Bob Weppler and Distribution Designer Paul Bradsher retired from GRICUA on January 2, 2019. They were two of GRICUA's finest.

Bob Weppler began his career at GRICUA on April 13, 2009, but he had worked for GRICUA as a contractor since 2006. While employed with TRC Engineering, Bob surveyed the condition of the Community's electric system and helped determine areas that could be improved. Bob then worked for Henkels & McCoy who contracted with GRICUA to build and engineer these improvements. After GRICUA was awarded the 638 contract with SCIP, Bob joined the newly formed GRICUA Line Crew. Due to all his experience, Bob was known as our system expert. He assumed the responsibility for substation maintenance, he was our first meter master and helped mentor and train Calvin Tullie, who just recently earned his Meter Tech Certificate.

Paul Bradsher began his career with GRICUA on October 31, 2008, but like Bob, Paul also did some work as a contractor prior to joining the staff at GRICUA. Some of the projects that Paul worked on were the Lone Butte Casino, Sheraton Ballroom Expansion, Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino, Phoenix Premium Outlet Mall, Casa Blanca Transmission Project and the PMIP water project. As a result of all his hard work, Paul built some strong confidence and business alliances with our customers and established a great working relationship with our Community customers. Paul was also a big influence on our Summer Intern students. Whenever he had interns with him, he gave them this advice: be dependable, learn a trade and own your mistakes. We will miss Bob and Paul and would like to wish them much happiness, good health and success as they journey on to new beginnings.

Player of the Week ~ Mariah Estrada ~ Congratulations to GRICUA Lineman Rey Rascon's daughter, Mariah Estrada, for being voted as Arizona High School Girls Basketball Week 11 Top Performer. Mariah is a senior at Gilbert Leading Edge Academy. She has scored over 1,000 points in her career and averaged 15 points and 6 rebounds in the last 2 games. Last year, Mariah helped Gilbert Leading Edge Academy win the 2A State Basketball Championship and they hope to win back-to-back championships as they compete in the State Tournament later this month. Mariah plans to attend a Community College here in the Valley next year.

Upcoming Events:

• 3rd Annual GRICUA STEAAAM Summer Program – June 24-28, 2019

• High School and College Summer Internships – May-August 2019

Reminders

GRICUA District Days 2019

GRICUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (433 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to 3pm.

Thursday, March 7

Thursday, April 4

Thursday, May 9

GRICUA will also be at District 1 and 2 Service Centers on the following days from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM:

District 1 – Wednesday, March 6

District 2 – Wednesday, April 10

District 1 – Wednesday, May 8

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

GRICUA is a member of Arizona Blue Stake. Please call 1-800-782-5348 to request an underground line locate of both GRICUA and SCIP on reservation facilities.

GRICUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to gricua-comments@gricua.net. You can also go to our website at www.gricua.net.

GRICUA's Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Payments are accepted on-line and by phone both during our normal operating hours as well as afterhours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business hours.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Pima Leasing & Finance Corporation ("PLFC"), a tribal corporation wholly owned by the Gila River Indian Community ("Community"), is currently soliciting proposals from qualified attorneys and law firms licensed to practice law in Arizona, for legal services. All proposals must be received by March 15, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Any proposals received after the due date and time will not be considered. Digital copies of proposals are to be submitted via email by this date to Christine.Notah@theplfc.com, or by mail to 5350 N. 48th Street Suite #245 Chandler, AZ 85226.

RFP Response Due Date:

March 15, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

Vendor Questions Due Date:

March 10, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

Vendor Selection:

April 15, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

Organizational Background

Mission Statement PLFC serves as an investment entity promoting selfsufficiency and protecting Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh culture by:

Strengthening operations and economic diversity, managing Community land transactions, including leasing, providing loans and generating revenue, and cultivating entrepreneurs and Community based businesses

Structure & Purpose PLFC manages Community trust land resources within the Gila River Indian Reservation and promotes self-sufficiency by providing financing for Community and Communitymember owned enterprises. PLFC is a unique and essential financial resource for meeting the credit needs of Community members.

In addition, to our various lending products, PLFC assists Community-members in the formation of businesses within the Community to provide employment opportunities for Community members and revenue for the Community. PLFC manages trust land resources to maximize revenue to the Community in line with all cultural and environmental tenets.

PLFC also administers commercial leases and ensures leases are current as to term, purpose and financial consideration.

Introduction

PLFC seeks experienced legal counsel with five to fifteen years of experience in the practice of Indian law involving commercial finance, real estate, and corporate transactional matters, specifically in commercial loan and real estate finance matters.

Primary responsibilities include

(i) drafting and negotiation of loan and lease documents; (ii) reviewing corporate due diligence (including UCC lien searches, organizational documents, certificates of good standing, litigation searches) and real estate due diligence (including review of title documents and surveys); and (iii) assisting with loan closings. The attorney or law firm shall be readily available to perform the following legal services, as requested by the Executive

Director and/or Board of Directors:

• Reviewing drafts of contracts and leases.[

• Advising lending personnel on compliance with state, federal and related tribal laws impacting consumer lending, loan servicing and mortgage lending.

• Drafting and negotiating various types of transaction documents,

• Performing due diligence and managing transactions.

• Preparing and reviewing lending servicing-related disclosures and correspondence.

• Advising on legal issues related to PLFC's operations.

• Reviewing lending policies.

• Advising on employment matters.

• Advising on responding to subpoenas, court orders, and requests for information from third parties.

• Defending lawsuits, administrative claims, or other legal claims.

• Conducting litigation on behalf of PLFC as necessary.

Requirements

A. Legal Experience. The attorney or law firm should describe its experience related to the areas outlined in the scope of services above. There is a particular interest in thefollowing topic areas: tribal legal entities including tribally-chartered limited liability companies and tribal corporations; banking industry; and general business operations.

Additionally, if applicable, provide a description of any experience advising organizations comparable to PLFC that offer similar services.

B. Organization, Size, Structure, and Areas of Practice. The attorney or law firm should describe its organization in terms of the following: • size • structure, • areas of practice • office location(s) • small or minority-owned business Please include a copy of the Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Policy, if available.

C. Attorney Qualifications. The Proposer should separately attach a description of the qualifications of attorneys to be assigned to the representation. D. Descriptions should include: a. Professional and education background of each attorney.

b. Overall supervision to be exercised.

c. Prior experience of the individual attorneys with respect to the required experience listed above. Include resumes only of attorneys likely to be assigned to the representation. Education, position in firm, years and types of experience, and continuing professional education will be considered.

d. Price. The attorney or law firms proposed fee schedule should include information on the hourly billing rates of each attorney or other legal staff who are expected to work on this representation and charges for expenses, if any, such as legal research, copies, faxes and electronic communication. Also include a retainer amount, if any, that would be charged to advise PLFC on routine matters that could be handled over the telephone or otherwise without extensive research or other legal work. PLFC reserves the right to negotiate with the attorney or law firm on the structure of the billing and/or retainer fee.

SACATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT AWARDED GRANT UNDER THE SAFER SCHOOLS IN AMERICA INITIATIVE BY GLOBAL GRID FOR LEARNING

SESD RECEIVES GRANT FROM GLOBAL GRID FOR LEARNING FOR SAFER SCHOOLS IN AMERICA INITIATIVE

Sacaton, Arizona 2.8.2019 – Sacaton Elementary School District is pleased to announce it has received a $150,000 grant ($50,000 per year for 3 years) from the Safer Schools in America Initiative. These funds will support the adoption and usage of school safety EdTech products from leading education providers and the resulting impact research for the next three years at no cost to the district. The Safer Schools in America Impact Initiative Grant is aimed at addressing the need for quality research about the expansive range of activities that comprise safe teaching and learning environments.

These include emotional, physical and digital safety as well as emergency preparedness, school facilities, culture, and community engagement--areas our district and the broader research community believe are critical to great teaching and learning. Our participation will allow us to be part of the larger evaluation community as we seek cost-effective EdTech solutions for our classrooms and educators.

"This grant will provide the SESD staff with highly effective strategies to be utilized within the classroom." Superintendent Cherryl Paul

"This partnership will provide exceptional opportunities to support district goals and key strategic priority areas through the actions of continuous improvement that will benefit all." Amanda Billings, Manager of Data Analysis and Continuous Improvement

About Global Grid for Learning (GG4L) - Embracing the belief that our nation's education system impacts our future, GG4L is building innovative public and private partnerships mindfully structured to harness the power of data to solve big school challenges such as school safety, literacy, college, and career readiness and student wellness. With privacy and security top of mind, GG4L's 3-way partnership between schools, industry, and philanthropy, actively champions continuous cycles of improvement informed by data. By facilitating affordable access to proven solutions and efficacy data, GG4L fuels rapid innovation in education. As a membership-based Public Benefit Corporation, GG4L is committed to voluntarily meeting higher standards of corporate purpose, accountability, and transparency.

About McREL International – A nonprofit research and development organization that since 1966 has turned knowledge about what works in education into practical, effective guidance and training for teachers and education leaders across the U.S. and around the world. McREL provides schools, districts, and other education organizations with high-quality research and evaluation, professional development and coaching, strategic planning, and assistance with improvement and innovation projects

Phoenix Coyotes presented Sacaton Elementary School with $5,000 to support STEAM at their game on February 9, 2019

FOX Sports was running segments on Saturday featuring the information below:

The Sacaton Elementary School is located in the Gila River Indian Community and agriculture and farming has been big part of the way of life for the people of Gila River. The Coyotes Foundation donation will not just fund a program that will teach SES's students about the fundamentals of gardening, it will give them first-hand experience into how their own ancestors lived hundreds of years ago. Agriculture has always been a cornerstone of the Gila River Indian Community's culture and this program will show these students how their own great grandfathers and great grandmothers lived.

Bringing this curriculum to the school will allow the children to:

- Develop an appreciation for the environment
- Develop a love of gardening and farming
- Develop Personal pride
- Community involvement
- Learn about the history of their ancestors and their means of survival when it came to food source.

The Coyotes Foundation donation will go towards Junior Master Gardner's (JMG) STEAM programming at Sacaton Elementary School for 2nd – 4th grade students. The JMG is an international youth gardening program that takes a "hands-on approach" to teach children about plants, flowers, fruits & vegetables, what they need to grow, why they are important to us and our diet.

The curriculum will take the children through 8 chapters that will include

- Plant growth and development
- Soils and water
- Ecology and horticulture
- Insects & diseases
- Landscape

As part of this curriculum there will be collaborative learning groups with real-time hands-on gardening that integrates math, science, language arts, and social studies for the children.

SUMMONS TO APPEAR

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

THE Ak-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO: Mason Peters

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

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

SUMMONS TO APPEAR

IN THE MATTER OF: J.S.

Minor(s), Concerning: Julian Saiza-Father

THE Ak-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO: Julian Saiza

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NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA

SHELLY M BAPTISTO ,

Petitioner/Plaintiff

vs.

SHAWN ERIC BAPTISTO,

Respondent/Defendant

CASE Number: FM-2018-0102-DV

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that a(n) Answer/Response Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court.

This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:30 AM in Courtroom II,

AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

DATED this 4th day of February, 2019

Copy of the foregoing served by

~ Gila River Indian Newspaper

This 4th day of February, 2019 to:

Shawn Eric Baptisto

Clerk of the Gila River Indian Community Court

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I would like to take this time to wish my baby girl Harlee Marie Jones a Happy 1st Birthday and many more to come… we (me and your siblings) are so blessed to have you as our baby girl. I know in my heart god gave you to us on the 28th for a reason and your uncle "Dish" is in heaven smiling down on us . if he was still here I know he would of loved the fact that you two share the same birth date together and also that you are a pieces just like mommy , auntie Darla and uncle Dish! I've already seen you take your first steps and now I'm just waiting to see you blow out your first candle with your brother and sisters by your side. Once again baby girl Harlee Marie Jones happy 1st Birthday I love you and so does your brother and your sisters!

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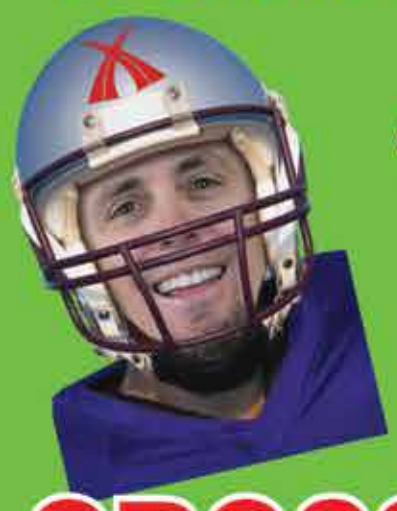

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