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Participants search for in the desert for cactus during the bahidaj harvest . Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

CARRYING ON TRADITION

Caravan heads to District 1 for bahidaj harvest

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Rising up early in the morning, groups of families and individuals ventured outdoors to pick fruit from towering desert giants. Community members, visitors and volunteers gathered together for the annual bahidaj harvest, held in District 1 Blackwater on June 29-30.

The evening before the harvest, participants trickled into the small campsite into the late

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Barnaby Lewis prepares the volunteers for the harvest. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The buzzer sounds on another NABI tournament for GRIC teams and players

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Native American Basketball Invitational brought teams from across the country to play in the City of Maricopa and tribal communities leading up to championship games at Talking Stick Resort Arena in Phoenix on June 29.

After a week of tournament play, eight teams contested for a top spot in the boys and girl's division gold and silver brackets.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomed everyone to the NABI

championship game, in which the Community was a host site for games played during the tournament.

"It's an honor to be an on-going partner with NABI, we were really honored to host the games at the District 5 Vah-Ki gymnasium," said Lewis.

When the buzzer rang out, the boy's gold division FDM team from the Yavapai Nation and other tribal communities, came out the winners, beating their opponent Sweat Rocks

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A Gila River Girls player drives with the basketball during NABI. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gila River Hotels & Casinos marks 25 years with special luncheon

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

When Kenneth Manuel, CEO of Gila River Hotels & Casinos, took the stage at Wild Horse Pass' Acacia Ballroom for a special luncheon on June 21, he brought up some significant things that took place in 1994. Major League Baseball players went on strike and a white Ford Bronco carrying O.J. Simpson led authorities on a surreal chase through Los Angeles.

But away from baseball front offices, and L.A. freeways, the Gila River Indian Community opened their first casino in June of 1994 with 272 slots and about 250 employees. Manuel was a slot attendant back then and the property was the original Lone Butte Casino.

Fast forward to June 2019, Gila River Hotels & Casinos currently operates three prop-



Gila River Hotels & Casinos CEO Kenneth Manuel at the 25th Anniversary Luncheon at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino on June 21. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

erties with hotels, dining, and entertainment to go along with slots, table games and poker. The gaming enterprise marked the milestone with the 25th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon for its

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Tribal leadership joins Arizona Diamondbacks President & CEO Derrick Hall, at the anniversary luncheon on June 21. From left, Anthony Villareal Sr., Thomas White, Carol Schurz, Hall, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Monica Antone, Charles Goldtooth. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

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Congratulations! Life Center Patients & Staff

A FIRST FOR LIFE CENTER DIABETES, ENDOCRINOLOGY, AND WELLNESS!

During the Month of May 2019, all 3 locations have exceeded its Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) Indian Health Services (IHS) A1C goals.

WHY CONTROL A1C?

Almost any part of your body can be harmed by too much sugar. Damaged blood vessels cause problems such as:

- Kidney disease or kidney failure, requiring dialysis
- Strokes/Heart attacks
- Vision loss or blindness
- Weakened immune system, with a greater risk of infections
- Erectile dysfunction
- Nerve damage, also called neuropathy, that causes tingling, pain, or less sensation in your feet, legs, and hands
- Poor circulation to the legs and feet
- Slow wound-healing and the potential for amputation in rare cases
<https://www.webmd.com/diabetes/how-sugar-affects-diabetes#2>

WHAT IS A1C?

It's a blood test that measures your average blood sugar level over the past 2-3 months. It's like a "memory" of your blood sugar levels and shows how well you're controlling your blood sugar levels over time.

*Life Center works with patients on setting goals while considering medical history and other factors.

How A1C relates to estimated average blood sugar

A1C Results	Estimated Average Blood Sugar
12%	298 mg/dL
11%	269 mg/dL
10%	240 mg/dL
9%	212 mg/dL
8%	183 mg/dL
7%	154 mg/dL
6%	126 mg/dL

The American Diabetes Association recommends an A1C of less than 7%.

37.6%
Life Center Patients are 8% or Lower

Life Center Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Wellness looks forward to continued success serving Gila River Health Care Patients.

LIFE CENTER DIABETES, ENDOCRINOLOGY & WELLNESS

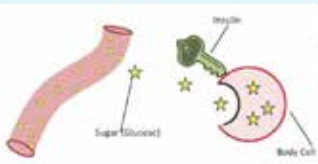


Let's Ask Dr. Roopa

Facts About Type 2 Diabetes:

TYPE 2 DIABETES IS THE MOST COMMON FORM OF DIABETES.

In the human body, the Pancreas produces insulin to keep the blood glucose levels under control. In simple terms, Insulin acts like a "doorman" to let the glucose enter the cells and get utilized to make energy. In Type 2 Diabetes your body produces insulin, but it is not used properly. This is called **INSULIN RESISTANCE**.



Insulin resistance develops due to many reasons like in people with family history of Diabetes, weight gain around the abdomen or belly area or even consumption of food with high sugar.

During the initial years of having Diabetes, the pancreas works hard and tries to make extra insulin to make up for the insulin resistance. But, eventually over time the pancreas gets tired from overworking and you will need help from medicines to keep the blood glucose levels under control.

What Happens If Blood Sugar Levels Are High?

Blood glucose increases when glucose is unable to enter cells readily. This can cause problems immediately and also over a long course of time. The immediate problem is that the cells without enough glucose in them may not be able to produce enough energy. So they notice more fatigue and lethargy.



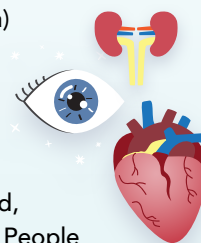
Over time, high glucose levels will irritate the blood vessels that carry the blood. These blood vessels will develop blockages. The thinner blood vessels or arteries like those supplying the eyes, kidneys, and nerves are the first ones to be blocked.

These arteries will not be able to supply blood or oxygen to these tissues causing damage which could be permanent



This Is How Diabetes Can Affect The:

- **eyes** - causing vision impairment (blindness or glaucoma)
- **kidneys** - kidney failure (requiring dialysis)
- **nerves** - neuropathy (pain in feet and hands)
In some men, it can also cause erection dysfunction.



With further time progression the large arteries like those supplying the heart, brain, extremities also get blocked, causing heart attacks, strokes and leg amputations. People with diabetes can develop weakened immune system causing a greater risk of infections and poor wound healing due to the improper blood supply. It can also worsen mental activity (mentation) and memory. Thus high glucose in the blood can affect the whole body.

What Should One Do To Bring The Blood Sugars/ Glucose Down?

People with Type 2 Diabetes can control their blood glucose with healthy eating, being active and working on losing weight. Weight loss will decrease insulin resistance and improve insulin use in the body. In addition to lifestyle changes, you may also need to take some oral medications or shots and insulin to help you decrease your blood glucose levels to normal target.



GRHC's Life Center Is A Clinic Specialized In Helping You Manage Diabetes.

There is a whole team to help you to get your Diabetes under control:

- **Diabetes Counselors** offer emotional support and answer your concerns
- **Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDN)** help you with diabetes education and nutrition counseling.
- **Exercise and Wellness** will guide you through physical fitness through simple exercises to improve your strength.
- **Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, and me the Endocrinologist** will help manage the medicines and readily available to answer your questions and concerns.
- **Diabetes Prevention Program** will help those with borderline diabetes or prediabetes so that they avoid diabetes in the near future.

Preventing diabetes and living healthy with diabetes is possible. Call Gila River Health Care Life Center (520) 562-7940 to schedule an appointment, or send your questions to: ASKDROOPA@GRHC.ORG



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Brandon G. Enos Educational Foundation awards GRIC students

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

If you have attended a promotion ceremony at Sacaton Middle School or Gila Crossing Community School, you've probably seen former Community Council representative, Dale Enos present scholarships on behalf of the Brandon G. Enos Educational Foundation. The scholarship provides students with tools and assistance for learning and is in honor of his late son, Brandon G. Enos who died in a car accident in 2006.

Originally, the Enos family had begun doing basketball tournaments in memorial of Brandon, but instead the family began a scholarship. "We wanted to do something in his memory and we felt that scholarship was something we can do at Sacaton [Middle School]." Said Enos. Completely funded out of their own pocket, the family first gave the \$200 scholarship to students at Sacaton Middle School to assist in any school supplies or needs for them to begin high school.

Since the foundation began in 2007, it has supported 27 students going into high school. First starting with Sacaton Middle School, then with Gila Crossing, and are working towards students at St. Peter Indian Mission School as well. Two students per school are awarded but with the increase of applicants over the years, the foundation has sometimes awarded three students per school.

In 2014, the educational foundation became a functioning 501c3 and has been a recipient of forfeited jackpot funds from Gila River Hotels & Casinos. All AZ based 501c3 status nonprofit organizations recognized by the IRS are eligible to apply to receive these funds. This, along with donations, has allowed the Brandon G. Enos Educational Foundation to increase their scholarship to \$300 and in addition has allowed



Dale Enos (left) presents Gracie Mark (right) with the Brandon G. Enos Education Foundation scholarship at Sacaton Middle School on May 23. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

the students to receive a backpack with school supplies and a laptop. "We want to be there to support them as much as we can," said Enos.

Applicants must be an enrolled member with GRIC and must be attending a local school within the Community during the time of application to qualify. The application process includes filling out a general application, an essay, tribal info/certificate of Indian blood and include three reference letters. Selected applicants proceed to go through an in-person interview before being selected.

Dale attends the promotions and awards the students with their backpack and educational funds. The foundation hopes to reach those going to schools outside of the Community, and begin assisting high school graduates sometime in the future.

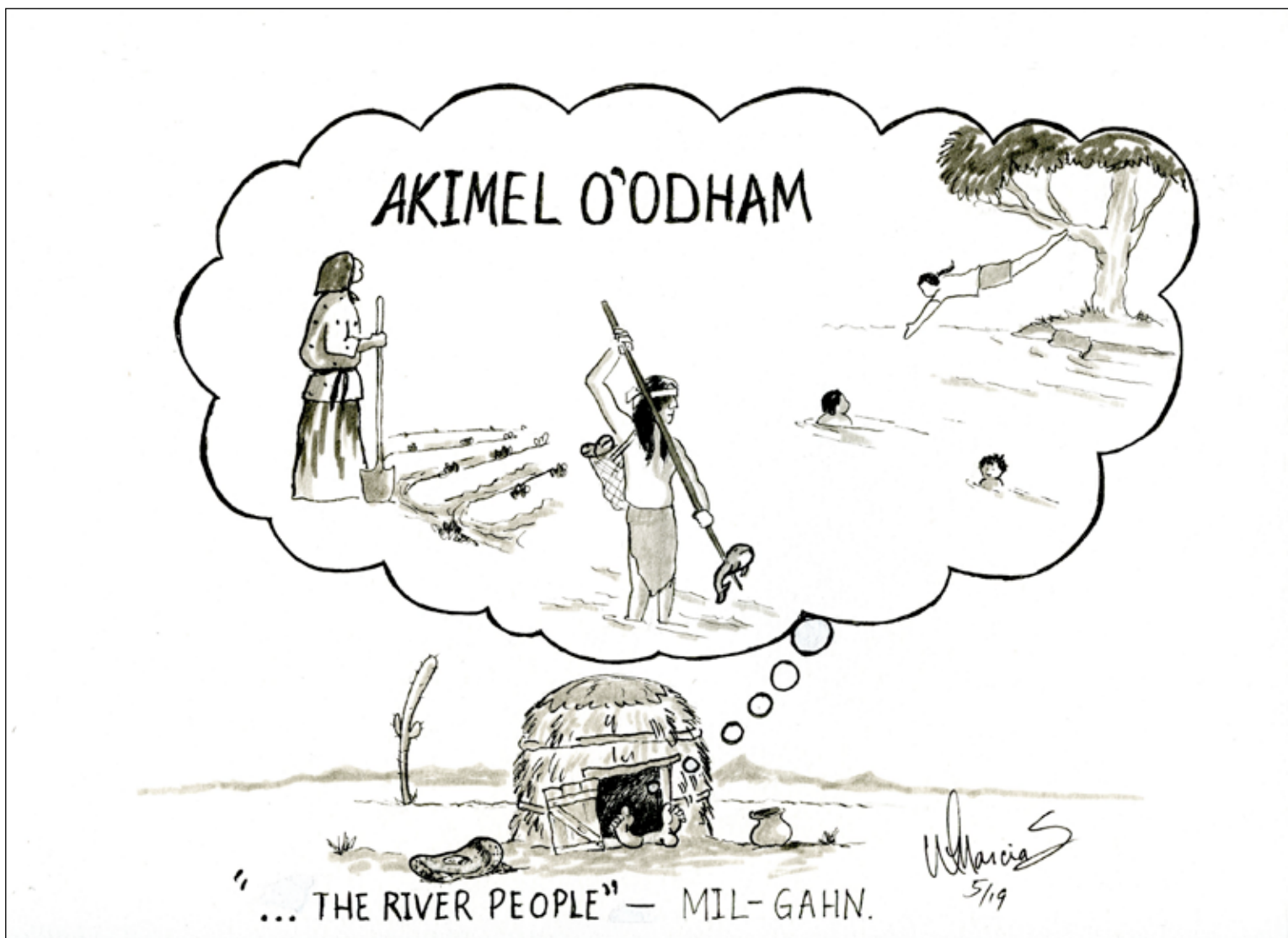
This year's recipients were Maya Lewis from Gila Crossing and Lillian Baptisto and Gracie Mark, both from Sacaton Middle

School. "The scholarship is wanting to encourage our students to continue their education and we want to be supportive of their future endeavors," said Enos.

For more information on the Brandon G. Enos Educational Foundation, the number is (520) 562-3649 or email: dale@gilanet.net.



Enos (right) presented Jasmine Enos (left) with the Brandon G. Enos Education Foundation scholarship in 2018. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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

Incident Log

June 09 – 14, 2019

Calls for services this week: 680 Arrest made: 31

District One- (Blackwater)

Theft –Officers were dispatched by the victim, who wished to file a report of a missing phone and wallet. The victim stated that while at the Uhs Kehk Gas Station, the victim took out the wallet/phone case from the motorcycle hatch and left the store. Later, the victim noticed the wallet was missing and called financial institutions and cell phone carrier to suspend services. The victim attempted to use an app to locate the cell phone; but yielded in negative results due to the phone being shut off. Video surveillance is being reviewed to locate any suspect(s).

Status: Closed pending further information

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

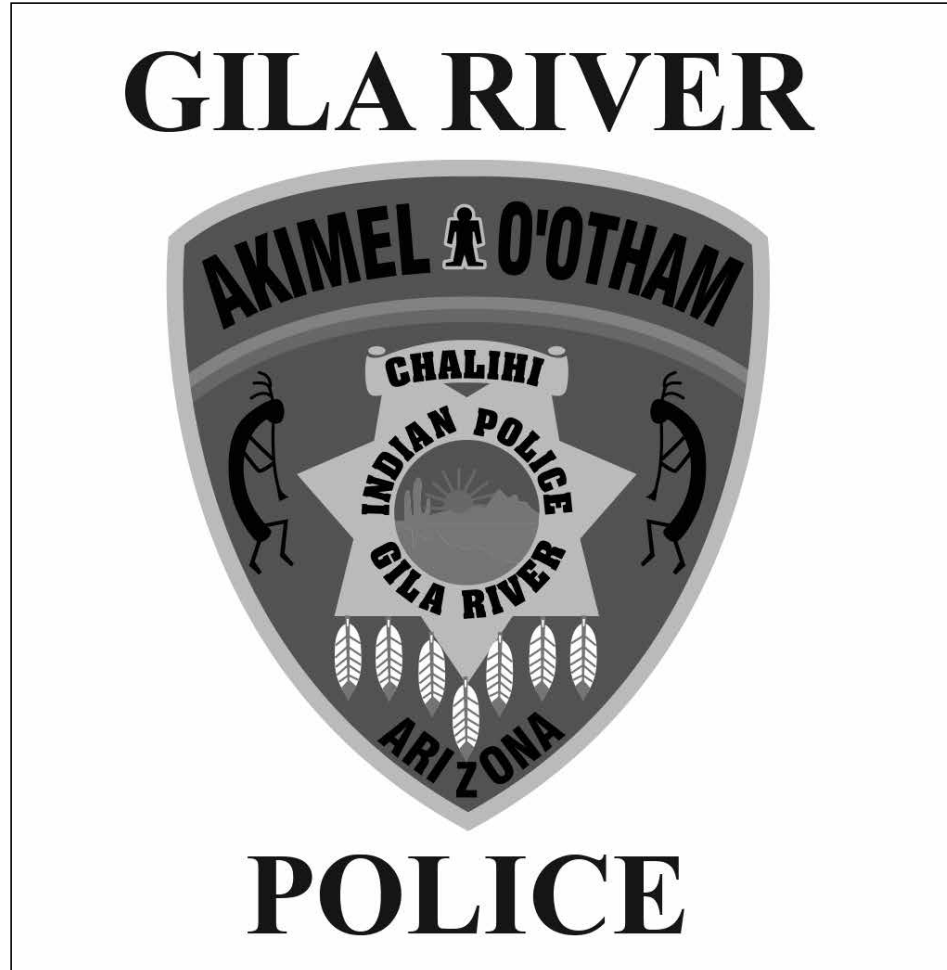
No Part 1 Crime Incidents

District Three- (Sacaton)

Burglary –Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a possible burglary. Contact was made with the victim; a broken living room window was located with glass (large amount) on the back patio. The victim went through the residence prior to officer arrival indicating no one was inside the residence and did not know who the suspect was. The victim listed a bag of clothing, various shoes and a drone to be missing from the home. A large rock was observed resting on a chair near the broken window; the victim stated the rock was not there prior to her departure from the residence. Photos were taken and entered into evidence. There is currently no suspect at this time.

Status:

Theft –Officers were dispatched to the HuHu-Kam Memorial Hospital in reference to a theft of a cell phone. Contact was made with the victim, who stated her cell phone was left in a seat next to a family member while the victim proceeded to the restroom. The victim stated a female sitting near the cell phone was gone and so was the cell phone. There was not contact with the female, as she was not located. Video surveillance will be reviewed in attempts to identify the



female and observed the cell phone being taken.

Status: Pending

Theft –Officers were dispatched in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed the victim was at Akimel Smoke Shop for a couple of minutes, upon returning to his vehicle a newer model vehicle was noticed leaving the premises in a hurry. The victim got into his vehicle and noticed the passenger side door slightly open. His check of his possessions revealed his glock model 27 handgun missing. A person of interest will be contacted in attempts to retrieving the handgun. A follow up will be conducted; the handgun was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Closed pending further suspect information

Theft –Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a theft. Contact was made with the victim, who noticed approximately \$180.00 missing from her purse. Upon confronting the suspected family member about the missing money; the suspect stated they no longer had the money. The suspect was informed the police would be called and the suspect left the residence. While the victim checked her purse; she noticed a debit card was missing. The victim was instructed to cancel the card with her bank institution. Attempts were made to locate the suspect in the immediate area; but were met with negative results.

Status: Charges Forwarded

District Four-
Stotonic Area –
No Incidents Involving
Part 1 Crime

Lone Butte Area

Theft (Shoplifting) – the suspect attempted to shoplifted a white jacket from Phoenix Premium Outlet Tommy Hilfiger Store; dispatch advised the suspect was still on scene waiting with store employees. The store employee stated the suspect tried on the merchandise and placed a jacket on over the jacket the suspect was “trying on” and attempted to leave the store when alarms sounded. The suspect was escorted to the back of the store where they waited for officers to arrive. The suspect was not allowed to pay for the merchandise and the store wished to aid in prosecution. The suspect later admitted to trying to leave the store without purchasing the merchandise. A citation was issued for notice to appear into Kyrene Justice Court. The suspect was advised he was no longer welcome at Tommy Hilfiger.

Status: Brenden Draper (non native) was issued a citation into Kyrene JP

Theft –Officers were dispatched to the Chevron Gas Station in reference to a theft. Store employee stated that a black male entered the store and proceeded to the beer cooler where he entered and took two bottles out of a six pack and placed them down the front of his pants. The suspect went to the register to pay for gas and walked out to the gas pumps where he drank the bottle of beer. The vehicle then left the premises; a registration check revealed the owners both pictures did not match the male who was observed taking the alcohol. A follow up will be conducted with the registered owners to assist in identifying the suspect.

Status: Pending follow

up

Theft - the victim called officers reporting a set of tires being taken from a semi while inside the casino. Investigation revealed that the victim arrived at the casino and went inside; when the victim came out to his semi truck he noticed straps were cut and hanging and noticed two Bridgestone Semi tires with aluminum wheels were taken. There are no known suspects at this time.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

Theft – 190609-02945 Gila River Farms employee reported that approximately twelve bales of hay were stolen from a remote area where they were being stored. There was no suspect or suspect information at this time.

Status: Closed

District Six – (Komatke)

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Komatke Market in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed the suspect stole a package of toilet paper by placing the merchandise in her bag and walking out of the store past the point of sale leaving in a black Honda. During the investigation the suspect was identified and a follow up was conducted at the last known address. The suspect was not located and charges will be forwarded to law office for review.

Status: Charges forwarded to law office

Theft –Officers were dispatched to the Vee Quiva Casino in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed the victim left her Coach purse in her vehicle

while she entered the casino. Upon returning to her vehicle she noticed her bag was missing. The victim stated the driver’s side window is broken and always left down; video surveillance showed an unknown male walk past the victim’s vehicle before making a couple of circles around the vehicle and observed walking to a vehicle with a big bag in hand. The suspect was not identified and pending identification.

Status: Pending

Theft - A trail camera was reported stolen near the South Mountain area; the reporting party stated there were several other cameras in the area showing several subjects in the area. But was not sure if one of the subjects took the camera; there are no suspects at the time the report was taken.

Status: Closed

District Seven – (Maricopa)

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to three suspects inside the home and one having a knife and coming at the victims when they arrived home. The victim then locked the three suspects inside the home by blocking the doors with items. Upon officer arrival, the suspects were taken into custody where they admitted to being in the residence and entering the residence while the homeowner was not home. Two suspects were booked for burglary and one of the two was also booked for aggravated assault.

Status: Two male suspects arrested and booked into jail

Incident Log

June 23 – 29, 2019

Calls for services this week: 722 Arrest made: 27

District One- (Blackwater)

Theft –the victim called police to report a theft within the residence. Upon contact with the victim stated an unknown person took three one hundred dollar bills out of a jewelry box that was inside a bedroom. The victim did not know who the suspect; only indicating there was three other people that reside within the residence that may have taken the money. The three individuals were contacted and denied taking the money. The suspect is unknown at this time.

Status: Closed

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

No Part 1 Crime Incidents

District Three- (Saca-

ton)

Aggravated Assault - The suspect was taken into custody after the reporting party called dispatch advising the suspect was being aggressive with the victim (juvenile) by following with a knife. The victim hid in the bathroom while the reporting party called police. The suspect then grabbed a screwdriver and proceeded to the bathroom in attempts to get to the victim. The reporting party also stated that the suspect threw the kittens to the floor and was trying to body slam the kittens. The suspect was booked into JDRS and CPS was notified of the incident.

Status: The suspect was booked into JDRS

Burglary - the victim called dispatch to request an officer for a burglary that occurred at the residence. Upon officer arrival, contact was made with the victim, who stated that the residence was unoccupied for a week due to the victim being away due to work. Upon returning home, the victim noticed that the front door was unlocked. The victim observed the back sliding glass door to be shattered and a flat screen television and DVD player were missing. No shoe impressions were located, a knife and game controller were located outside and impounded as evidence.

Status: Closed pending further suspect information

District Four-
Stotonic Area –

Burglary – the reporting party requested officers to the Santan Headstart in reference to a burglary and criminal damage. Contact was made with the reporting party, an employee at the center and was driving by noticed the bus lights were on. Upon arriving at the center, the bus was not damaged, a walk around the premises revealed a conex box storage shed door was open and window on the west side of the Early Headstart building was broken. Roof tile was broken and miscellaneous food was located within the building open and left in various places. A shoe impression was located on premises commonly found to be on “chuck” type shoes. Photos were taken and later uploaded into evidence. There are no leads at this time to identify the suspect.

Status: Closed pending suspect identification

Lone Butte Area

Theft (fr vehicle) – Officers were dispatched

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to the Wild Horse Pass Casino in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed the victim was at the casino and upon leaving the casino, the victim observed a window on his vehicle to be shattered. A child's LG tablet was the only item taken. Photos were taken of the damages and uploaded into evidence. Video surveillance will be reviewed to identify suspect(s).

Status: Closed pending further suspect identification

Theft – Officers were dispatched to Phoenix Premium Outlet Tommy Hilfinger Store in reference to a theft. Upon officer arrival, store employees informed

officers that an unknown female entered the store and stole three packages of underwear by placing them in her purse and walking past the point of sales leaving in an unknown direction. The suspect was not located and video surveillance will be reviewed in attempts to identifying the suspect.

Status: Closed pending further suspect identification

Theft – Contact was made with the reporting party/victim, who stated that while at the Wild Horse Pass Casino, a \$500.00 ticket was dropped by the victim. The suspect observed the victim drop the ticket and proceeded to walk next to the victim and bend down pick the ticket up and observe the amount on the ticket. The suspect

walks away from the area and cashes out the ticket; the suspect then left the casino. There is no suspect identification at this time.

Status: Closed

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the HuHuKam Memorial Hospital in reference to a stabbing victim. Investigation revealed the victim and another individual arrived at a residence in Casa Blanca to visit a friend. When the suspect came out of the residence and proceeded to use vulgar language, question why the victim was there. A physical altercation took place and the friend to the victim yelled at the victim stating they needed to get the victim

to the hospital; the victim had been stabbed multiple times. The victim was treated and released from the hospital. The suspect was not located at the time of incident.

Status: Case forwarded to Criminal Investigations Bureau

District Six – (Komatke)

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to an assault call. Investigation revealed the suspect assaulted the victim by striking the victim in the head with a rock. The victim suffered a laceration to the back of the head; photos were taken and later uploaded into evidence. The suspect was later located and booked into DRS.

Status: The male suspect was arrested and booked into jail

Aggravated Assault – Officers were called to the residence in reference to a stabbing. Investigation revealed the victim was stabbed three times in the back by an unknown subject. The victim was transported to a near-by hospital for further medical treatment. CPS was notified of the incident due to minors being present during the incident.

Status: Case forwarded to Criminal Investigations Bureau

Theft - Officers were dispatched to contact the victim via telephonic interview. Contact was made with the victim, whom stated that one hundred dollars was left in an envelope on

the vehicle's visor and it contained for twenty dollar bills and four five dollar bills. Upon retrieving the vehicle and leaving the premises, the victim noticed only one twenty dollar bill and the five dollar bills were in the envelope. The victim gave the description of both employees that took the vehicle and retrieved the vehicle. Both employees were contacted and stated they did not take the money. Video surveillance was reviewed and did not observe anything regarding the theft. The victim was notified of the finding.

Status: Closed pending further information

District Seven – (Maricopa)

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime



Harvesters broke into small groups as they collected the bahidaj. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Harvesting Saguaro cactus fruit continued with the bahidaj harvest hosted by District 1 Blackwater. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Bahidaj Harvest
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hours of the night to prepare for an early morning of harvesting. The harvest itself was divided into two activities, one in the morning and evening, respectively at 4 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Traveling in a caravan to the harvest site, some participants rode in the back of trucks, following the set of red tail lights in front of them, until it was time to stop.

Gathering in a circle, the participants took part in a prayer by Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Barnaby Lewis. Lewis said the prayer is for all who come out to the site to harvest with a good heart, but also for the animals, letting them know of their presence in the area. The prayer is also for good prosperity and the rains that will replenish the land during the summer monsoon season.

Participant Tristin Rivers of District 5 explained the purpose of harvesting.

"The first one you get when you open it up, you smear the jun over your heart, and whatever your

belief is to do a prayer," said Rivers.

He said, when you are finished, you leave the eldag or skin of the bahidaj facing up to welcome the rain, which will bring water for crops and the animals.

"This is my fifth time, I enjoy it, you all will enjoy it, it's a good time to experience this," said Rivers.

He said a big part of the harvest to is to build friendships, learn from your culture and have patience if the cactus fruit doesn't want to come off the cactus.

After the prayer and message, the party of harvesters broke off into smaller groups with ku'ipods in hand. The ku'ipod is made from the vap'pai of the cactus (or ha'ha: shan) to create a long pole to pick the bahidaj.

"We had to get up early, we came from the west end, just to get here," said Alexis Flores. She and her friend Sara Francisco, participated in last year's bahidaj harvest, and said coming out this year was a good way to get in touch with O'otham culture.

Others who participated were families working

together to harvest the ripe bahidaj and do something that is not done every day. Sandra Johnson with her son and daughter Sara and Christopher, are from District 4, but live in Mesa.

"It's nice to bring the kids out here and do stuff, it's nice to learn how our ancestors did it, living in Mesa you learn a lot about other cultures, but coming out here really brings things back to home."

A family of brothers and sister from Blackwater, also came out to harvest. Ivy, Amber and Jacob Namingha, were out with their mother Jennifer Blackwater and grandson Jonathon to get their haul of fruit.

They all said it's a learning experience, being able to pick fruit that can be found, not far from home, being that its literally in their district backyard. Although, they share Hopi ancestry, they also want to know more about the Akimel O'otham way of gathering foods found in nature.

After the collection of bahidaj was complete, each of the groups took their reward to the camp, where it was boiled down for jam and juice.

**Gila River Department of Community Housing
Urban Rental Assistance Program**

Up to \$300 per month rental subsidy for qualified applicants

The Department of Community Housing (DCH) has identified a need to assist low-income Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) members who reside off Reservation on the Pinal & Maricopa County areas.

The number of rental units currently available in the Community is insufficient to meet the current demand for housing, rental or homeownership. To address the need for rental assistance, DCH has established the Urban Rental Assistance Program (URAP) for families who are renting a house or apartment (**Homeowners do not qualify**).

To qualify:

- ◊ Be at least 18 years old on the date the application is submitted.
- ◊ Must reside in Pinal or Maricopa County, portions that are not part of GRIC.
- ◊ Applicants name **must appear on the lease agreement as the primary head of household**. Co-Signed leases are not eligible for assistance.
- ◊ Applicant **must pass a background check**.
- ◊ Applicants currently under any **Section 8 Program or any other Federally Funded Program are ineligible**. This includes room and board received for education purposes.
- ◊ Must meet 80% of the median gross family income requirement. (per HUD Yearly AMI Chart)
- ◊ Rent must not exceed 30% of monthly adjusted household income.
- ◊ Must be in an existing apartment/house lease, current in rent payments and have a good tenant history.
- ◊ **Current GRIC CDIB for head of household and tribal ID for ALL other members in the household.**

Applications can be picked up beginning June 10, 2019 at the:
DCH Main Office 136 South Main Street, Sacaton, Arizona 85147
DCH West End Office 119 Tashquinth Drive, Laveen, Arizona 85339
ALL District Service Centers or downloaded from www.mygilariver.com

Opens: Thursday, JULY 1, 2019 - Closes: Wednesday, JULY 31, 2019

Submit completed applications to:
DCH Main Office Sacaton from 8am-5pm (Monday/Friday)
(Closed from 12:00pm-1:00pm)

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Currently funded URAP participants must reapply to be considered for future funding, funding status does not carryover nor does the waiting list, all lists will terminate September 30, 2019.

For questions or for more information please contact
Laurie Thomas or Debra Marrietta at (520) 562-3904
E-mail: laurie.thomas@gric.nsn.us or debra.marrietta@gric.nsn.us

The URAP is not a guaranteed program and is subject to change in accordance with the yearly Indian Housing Plan.

Students in the GRICUA's summer STEA³M program tour centers of learning and exploration



Students visit the Marston Exploration Theater as part of their participation in the STEA³M program. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Students participated in a week-long summer program to learn about science, culture, agriculture and environment in different settings. The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) hosted its 3rd Annual STEA³M Summer Program for fifth through eighth grade students on June 24-28.

Students interested in science, technology, engineering, art, agricul-

ture, architecture and math learned in a real-world environment to explore these diverse subjects.

The program is designed to engage and sustain a STEA³M student-centered learning culture where passion, self-discipline, technology-enhanced collaborative teamwork and STEA³M career awareness are part of the learning settings.

Throughout the week, the students toured the Arizona Science Center, Heard Museum, Arizona State

University, Boeing and many other locations.

The program also had an agricultural component, and the students visited Ramona Farms, Wellington Ranch, and Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Mar 5 Interpretive Trail.

On June 26, the students toured the ASU School of Earth and Space Exploration on the Tempe main campus where they learned about the creation of the planets, origin of meteorites from the outer reaches of the solar sys-



GRICUA's STEA³M summer program was from June 24-28. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

tem and the exploration of Mars.

They were shown, special laboratories used to build devices, that may end up being launched into space to explore our solar system, navigate Mars or even understanding our planet from low orbit.

After touring the earth and space exploration building, they visited the American Indian Student Support Services to learn how the centers are helping the ASU Native student population.

Laura Gonzales-Macias, said the center is open to all Native students, who attend ASU and functions as a place for them to study, work, and seek resources for students to be involved on campus.

"For our Fall numbers, they're 3,035 and we are growing and our 2019 will be closer to 5,000. We do have a large indigenous community here on campus," said Macias.

"When you're out there among a crowd of people, you got bikes, you

got skateboards, sometimes people with dogs, it's just crazy, but you come in here it's great, you talk to other students," said Napoleon Marietta, an American Indian Studies graduate student, with an emphasis in Indigenous Rights and Social Justice.

A Community member from District 4, Marietta explained his courses to the students and how they highlight different issues in the world and how change can be made to address those challenges.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

corporate partners as well as GRIC dignitaries to celebrate a quarter century in gaming.

"Twenty-five years means something to each and every one of us," said Manuel who outlined a history of gaming in the Community in his remarks while recognizing the many groups and individuals who contributed to the early and sustained success of Gila River Hotels & Casinos.

"Our tribal leaders were true visionaries," said Manuel.

Former governor, and current Community Council representative, Thomas White signed the gaming compact in 1993 with the state of Arizona and after Lone Butte opened, the Sprung followed a year later. By the end of 1997, Gila River Hotels & Casinos added the original Wild Horse Pass and Vee Quiva to their list of properties.

"It was an opportunity, and we took it," said former lieutenant governor Cecil Antone.

The luncheon was a time for recalling the early days of Gila River casinos and to give thanks for all the partners and stakeholders, many of whom were in attendance.

"What a long way

we've come in 25 years," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone also agreed that the luncheon was a moment to be thankful for all the hard work over the years.

"This is a great time to reflect," said Lt. Gov. Stone.

Arizona Diamondbacks President & CEO Derrick Hall spoke on behalf of the casino's partnership with Dbacks.

"It's been an unbelievable relationship and we're here to say 'thank you,'" said Hall.

Hall presented a jersey with the number 25 on the back to mark the special anniversary.

Hall said the Dbacks embrace their partnership and association with the Gila River Indian Community. A large display dedicated to GRIC greets fans in the rotunda at Chase Field as they enter the stadium. They also host the only Native American Recognition Day in the MLB, and inter-tribal youth baseball tournament that included teams from six states, nearly 30 tribes and approximately 1,200 players.

"We're the lucky ones for doing business with you here in Gila River, because

you do it right," said Hall.

Among all the tables of state and tribal leaders, and representatives from Arizona's professional sports teams, was a table of employees who had been with the casino from the beginning.

Valerie Rangel, EVS Supervisor, was among the honored employees who sat in the very front and was acknowledged by Manuel.

"When I was told a long time ago, this was going to be the future, I never would have dreamed that it would be this big," said Rangel.

Rangel said she has lots of memories from the past 25 years and sees herself retiring as a casino employee.

"I enjoy working here," she said.

Those original 250 employees have grown to approximately 3,000 and Manuel said Gila River Hotels & Casinos is looking at additional expansion for Wild Horse Pass.

"We're celebrating a special milestone today, and I have no doubt in my mind that Gila River Hotels & Casinos will continue to grow at a rapid pace," said Manuel.



Community members gathered at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino and were treated to presentations and live music for the 25th anniversary. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Gila River Hotels & Casinos anniversary continues with dinner and live music at Community celebration

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Earlier this year, Gila River Hotels & Casino broke two Guinness World Records for having the largest bingo card and set of bingo balls to help commemorate their 25th anniversary.

Gila River Hotels &

Casinos continued to celebrate "bringing 25 years of entertainment to the Valley" on June 21, for an evening of food, fun and live music provided by Waila Express at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, Acacia ballroom.

Plenty of Community members attended the

event, beginning with traditional dances by Ba'ich Tash Chudtkam dance group and the pee posh bird dancers. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis gave a speech reminiscing over the past years and acknowledging past and current leadership and thanking employees for their hard work.

A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

Two Christian missionaries left their marks on the Gila River Indian Community. Although Reverend Cook preached in American/Milga:n and O'otham, it took twelve years before he baptized his first convert, Manuel Roberts of Blackwater in 1885. This started a slow avalanche as others accepted Cook's teaching: Maichu Jackson, O'otham police captain; James Vanioo of Gila Crossing; Sala Hina of Casa Blanca; and John Lewis of Santan. Antonio Azul was a regular parishioner, but waited until 1893 to be baptized. Church records show Reverend Cook baptized over 1,800 people between 1889 and 1911. Some kept their O'otham names such as Kachalash of Cottonwoods and Mrs. Hannah Lawsa Hohokum, others identified by a de-

scription, such as "sore-eyed man," or "man with weak eyes."

Forty years of missionary work took its toll on Reverend Cook. Word was sent to Presbyterian seminaries for someone to go to Arizona and help. Dirk Lay was at Dubuque Seminary in Iowa, and decided to come and help for one year. Dirk Lay and his wife arrived in Sacaton in September of 1910 with the plan to stay for one year.

Dirk Lay's first attempts at reviving Sunday school, didn't go well. The first meeting had only one participant. Mr. Lay kept on his mission and within ten years reservation wide Sunday school attendance had over 1,600 children. The next project was to raise money to replace the old adobe Sacaton Church dating from 1884. O'otham elders Manuel Roberts, Horace Williams, Edward

Jackson, John Howard, and Xavier Cawker traveled to various parts of the country to raise money. Construction began on the First Pima Presbyterian Church of Sacaton, meanwhile Reverend Cook's health declined, formally retiring in 1914 and earning his eternal rest on May 4, 1917. The church was renamed in his honor in 1918.

Other original churches; Blackwater (1881), Gila Crossing (1895), and Vah ki (1897) had to be rebuilt. The Vah ki church was renamed the Culbertson Memorial Chapel, to honor the parents of a donor who donated five thousand dollars. Dr. Lay and Horace Williams, an O'otham evangelist, were part of the dedication service.

Dirk Lay came to realize that the Pima Indian Agent did not have always have the best interest of O'otham/Piipaash as a guiding force. Good ministers don't just preach, they also listen, and he responded to O'otham/Piipaash complaints about the continued water loss.

In 1912, Dirk Lay and BIA employee Herbert

Marten began looking into the actions of Indian Agent J.P. Alexander. A House Indian Affairs Committee hearing was scheduled. Mr. Marten read a letter from Antonio Azul, gave testimony of a failed water pumping project, and noted Alexander's conflict of interest with land speculator, Dr. A. J. Chandler. (Dr. Chandler wanted Congress to build a bridge across the Gila so guests at his San Marcos Hotel could drive to the Casa Grande Ruins.) Congress scheduled more study, i.e. nothing.

In 1923, the Arizona Christian Endeavor Union's state convention was held in Sacaton. Dr. Lay was elected president and invited to speak at the World Convention held in Iowa later that year. Fifteen thousand delegates heard Dr. Lay speak of work done with O'otham/Piipaash. When Arizona Congressman Carl Hayden told Dr. Lay that the Coolidge Dam bill would probably not be heard, Dr. Lay went to Washington D. C. to rally support from Congress. Arizona Senator Ralph Cameron arranged for Dr. Lay

to stay in Washington, D. C. and work for this bill to be heard.

The bill for San Carlos Dam was passed by the House Committee on Indian Affairs with less than a month to go before Congress adjourned which would essentially kill the bill. Even with the support from presbytery of Phoenix, the Synod of Arizona, the National Staff, the Committee of One Hundred and the Indian Rights Association, the bill seemed a lost cause with only four days left before Congress would adjourn. As a last ditch effort, Dr. Lay wrote a letter to President Calvin Coolidge. On June 7, the President signed the bill authorizing the construction of a dam across the Gila River near San Carlos, Arizona. It meant water for O'otham/Piipaash, but gave rise to other problems, such as the lack of farm equipment, money to purchase seed and preparing the land for irrigation. Dr. Lay was probably deceived in gaining support for a dam at old San Carlos. Carl Hayden saw to it that about 15,500 acres of

reservation land and 23,000 acres of off reservation fields would get water. Dr. Lay wound up staying for twenty-seven years until he was transferred to Sioux lands in South Dakota. Lt. Colonel Dirk Lay continued to serve as chaplain for the 158th Infantry, Arizona National Guard so when the Guard was mobilized to the Panama Canal Zone, Lt. Colonel Lay deployed along with his Bushmasters. Lt. Colonel Lay died while serving in the Canal Zone on December 1, 1944. A Christian soldier to the end, an example for all of us.

Information was taken from An Oasis Remembered by Robert Ramsey; The Pima-Maricopa by Henry F. Dobyms; Peoples of the Middle Gila by John P. Wilson; Archives of the Coolidge Examiner of December 8, 1944; and A History of the Presbyterian Work among the Pima and Papago Indians of Arizona by John M. Hamilton.

Annual O'otham New Year celebration held in Sacaton

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Community members gathered for an all-night celebration to welcome in the O'otham New Year at the Sacaton Fair Grounds on June 22-23.

Before the event began, there was a small demonstration of the traditional women's game, toka. For this O'otham New Year, many women traditional dancers stepped

into the cultural circle to start the celebration led by a women's singing group.

"Every year the O'otham New Year begins with an average of 50 women performing the Basket, Flower and Coyote dances. With this is a tradition of men singing for the women." Pamela Thompson explained on this year's historic opening. "In our O'otham tradition, men have taken the lead in sign-

ing our songs and there are protocols where women only sing and sit behind the men and sing. They also do not gourd when the men are singing." A special thank you to Precious Vicente, Pamela Thompson and Barnaby Lewis for making this happen.

The celebration brought out hundreds of people from the Community, O'odham Nation and Salt River Pima-Mar-


icopa Indian Community members and royalty to celebrate the new year.

The O'otham New Year is celebrated during the summer solstice, which marks the longest day of

the year. Monsoon storms and bahidaj harvesting also takes place during the new year.

Along with the all-night traditional singing and dancing, attendees

were treated to menudo at midnight and giveaway dances. By midnight most of the attendees filled the cultural circle in a traditional round dance to celebrate the traditional new year.



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New students must bring the following:

- Birth certificate
- Proof of tribal enrollment
- Immunizations
- Proof of physical residence (example: utility bill, rental agreement, or documentation from state, tribal, or federal agency, etc.)
- Social security card
- Legal documents (court orders/Power of Attorney)
- Withdrawal form (from last school attended)
- Transfer grades (from last school attended)

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- Immunization record (6th grade only)

Office Hours:

- July 1 – July 19
Monday – Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- July 22 – August 2
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Basket dancers gather at the Cultural Circle during the O'otham New Year celebration. Emma Hughes/GRIN



The all-night celebration included meals and traditional dances. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Youth gather at the annual AOPPYC Youth Conference



The Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council perform a traditional song opening the 31st Annual Gila River Youth Conference on June 28. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

While school is out, most youth are looking for positive activities to occupy their time. Gila River Indian Community youth didn't have to look far as the UltraStar Multi-tainment Center was the site for the 31st Annual Gila River Youth Conference.

The Akimel O'odham/ Pee Posh Youth Council hosted the event held from June 28-30.

Michael Preston, Youth Council Coordinator, said that planning for every conference takes 11 months, almost immediately after one concludes. This year's conference theme was "Physical. Mental. Spiritual." The youth

council Conference Chairperson Randel Curran led the development of the programming, theme, guest speaker selection, and gift selection.

The theme reflected the overall goal of the three-day conference programming. The idea and intention behind it, Preston shared, "is for young people to begin to understand

the connection between the three aspects." He further explained that many times, young people focus on the area of their well-being, and the other two suffer an imbalance that affects their original goal. Therefore, young people should learn how to balance those and approach life by fulling engaged in all those areas.

Comedian and actor Tatanka Means put the youth at ease as the keynote on the first day. The conference wove presentations, and workshops that promoted the theme, including a glow-in-the-dark yoga session, language workshops, college and education workshops, money management, and soft-skill development. Physical activities included toka, a three-on-three basketball tournament, and a DJ dance.

The conference brought in 320 youth from the Community, neighboring Salt River Pima--Maricopa Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community and youth across the state. Those visiting youth



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone (left) and Tim Terry (right) during the opening of the annual youth conference. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Youth motioning and singing "Three Little Birds" in the Pee Posh language during a language workshop. Kyle Knox/GRIN

came from the Tohono O'odham Nation and Fort Apache Indian Tribe.

The youth council also went into caucus to

nominate each other or themselves to serve as district representatives on the council for the upcoming year.

Tatanka Means Inspires Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh Youth

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

At the 2019 Gila River Youth Conference on June 28, the keynote address was a comedic performance by the National Indian Gaming Association's 2018 Entertainer of the Year, Tatanka Means. Means is a nationally renowned Native American actor and comedian representing the

Navajo, Oglala Lakota, and Omaha Nations.

"It was lit," Means said of the audience and the atmosphere during his performance. "The theatre was packed, youth were present, aware, and it was amazing," said Means of the opening.

His keynote address mixed comedy and words of inspiration. Many times, throughout the presenta-

tion, the crowd and those standing were seen with their heads back, mouths open, belting out uncontrolled laughter.

Some of his best advice for youth is, "get out of your comfort zone, try things that make you uncomfortable because that's how we grow." Means was thoroughly impressed with the Youth Council's Secretary Angel Molina. After

his performance, she addressed the youth and was visibly nervous. Regardless, Means admired the courage she showed in her remarks saying, "She got out of her comfort zone, she's growing as a young woman, and as a leader."

In his performance, he mentioned his sobriety, and told the youth how important it is to stay away from alcohol and drugs. He refers to both as "tricksters" that offer one thing but can take away all the good things given in life.

It was not difficult to prepare for the performance, he said, because, "Us as Indian People, no matter where you go the humor is all the same." Some aspects of Indian life he joked about were dealing with Indian Health Services, serving as a designated animal expert among

non-Indians, and the ever-popular trips to Bashas'.

Means provided a glimpse into the world of acting as a Native American such having an Oglala first name, which is hard for Hollywood-types to understand or pronounce. Also, walking the "Red Carpet" of Hollywood for the first time.

Tatanka Means keeps busy, and you can catch him in future movie releases including "Once Upon a River," "The Chickasaw Rancher" and "The Liberator." He is active on Instagram, and you can find more information about his acting and comedy at Tatankameans.com.



From left, Tatanka Means with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the youth conference. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Comedian and actor Tatanka Means was the keynote speaker at the annual youth conference. Kyle Knox/GRIN

**Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning
Subdivision Administration Team 2019 Outreach Calendar**

Third Tuesday of the Month
District 1 Service Center 9:00am-11:30am
District 2 Service Center 1:30pm-4:00pm

Third Wednesday of the Month
District 6 Service Center 9:00am-11:30am

Third Thursday of the Month
District 4 Service Center 9:00am-11:30am
District 5 Service Center 1:30pm-4:00pm

Please call LUPZ's Subdivision Administration Team at 520-562-6003 to make an appointment for tribal homesite updates and beneficiary changes.

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Nickolas Harrison holds the GRIC flag after the NABI finals. Photo CPAO



Eugenia Apkaw (center) stands with her great-granddaughters Leanna and Camilla Lewis. Photo CPAO



Player from team Gila River attempts a free throw during the tournament on Day 2. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Snaketown Boys team and coaches were among the hundreds of players during the 2019 NABI. Kyle Knox/GRIN

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

(Kansas), 74-66. In the boy's silver division, Red Storm (California) routed Three Nations, beating them 80-48. In the girl's games, NM Elite (New Mexico) repeated as champions to capture the gold division title over Unity (Washington state) 70-66.

Also from New Mexico, Pink Thunder would lead their way to victory over the Florida-based team, Shooting Stars 56-49.

FMD consists of players from the Yavapai Nation, Gila River Indian Community, Colorado River Indian Tribe and San Carlos Apache Tribe. On the team, was Community member Nickolas Harrison, who contributed to the teams win, with a volley of three-point shots.

On the home front, the Gila River Boys and Girls teams had impressive performances, but could not break the first round of gold and silver bracket play. The GR boys fell to the Yavapai Nation, 73-59, during gold bracket play, while the Snaketown boys team could not get a rhythm going in their game against Alaska, falling 67-37 in the silver bracket.

In the girl's division, the teams from the Community made good runs, but also fell short of advancing in the gold and silver division brackets. The Snaketown girls put everything on the court, but could not hang with Pink

Thunder (New Mexico), who took a late game lead to victory, 45-34 to move up in the gold bracket.

In the silver bracket the GR girls lost a close game to Meskwaki Nation, 30-28.

The tournament championship games wrapped-up a week of activities, that included career fairs, junior basketball camps, and an appreciation night for the teams. It was a chance for teams to take a break to interact with the various activities organized with NABI and tournament sponsors.

Before the championship games at Talking Stick Resort Arena, Gov. Lewis introduced Miss Gila River Tyler Owens and former tournament competitor Grace Elias, from District 7, who is a freshman at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). At UCLA, Elias is on the rowing team, also played basketball at Westwood High School and was a four-year varsity basketball letter-winner.

During the tournament, the NABI foundation awarded \$10,000 scholarships to two students with ties to the Community. Twin sisters Camilla and Leanna Lewis, who will be attending Stanford University this fall, are the great-grandchildren of Eugenia Apkaw from District 4. Their father is Patrick Lewis.

Patrick said they sup-

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port their daughters' academic achievement, and that sports has been a part

of their lives growing up. "They are very athletic and play in sports during

their high school years, but basketball has always been their number one sport,"

said Patrick.





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Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lt. Governor

Gov. Lewis joins panel of tribal leaders for INSPIRE program at ASU



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (seated left) with Ak-Chin Indian Community Council member Delia Carlyle and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier with high school students in the INSPIRE program, a residential college readiness program for American Indian high school students. Participants stay in a residence hall and develop academic and personal success behaviors while connecting with ASU American Indian students, staff and faculty. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, June 19, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:17 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Pamela Johnson

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Delmar Jones, Pamela Johnson; D5-Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villarreal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird (9:55)

Council Members Absent:

D4-Jennifer Allison; D5-Janice Stewart

APPROVAL OF A GENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORTS

#1, #2, #3, #4 AND #5 AND RESOLUTION #6

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT RE-

PORTS #8, #9, #10, #11, #12 AND #14; ACCEPT

AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #5 AND #7; AND

NEW BUSINESS #1 AND #5

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE

REGULAR AMENDED AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction Of Head Start Manager Carolina Kelley

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED MS. CAROLINA

KELLEY. MS. KELLEY PROVIDED A BRIEF OVER-

VIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND PLANS FOR

THE HEAD START. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS,

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS, AND LT. GOVER-

NOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF

WELCOME AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

REPORTS

*1. K-12 Education Program Quarter 3 Manager's Report

Presenter: Trina Hart

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*2. Saint Peter Indian Mission School FY19 Tribal Allocation 2nd Quarter Report

Presenter: Sister Martha Carpenter

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*3. Maricopa Village Christian School FY19 Tribal Allocation 2nd Quarter Report

Presenter: Al Chatman

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*4. Sacaton Elementary School District #18 FY19 Tribal Allocation 2nd Quarter Report

Presenter: Wanda Burton

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*5. Skyline Gila River FY19 Tribal Allocation 2nd Quarter Report

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*6. Gila River Police Department Evidence Room Update/Presentation

Presenters: Jeffery Hunter, Dan Olson

REPORT HEARD

7. P-MIP Construction Update

Presenter: David DeJong

REPORT HEARD

>8. FY2019 Office of Prosecutors Semi-Annual Report

Presenter: M. Lando Voyles

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. Gila Crossing School Quarter 2 Report SY2018-2019

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. Head Start Monthly Meeting-March 2019

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. Head Start Monthly Report – April 2019

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. Blackwater Community School FY19 Tribal Allocation 2nd Quarter Report

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13. Chemawa Indian Boarding School Report

Presenter: Pamela F. Johnson

REPORT HEARD

>14. Introduction-Digital Connect Initiative

Presenter: James Meyers, GRTI Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*15. Gaming Commission General Report for April 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Courtney Moyah, Dale Enos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between Maricopa County And The Gila River Indian Community For Improvements To The

Hunt Highway Alignment From Dobson Road To Old

Price Road (G&MSC forwards to Council with recom-

mendation for approval with correction)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

ACCEPTED/APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Com-

munity Operating Budget Modification No. 2 For Fiscal

Year 2019 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recom-

mendation for approval with corrections)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Executive Office

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH

CORRECTIONS

3. A Resolution Approving The Intergovernmental

Agreement With The City Of Avondale For The Com-

munity To Sell To The City Of Avondale, Approximately

18.2 Acres Of The Community's BLM Land That Was

Included In The H.R. 4032 (G&MSC forwards to Coun-

cil with recommendation for approval with additional

material; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason Hauter

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Agreement Between

The Roosevelt Water Conservation District And The

Gila River Indian Community Providing For The

Delivery Of Community CAP Water For Water Storage

At A Groundwater Savings Facility (G&MSC forwards

to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC

concur)

Presenter: Jason Hauter

APPROVED

>5. A Resolution Approving The Master Intergovern-

mental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian

Community And The Regional Public Transportation

Authority For Bus Services (G&MSC forwards to

Council with recommendation for approval with addi-

tional material)

Presenters: Timothy Oliver, Gregory McDowell, Kath-

lyleen Curley

ACCEPTED/APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution For A New Land Assignment On

Reservation Land In District Three Community To The

Department Of Environmental Quality For Facilities; To

Design, Construct, Operate And Maintain As Shown In

Drawing NO. 40318-0390 (NRSC forwards to Council

with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Norman Brewer

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Telecom-

munications, Inc. And The Gila River Broadcasting

Corporation, Inc. To Submit An Application For A

Technical Assistance Grant From The Native American

Business Development Institute For A Feasibility Study

On Behalf Of The Digital Connect Initiative (EDSC for-

wards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: James Meyers, Clarice Chiago-Jones,

GRTI Board of Directors

ACCEPTED/APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

>1. Gila River Farms (Audit REDW) (G&MSC forwards

to Council with recommendation to accept)

Presenter: Tony Gerlach

ACCEPTED/APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Water Plan Update Work Session Request (G&MSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for July 24,

2019; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason Hauter

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A WORK SES-

SION ON JULY 24, 2019 AT 9AM

3. Judicial Assessment Proposed Scope Of Work

(LSC forwards to Council under New Business with

recommendation for approval with additional informa-

tion regarding the scope of work)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE

ASSESSMENT AND TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF

GENERAL

COUNSEL TO RETAIN FADELL CHANEY LAW FIRM

TO PERFORM THE ASSESSMENT

4. Gila River Voter Registration Board (G&MSC mo-

tions to dissolve GRVRB; LSC concurs and forwards

to Council with additional material)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO PROCEED AND

APPROVE

>5. Gila River Indian Community FY 2018 Department

of Tribal Programs And Administration Single Audit

And Per Capita AUP (Executive Session) (G&MSC

forwards to Council under New Business in Executive

Session with recommendation to accept and add to

the Consent Agenda)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, REDW

ACCEPTED/APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. School Issue (Executive Session) (ESC forwards to

Council in Executive Session)

Presenter: Michael Carter

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT GOV-

ERNOR LEWIS TO SEND A CEASE & DESIST TO

SKYLINE

LLC, INSTRUCTING THE COMPANY NOT TO USE

THE TERM "GILA RIVER"

MINUTES

*1. May 15, 2019 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. June 5, 2019 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ Robert's Rules Training, Thursday, June 20 & Friday,

June 21, 2019, Wild Horse Pass

~Councilman Arzie Hogg on travel week of June 24-

27, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:00 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PHOENIX PREMIUM OUTLETS WELCOMES LE CREUSET JULY 2019

New retailer slated to open during wave of leasing activity

PHOENIX, AZ – Simon, a global leader in retail real estate, is pleased to announce that Le Creuset will join the dynamic mix at Phoenix Premium Outlets on July 1, 2019. Recently the center also welcomed American Eagle, Cabi Outlet, K-Momo and an expanded kate spade new york.

"We're thrilled to welcome Le Creuset to Phoenix Premium Outlets," said Danielle Nelson, Director of Marketing and Business Development at Phoenix Premium Outlets. Le Creuset will enhance our retail mix, and we are pleased to continue to expand our offerings for our shoppers."

Renowned French cookware company, Le Creuset, is making a splash at Phoenix Premium Outlets! The store will offer the company's colorful cookware including enameled cast iron, stainless steel

cookware, kitchen tools and more! The 947 square-foot retailer will be located next to COACH Outlet across from the Food Court.

To celebrate the exciting addition, Le Creuset will offer shoppers a variety of activities and promotions including special pricing on products, a gift with purchase and the chance to win a colorful Le Creuset Dutch oven! The retailer will also host live cooking demonstrations on July 6 and 7 with samples from famed Phoenix chefs.

Phoenix Premium Outlets has seen a wave of leasing activity including men's and women's lifestyle brand, American Eagle which is located in a 6,115 square-foot store next to Famous Footwear and GNC in Agave Court. Cabi Outlet, a trendy women's fashion brand, opened in a 2,300 square-foot space next to BOSS Hugo Boss, and K-Momo,

a men's clothing brand founded in Phoenix, opened near The Cosmetics Company in a 2,502 square-foot space. The colorful kate spade new york has reopened in their new 5,645 square-foot space next to GUESS Factory Store and ALDO.

About Phoenix Premium Outlets Phoenix Premium Outlets features extraordinary savings of 25 to 65 percent off exceptional brands including: Kate Spade New York, COACH, Michael Kors, Polo Ralph Lauren, Under Armour, and more. Enjoy the mountainous views of Arizona at this outdoor shopping center located within Wild Horse Pass off of I-10 at Exit 162. Shoppers can keep up-to-date on promotions, events, and general news by visiting the website www.premiumoutlets.com/phoenix.

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 permits for the following existing facilities:

Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino 5040 W. Wild Horse Pass Blvd, Chandler, 85226 District 4
 Sheraton Grand Wild Horse Pass Resort 5594 W. Wild Horse Pass Blvd, Chandler, 85226 District 4
 Lone Butte Casino 1077 S. Kyrene Rd., Chandler, 85226 District 4
 Triax Industries 6519 W. Allison Rd., Chandler, 85226 District 4
 Smurfit Kappa N.A. 6725 W. Allison Rd, Chandler, 85226 District 4
 Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino 156091 S. Komatke Ln., Laveen, 85339 District 6

Air Contaminants Emitted:
 Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)
 Carbon Monoxide (CO)
 Sulfur Oxides (SOx)
 Particulate Matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM10)
 Particulate Matter (PM)

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

Public Notice Start Date: June 7, 2019
 Public Notice End Date: July 8, 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, 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-notices>.

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., Suite 150, Chandler, AZ 85226

For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 or visit our office located at 5350 N. 48th St., Suite 150, Chandler, AZ 85226. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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June 17 - Date Passed	July 31 (Wednesday)
September 16 (Monday)	October 31 (Thursday)

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KEEP STATEMENTS SAFE

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

PAYCARD INFORMATION

PAY CARDS EXPIRING 07/2019:

New Pay Cards will be mailed out within the first 2 weeks of July to the address on file with Bank of America. If you have moved, please be sure to update your address.

PAY CARD LOST OR STOLEN:

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



AILDI's forty years is celebrated with an O'otham poetry reading at the University of Arizona

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The American Indian Language Development Institute at the University of Arizona celebrated 40 years of American Indian language promotion and education during a symposium on June 13-14.

Founded in 1978, AILDI started with help from the National Endowment for Humanities by Lucille Watahomigie and Dr. Leanne Hinton, a linguist at the University of California Berkeley.

Four decades later, the AILDI continues to teach language revitalization workshops with tribal communities at various locations across the nation. During the symposium, a poetry reading was held in the U of A student union ballroom to recognize their extensive work in linguistics.

Dr. Ofelia Zepeda, who's work with the O'otham language and involvement with AILDI, was highlighted at the poetry reading. Gila River Indian Community member Joyce Hughes was also present and shared her experiences working with Zepeda.

"She is a supporter of Indigenous people, teachers, students, who are trying hard to revitalize the preservation and maintaining of our tribal ways," said Hughes. She said after completing her undergraduate degree in education at Arizona State University, Zepeda encouraged her to get involved with AILDI at U of A.

At U of A, Hughes obtained her Masters of Arts in Linguistics, with an emphasis on Native American Linguistics and Language in 2016. Hughes said AILDI encourages students and participants of their workshops to be creative with how they incorporate language into their curriculum.

At the poetry reading Zepeda read a list of selected poems from her book, "When it Rains: Tohono O'odham and Pima Poetry." Her book was first released in 1982, and has seen a resurgence, as more individuals from O'otham tribes, look to it as a source of knowledge about the language.

Zepeda said, "I joined them the second year that they held the program. I was still a student when I



Dr. Ofelia Zepeda (left) and Joyce Hughes (right) gave readings at the symposium recognizing AILDI's 40 years. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

started teaching for them, so it's been 39 years being here."

"I think it drove me to stay with this kind of work, because when I started there were a lot more people and children speaking the language when they

were coming into school," said Zepeda. She said at the time the education was on bi-lingual education, learning the O'otham language along with English.

Hughes read poems from the late Henrietta Pablo, such as "Hevel," a

poem describing wind, as a traveling force with an origin and destination and one where Pablo travels to Albuquerque, describing the diverse desert and mountainous scenery, being grateful for mother earth's gifts.

She also read other poems from Floretta Rhodes, "Hemho Añ Am Him," and another one about Ira H. Hayes, who raised the flag on Iwo Jima.

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