



Gila River Indian Community signs historic DCP agreements

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The Gila River Indian Community joined in the historic signing of the Arizona implementation of the Drought Contingency Plan, or DCP, on May 20 in Boulder City, Nev., and attended a later ceremony as seven states including Arizona, the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation signed the overall drought contingency plans for the Upper and Lower Colorado River basins.

"We made sure that our water rights and our water settlement were going to be protected," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis who represented the Community.

Gov. Lewis signed six of the seven documents in the Arizona DCP implementation agreements

while overlooking Lake Mead and the Hoover Dam at the Arizona-Nevada border. The plan addresses the heightened risk of severe shortages and falling levels at Lake Mead. Under the DCP parties, including GRIC, have agreed to take less water out of the Colorado River system when there is a shortage declaration by the Secretary of the Interior, which would occur if the levels fall below 1,075-feet. GRIC helped formulate the overall implementation plan which includes mitigation and additional contributions of water to Lake Mead.

"It's a historic achievement for the Colorado River and the 40 million that rely on it," said Bureau of Reclamation Commis-

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (second from the left) signs the Arizona DCP implementation agreements, May 20 in Boulder City, Nev. Also signing and looking on are, from left, CRIT Chairman Dennis Patch, Lisa A. Atkins, CAP Board President, Tom Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Terry Fulp, Regional Director for the Lower Colorado River Region of the Bureau of Reclamation, and Mike Hummel, GM and CEO of SRP. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



Back-to-back Inter-Tribal Tournament Champions Gila River Bears with their trophies at Chase field on June 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Dbacks recognize Arizona tribes with Native American Recognition Day and tournament

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The Inter-Tribal Youth Baseball & Softball Tournament was in full-swing, as teams from tribal communities all over the Southwest played ball in four separate divisions.

The tournament is sponsored by the Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball organization and takes place across four locations over four days May 29-June 1.

To cap off the on-field action, teams and their families were in full-force at the 2019 Native American Recognition Day event at Chase Field on June 1.

The Native American Recognition Day is an annual event to recognize the diverse tribal his-

tory of Arizona, while promoting the game of baseball with youth in tribal communities.

Teams who participated in the Inter-Tribal Youth Baseball & Softball tournament, were honored on field, during the pre-game festivities.

Miss Gila River Tyler Owens threw out the first pitch, sending it over home plate, while the posting of the colors was presented by the Pee Posh Veterans Association. Tyler said, "I get to throw out the first pitch today, I was nervous and I didn't want to throw out a groundball." Musician Gabriel Ayala (Pascua Yaqui) played a rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner, before a packed ballpark.

Jr. Miss Gila River Susan
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NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SWORN IN



Newly elected and re-elected Community Council representatives following their swearing-in ceremony at the June 5 Regular Monthly Meeting. From left, Charles Goldtooth, District 6 Representative, Franklin Pablo Sr., District 5 Representative, Delmar Jones, District 4 Representative, Avery White, District 3 Representative, Carol A. Schurz, District 2 Representative, and Devin Redbird, District 7 Representative. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Gila River O'otham Vets host Veterans Pow Wow

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River O'otham Veterans Association celebrated the completion of their 1st Annual Veterans Day Pow Wow May 25

at the Rawhide Event Center at Wild Horse Pass. Over 200 people gathered to honor the service of veterans in attendance and remember those who passed. This event was nine years in the making and was well attended by

many throughout the state of Arizona.

"Today is a day to honor all our fallen veterans from back to

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GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

Thank You

for all your contributions to Gila River Health Care
Joan Lazore, FNP

A friend and longtime provider for the Gila River Indian Community, Joan Lazore, FNP, has retired. We fondly wish Joan a heartfelt farewell and thank her for providing years of dedicated, compassionate care to patients and for her goodwill toward fellow Gila River Health Care employees.



Gila River Health Care is pleased to announce

Dr. Anthony Santiago

as the new Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Santiago is board certified in Psychiatry and Neurology with over 20 years experience in clinical leadership. Most recently, Dr. Santiago was the Chief Medical Officer at San Carlos Apache Healthcare.

Dr. Santiago resides in Scottsdale, with his wife of 20 years, They enjoy hiking and the performing arts. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Santiago to Gila River Health Care and supporting him in his role as CMO.

LIFE CENTER

DIABETES, ENDOCRINOLOGY & WELLNESS

Let's Ask Dr. Roopa



Where to Find One...

An endocrinologist can work in:

- A medical practice with other endocrinologists
- A group with different kinds of doctors
- Hospitals

Some don't see patients. They may work in universities or medical schools, where they teach medical students and residents or do research.

When to See an Endocrinologist for Diabetes:

Your regular doctor can treat diabetes, but they might refer you to an endocrinologist when:

- You're brand new to diabetes and need to learn how to manage it.
- Your doctor recommends specialized care for your diabetes.
- You take a lot of shots or use an insulin pump.
- Your diabetes has gotten tough to manage, or your treatment isn't working.
- You have complications from diabetes.

You can always ask to go to an endocrinologist, too, even though your doctor doesn't suggest it first. When you see one, you'll still need to visit your primary doctor as well. They'll work together.

Send your questions to: ASKDROOPA@GRHC.ORG

Until then, practice self-care - take Care of #1!

- Dr. Roopa, Your GRHC Endocrinologist!

What Is an Endocrinologist?

Endocrinologists are doctors who specialize in glands and the hormones they make. They deal with metabolism, or all the biochemical processes that make your body work, including how your body changes food into energy and how it grows.

They may work with adults or kids. When they specialize in treating children, they're called pediatric endocrinologists.

What Do Endocrinologists Do?

They cover a lot of ground, diagnosing and treating conditions that affect you:

- Adrenals, glands that sit on top of your kidneys and help to control things like your blood pressure, metabolism, stress response, and sex hormones.
- Bone metabolism, like osteoporosis
- Cholesterol
- Hypothalamus, the part of your brain that controls body temperature, hunger, and thirst
- Pancreas, which makes insulin and other substances for digestion
- Parathyroids, small glands in your neck that control the calcium in your blood
- Pituitary, a pea-sized gland at the base of your brain that keeps your hormones balanced
- Reproductive glands (gonads): ovaries in women, testes in men
- Thyroid, a butterfly-shaped gland in your neck that controls your metabolism, energy, and brain growth and development



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Annual Elders Day Conference keeps growing with larger attendance

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The Community Services Department and the Elderly Services Program presented the 3rd Annual Elders Day Conference, held on Friday, May 24 at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass.

The goal for the conference is to provide education, awareness, and prevention with elders in the Community. Regina Antone-Smith, Deputy Director of Community Services Department says the conference originally started out as place for elders to receive information. "We were able to all come together and express concerns of what we wanted to find out," said Antone-Smith.

The first Elders Conference brought in 200 elders but those numbers have since grown with 400 elders registered this year. Volunteers and caretakers attend to help and participate as well.

The conference began with a breakfast as elders heard remarks from Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss Gila River before breaking into workshops. Plenty of informational booths were available. During lunch, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis shared remarks before a performance by Cody Blackbird, award-winning Native American flutist.

Mary Weston is the Elderly Services Program Coordinator and this is her second time coordinating the event. "We didn't offer it last year, we skipped a year so we can change it to be held in spring," said Weston about the conference previously being held in the fall which is when Elders Day is presented. "We didn't want to do them too close."

"Empowering Elders through Mind, Body and Spirit" was the theme this year, focusing on overall health and wellbeing.

Programs such as Banner Alzheimer's Institute, Tribal Health Department, Huhugam Heritage Center, Arizona Attorney General's Office, and Tribal Recreation & Wellness provided



Elders participate in health-related activities at the Elders Day Conference on May 24. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Elders visit the many informational booths at the Elders Day Conference at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass. Emma Hughes/GRIN

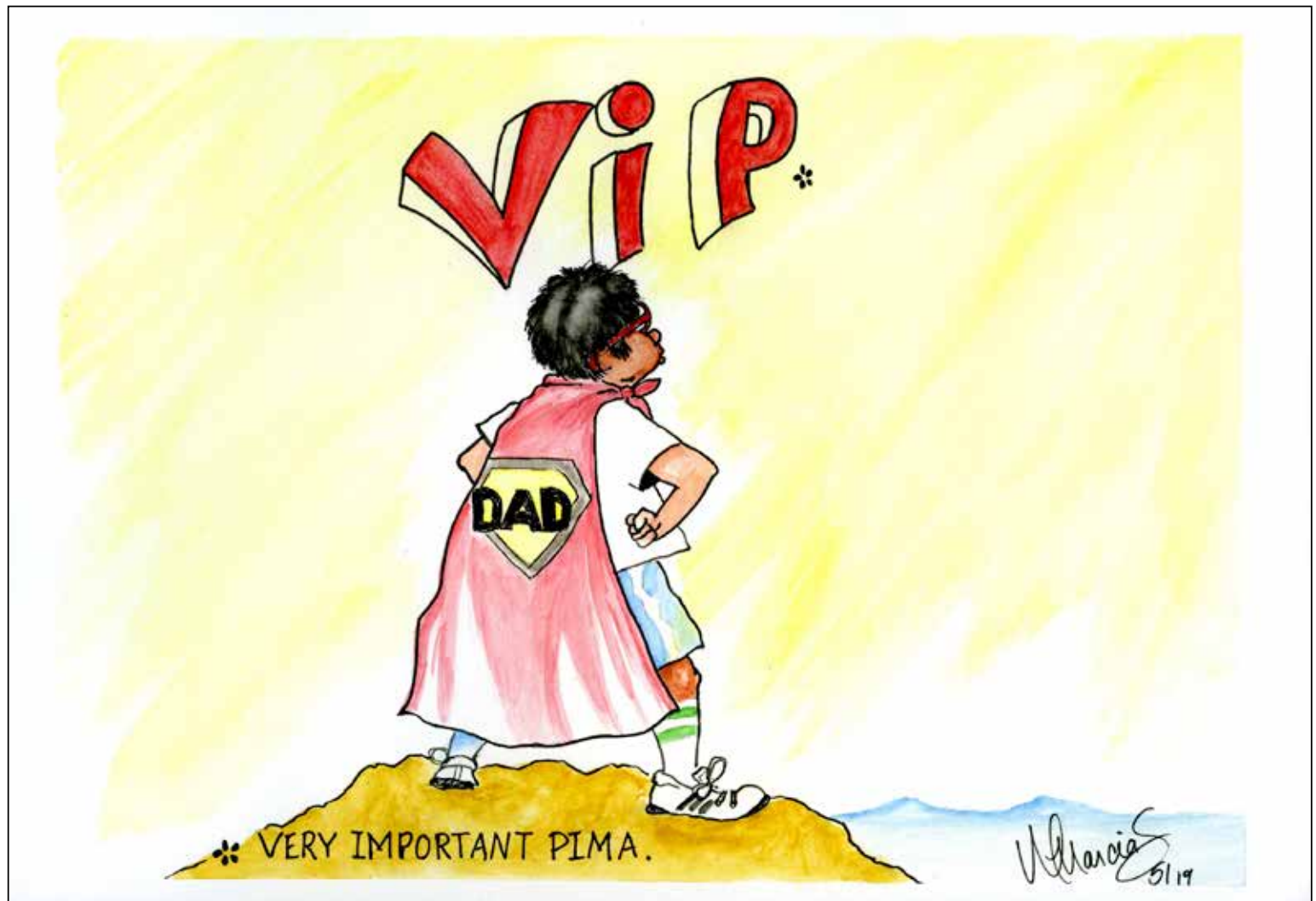
ed workshops. Workshop topics included education on healthy nutrition, exercise, brain health, traditional songs, life planning, scams and identity theft.

"I would have liked to go to all of them. There's a lot of

information that we need. It was really helpful," said Helen Ramirez from District 2 about the workshops provided for the event. "You get to see all the elders from different districts, your old friends, old school mates that

I hadn't seen for years."

Ramirez is retired from work and usually just stays home but says she enjoys going out to the different elder events.



Officer Timothy Chavez named Chief of Police of Gila River Police Department



New Chief of Police Timothy Chavez (center) is joined by Lt. Gov. Robert Stone (left) and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (right). Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

After three months serving as Interim Chief of Police for Gila River Police Department (GRPD), Tim-

othy Chavez, was officially installed as the Chief of Police at the GRPD's Award Ceremony May 30 at the District 3 Headstart Center. The ceremony was hosted and organized by Gila Riv-

er Police Department staff, and the pinning ceremony was carried out by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

"No organization can be successful without a



Chief Chavez (right) presents the Officer of the Year award to Officer Diana De La Rosa (left). Kyle Knox/GRIN

good strong leader," Gov. Lewis stated in his remarks about Chief Chavez. Gov. Lewis recognized Chavez's 18-year tenure with the department and valued the numerous roles he held during that time. Lewis shared his confidence in the chief of police and looked forward to his future in the department.

Lt. Gov. Stone ex-

pressed, "a strong sense that we have a police department that is unified, with good energy and will continue to keep the community safe."

He knows that the department supports Officer Chavez, and he is also confident that Chavez will do good in this new role.

Officer Chavez was deeply honored to have

reached this level in the department. In his acceptance address, he recognized his predecessors and field training officers for supporting his development. Chavez attributes his career longevity to taking on various roles within the department, which included serving as a ranger, school resource officer, and lead for the Explorer Program.

As part of the event numerous other officers received accolades including; Officer of the Year, Diana De La Rosa; Heroism Award, Officers Manuel Duarte, Sandy Brown, and Todd Hull; Supervisor of the Year, Sergeant Timothy Sherwood; Communications Employee of the Year, Teresa Villescaz; and Meritorious Conduct Award, Mr. George M. Pablo Jr, and Mr. Hetecliila Braveheart.

Students have fun with science and technology at STEM-Robotics competition

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Sacaton Middle School Science Teacher and founder of the school's Robotics STEM Club, JoEllen Kinnamon plays a big part in coordinating the Community's Robotics Competition which was held at St. Peter's Indian Mission School on Saturday, May 11.

Over the past several years, robotics clubs in the Community have grown in popularity, with SMS, Blackwater Community School, Gila Crossing Community School, and St. Peter Indian Mission School all hosting their own clubs.

Kinnamon, who helped organize the event and has been active in the Community's robotics scene, said the STEM-Robotics Competition was held to bring all the Community's schools together.

Previous years the competition was held at Sacaton Middle School but has been working to switch or rotate locations.

The competition began



Students, parents, and sponsors of the robotics camp pose with Lt. Gov. Robert Stone (center), JoEllen Kinnamon (right). Emma Hughes/GRIN

with qualifying events. In the mazing category, students attempted to navigate their robot vehicle through a series of twists and turns where teams and individuals had to calculate the angles at which their robot must turn. Also in this year's competition was the drone field obstacle course.

Honeywell and Intel have been sponsors for STEM-Robotics to support the Community's

youth robotics programs and encourage Community students to enter STEM, robotics, and engineering fields.

"I'm glad to come out to these events like this, especially for the kids," said Lt. Gov Stone. "It's just great to see the kids involved in technology."

Winners
EV3 Speed Racer
Sensor & EV3 Mechanical Arm 6th Grade

1st Laura Joaquin
EV3 (Mechanical Arm) 7th Grade
1st Sky Pratt
2nd Brocc Pasqual & Jesus Mangunia
EV3 Sensor & EV3 Mechanical 8th grade

1st Lydia Norris
Drone Field Obstacle Course 8th/9th grade
1st Gracie Mark
2nd Aaron Montes
3rd Gerald VanHaden-berg
Arizona Obstacle

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2nd Aaron Montes
Drone Field Obstacle Course High School & Arizona Obstacle Course
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Student calculates EV3 through maze. Emma Hughes/GRIN

GRIC member is Miss Indian UO



Michaela Begay (center), Community member, District 6, was crowned as the very first Miss Indian UO at the University of Oregon in May. Photo courtesy Amber Simpson

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

Gila River Police Department reserves the right to restrict the release of certain reports which may not be available or are currently under investigation.

Incident Log April 21, 2019 – April 27, 2019

Gila River Police officers responded to 740 calls for service and made 37 arrests.

District One:
No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

District Two:
No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

District Three:
Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) assaulted the victim by striking him several times with their hands and feet. The suspect(s) then used a taser several times on the victim. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident. The victim sustained minor injuries and refused medical treatment.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) entered the victim's unsecured vehicle and stole the victim's wallet before fleeing the area. The victim advised she returned home and walked inside the residence, but left the driver door open and the windows

to the vehicle rolled down. When the victim returned the wallet was gone. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

District Four:
(Stotonic Area)
Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim engaged in a physical confrontation. During the altercation the suspect struck the victim with a baseball bat, about his face. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect fled prior to police arrival and the victim denied any involvement.

Status: Under investigation.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)
Theft – The suspect stole the victim's wallet and concealed it in her purse while at the Wild Horse Pass Casino. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Charges will be forwarded to Maricopa County Attorney's Office for review.

Theft – The suspect picked up the wallet be-

longing to the victim while at Wild Horse Pass Casino after the victim dropped it. The suspect then left the premises without returning the property. Casino security notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) attempted to shoplift two Tommy Hilfiger Polo's inside the Tommy Hilfiger store by concealing merchandise. The suspect(s) realized store employees were monitoring their actions and returned the items. They then fled the area prior to police arrival. Store employees notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – The suspect took the victim's cell phone while at the Lone Butte Casino after the victim left the phone on top of a slot machine. The suspect left the property prior to police arrival. Casino security notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

District Five:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal dispute which escalated into a physical altercation. During the altercation the suspect pulled out a large pocket knife and struck the victim. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident. Due to the severity of the victim's injuries he was transported by Gila River Emergency Medical Services to a local trauma hospital for medical treatment.

Status: The suspect was arrested.

District Six:
Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a domestic verbal dispute which escalated into a physical altercation. The suspect stabbed the victim and then fled the area. Law enforcement was notified by hospital staff of the incident. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Charges are being long formed to the prosecutor's office for review.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Komatke Market and committed shoplifting by grabbing three bags of chips and 2 pop tarts that were displayed for sale and ran out of the store. Store employees notified law enforce-

ment and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

District Seven:
No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

Incident Log April 28, 2019 – May 04, 2019

Gila River Police officers responded to 675 calls for service and made 34 arrests.

District One:
Theft - Suspect(s) unlawfully removed the left rear tire and floor jack from the victim's vehicle and residence. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

District Two:
No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

District Three:
No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

District Four:
(Stotonic Area)
No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)
Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the Polo Ralph Lauren store, concealed merchandise, and left the premises without paying for the items. The subjects were apprehended,

law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Subjects were cited and released for Felony Shoplifting.

Shoplifting - Suspect(s) entered the Tommy Hilfiger store, concealed merchandise, and left the premises without paying for the items. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's cellular phone while he attended the phoenix lights concert. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's wallet after she dropped it at the Lone Butte Smoke Shop. The suspect later unsuccessfully attempted to use the victim's credit card at a gas station. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - Suspect(s) stole a Motorola E5 Play Grey in color cell phone that belonged to the victim while at Wild Horse [pass Casino. Law enforcement was notified by security and Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

District Five:
Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim, the suspect's girlfriend, were involved in a verbal domestic altercation that escalated and became physical. The suspect punched the victim in the nose, causing it to bleed. As the altercation progressed, the suspect charged at the victim and her brother, with a kitchen knife. The suspect fled the scene prior to the arrival of police and was not located. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Charges have been forwarded to the Prosecutor's office for review.

District Six:
Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's bicycle from the bicycle rack on the Vee Quiva casino. Law enforcement was notified by security and Gila River Police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

District Seven:
No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

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12:00pm	Native Planet - Manitoba	The Creator's Game A Native Lacrosse team faces issues travelling and competing.	Ambassadors of the Sky Protecting the night sky for the health of humans and wildlife.	MCT 2019-ESSAY WINNERS, ELDERS & VETERAN OF THE YEAR	Journey of Hope Some of the youth's needs, dreams and hopes and prayers.	Fighting for the Soul of Native America	Lost Bones: In Search of Sitting Bull's Grave	
12:30pm	Defending ways of life.					Forging Bonds: Cali Pow Wow Stories		
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion Tantoo Cardinal	Ravens and Eagles Defining Haida Art	Samaqan Water Stories Akwesasne Part 1	Ravens and Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories Akwesasne Part 1	Ravens and Eagles Spruce Root Weaver	Florence Benedict Akwesasne Mohawk Elder	
1:30pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening		
2:00pm	Wassaja Native Media	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	MCT 2019- ESSAY WINNERS	
2:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	
3:00pm	When I Hear Thunder The tradition of boxing intact on reservations across Arizona.	Native Planet - Manitoba Defending ways of life.	Indian Pride Indian Education	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders - Passion on the Plains	Storytellers In Motion	MCT 2019-ELDERS & VET OF THE YEAR	
3:30pm		First Talk	Aboriginal Adventures Scallop Farming	Common Ground Metal Sculpting		On Native Ground: Youth Report	Children of the Desert	
4:00pm	Silent Thunder	Behind The Brush	People of the Pines Native Resistance	Making Regalia Straight Dress, cont'd.	People of the Pines Assimilation	Native Report	The New Zealanders - Life on the Crater Rim Penguin farmers, rubber burning botanist.	
5:00pm	MCT 2019-ESSAY WINNERS, ELDERS & VETERAN OF THE YEAR	Ambassadors of the Sky Protecting the night sky for the health of humans and wildlife.	Defending the Fire A complex look at the truth through decades of stereotypes and	Journey of Hope Some of the youth's needs, dreams and hopes and prayers.	Fighting for the Soul of Native America	Lost Bones: In Search of Sitting Bull's Grave	Indigenous Focus Spirit of Line & Color	
5:30pm					Forging Bonds: Cali Pow Wow Stories		Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee	
6:00pm	Native Voice TV	Democracy Now! Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-	Democracy Now! Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-	Democracy Now! Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-	Democracy Now! Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-	Democracy Now! Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-	Wapos Bay Raiders of Lost Art	
6:30pm	The Medicine Line Space						Wild Archaeology Little John	
7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures Ancient Artifacts -	Dabiyiyuu Sled Maker	The New Creative India	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	Wassaja Madame Vice Pres	Sharing Circle Aboriginal Awards	Hit The Ice This Is Your Team	
7:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRC EVENTS	
8:00pm	Native Shorts Goodnight Irene	Wild Archaeology Little John	Urban Native Girl Head-Dressed	The Medicine Line Space	Native Shorts Goodnight Irene	The Aux Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World	Mixed Blessings Pow Wow	
8:30pm	The Aux Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World Indigenous cultures.	Indians and Aliens Matthew Mukash	Hit The Ice This Is Your Team	Indigenous Focus Spirit of Line & Color	Studio 49 Pj Vegas		Kvcarts Eyerie	
9:00pm		The Child of the Sahara Culture shock and a jealous brother soon lead him to question whether he's made the right choice.	Aztec: Pyramids of War Part 1 of 2. A look at the rise and fall of the Aztec empire.	Dakota 38 "...We're doing it to ourselves...selling drugs...killing our own people. That's what this ride is about, is healing."	Defenders of Life According to custom, a 70 year-old shaman lays his claim to the girl, who is only 12 and already pregnant.	The Ball Each cultural celebrates the beauty and history of traditional games in contrasting societies.	The Tundra Book A rare glimpse into a community determined to preserve it's ancient cultures and traditions.	
9:30pm	Wapos Bay: Long Goodbyes					The Wayana Indians Continuing to live in a traditional way, but undergo the pressures of modern life.		
10:00pm	Talon and Raven learn their family will have to move away from Wapos Bay.	Behind the Blue Veil The crisis in the Sahara and exposes the government corruption and neglect.	Aztec: Pyramids of War Conclusion. What is now Mexico but was destroyed in a series of battles with Spanish	Unshackled The majestic beauty and balance of our Earth Mother that is rapidly being harmed and desecrated by the human hand.	Box 25/Caja 25 Based on letters written in 1963 that are part of a historical legacy that today does not belong to Panama.			
10:30pm			Trudell Native Activist and poet, fuses his radical politics with music, writing and art.			Gringo Favelado Residents who share why, despite varying threats, they stand by their communities.		
11:00pm	Rising Voices/Hothaninpi						2018 RIVER OF LIGHTS PARADE- Christmas in Toyland	
11:30pm								

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DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small

amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity including: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants,

including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

WATER QUALITY TABLE

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires monitoring for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Public Water System #090400047 Sacaton – 2018 Water Quality Table								
Your water comes from 4 ground water sources. Community Districts served are Districts 1, 2 & 3.								
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfection By-Product:								
Five Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Units: ppb	N/A	60	1.3	N/A	N/A	2018	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	3.2	N/A	N/A	2018	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Inorganic Contaminants:								
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	3.7	2.6	3.7	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes
Fluoride Units: ppm	4	4	0.55	0.53	0.55	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	7.8	3.6	7.8	2018	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium Units: ppm			170	130	170	2017	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion
Radiological Contaminants:								
Adjusted Alpha (Excl. Radon & U) Units: pCi/L	0	15	2	ND	2	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (combined) Units: ppb	0	30	26.5	0.025	29	2018	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Contaminants	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Number of Sites Over A.L.		Sample Date	A.L. Exceeded	Typical Source
Lead and Copper Rule:								
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.36	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile	0	15	1.1	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits

Microbiological Testing:
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.

Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E. coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
6 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

Public Water System #090400096 Stotonic – 2018 Water Quality Table								
Your water comes from 2 ground water sources. Community District served is District 4. The two ground water sources are from Public Water System #090400047 & #090400092.								
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Inorganic Contaminants:								
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	6	2.6	6	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes

Fluoride Units: ppm	4	4	1.2	0.53	1.2	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	7.8	1.3	7.8	2018	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium Units: ppm			180	130	180	2017	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion

Contaminants	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Number of Sites Over A.L.		Sample Date	A.L. Exceeded	Typical Source
Radiological Contaminants:								
Adjusted Alpha (Excl. Radon & U) Units: pCi/L	0	15	2	ND	2	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (combined) Units: ppb	0	30	26.5	0.025	29	2017-2018	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminants	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Number of Sites Over A.L.		Sample Date	A.L. Exceeded	Typical Source
Lead and Copper Rule:								
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.36	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile	0	15	1.1	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits

Microbiological Testing:
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.

Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E. coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
2 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

Public Water System #090400092 Casa Blanca – 2018 Water Quality Table								
Your water comes from 2 ground water sources. Community Districts served are Districts 5.								
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfection By-Product:								
Five Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Units: ppb	N/A	60	2.3	N/A	N/A	2018	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	6.8	N/A	N/A	2018	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Inorganic Contaminants:								
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	6	5.8	6	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes
Fluoride Units: ppm	4	4	1.2	0.83	1.2	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	6.8	1.3	6.8	2018	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium Units: ppm			180	140	180	2017	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion
Radiological Contaminants:								
Uranium (combined) Units: ppb	0	30	11.9	7.897	11.92	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Contaminants	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Number of Sites Over A.L.		Sample Date	A.L. Exceeded	Typical Source
Lead and Copper Rule:								
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.188	0 site over action level		2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

Microbiological Testing:
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.

Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E. coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
2 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

Public Water System #090400692 Wild Horse Pass – 2018 Water Quality Table								
Your water comes from 4 ground water sources. Community Districts served are Wild Horse Pass, Dist. 6 & 7.								
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Inorganic Contaminants:								
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	5.9	4.7	6.4	2018	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes
Barium Units: ppm	2	2	0.046	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits

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Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

Cook Memorial Church, the historical edifice in our community that was destroyed in April, anchored many O'otham and Piipaash adapting to a changing world. We know its loss was lamentable. At times Cook's ministry met some resistance. What do we know of that man who wore some many hats-US veteran, teacher, store keeper, surveyor, musician, O'otham speaker?

Charles Koch was born in Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1856. He enlisted in the United States Cavalry in 1857. While serving in New Mexico territory, Koch received injuries that plagued him for the rest of his life. When discharged, Koch "Americanized" his name to Cook. Back in New York, he joined the New York Light Artillery in 1864, reaching corporal rank. In New York, a Presbyterian minister's teachings so moved Cook that he vowed to devote himself to Christianity. When his enlistment was up in 1865, Cook moved to Chicago. Chicago had a need for change: crowded slums, a burgeoning immigrant population, factory worker exploitation, a huge gap between the rich and poor. (Maybe not so different to modern day Chicago?) Mr. Cook was put in charge of the Halstead Street Mission, one of many "settlement houses" in Chicago.

Settlement houses opened their doors to the down and out; to the newly-arrived; provided social services, and pushed for social change. While in Chicago, Cook's interest in Native America was sparked when he read a letter about the need for religious and educational work among the O'otham.

With no personal or church funds to ease his travel, Cook began a trek -walking-to Arizona. He set out on September 1870 and arrived at the Pima Agency on December 23, 1870. In preparation to serve our community, Cook learned O'otham from Louis Morago. Cook opened the first school on February 15, 1871. A rock monument west of present-day Sacaton, alongside the Casa Blanca Highway, marks the location of the school. Those children/a'al scholars spoke English with a German accent, echoing Cook's pronunciations. (Ja, I sure know that!) He wrote, "Some thirty-five scholars and some chiefs and parents were present; the children behaved well on the whole and showed some aptness to learn." In September, 1878, Cook resigned from the school to devote more time to missionary work. He worked at Charles T. Hayden's store at Gila Buttes. As noted, there was some resistance. Cook closed the store on Sundays to hold religious services. But a group of O'otham threatened to tie Cook to a tree to use him

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (left) speaks at the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society National Conference. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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The Gila River Indian Community hosted a conference on wildlife conservation and stewardship at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino on May 20-23. The three-day conference was developed around this year's theme, Native Women: Through the hands of our grandmothers, mothers, and daughters.

Based around the conference's theme, many of the workshops, encouraged

women to go into fields related to wildlife and the environment. In addition, it also lets them know, they have a place in a profession, where males make-up a majority of the workforce.

As the host site for the conference, the Department of Environmental Quality presented a Natural Resource Management Tribal showcase. The presentation was led by Russell Benford, Environmental Program Manager, who covered the various aspects of wildlife management within DEQ.

as a target unless the store was reopened on Sundays. Mr. Cook replied if the store was opened, O'otham would have to buy things to make opening the store worthwhile. Upon hearing this, the O'otham left because they knew it was best not to anger the man who would be buying their wheat crop later. Another Vah ki group wanted to eliminate Cook, and when they arrived and saw the family kneeling in prayer, they thought the family was afraid. The O'otham

left, feeling they had proven their point. Once he took a'al on a picnic and a group of O'otham horsemen decided to scare Cook. They galloped towards him, and at the last moment, turned their horses to avoid running into him. When one of the instigators, who happened to be blind, was told how Cook stood his ground, he converted to Christianity.

In 1880, Cook was hired as a surveyor and interpreter to assist the government in laying new irrigation ditches. The

O'otham and Piipaash came under the influence of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church. (Earlier the government had assigned religious denominations to work among the Indian tribes.) Mr. Cook became an ordained Presbyterian minister on April 8, 1881.

Reverend Cook wanted an improved economy for O'otham and Piipaash. At the time, he wanted boys to learn about cattle and horse raising, modern farming, become engineers, run businesses. However

a lifetime of injuries were beginning to take their toll on Reverend Cook and realized he needed help. Dirk Lay arrived to assist Reverend Cook and intended to stay for one year but wound up here/i:ya much longer. His story will be continued next.

Information was taken from A History of the Presbyterian Work Among the Pima and Papago Indians of Arizona by John M. Hamilton.

GRIC highlights environmental programs at conference

Topics covered was on the feral horse population survey and mitigation, Bald Eagle Nest Watchers program, invasive species removal projects and efforts to create fire breaks to prevent wildfires.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "It's an honor to be before all of you that are protecting your land, for the animals, for the natural resources that are important to your traditional teachings."

Lewis said tribes like the Community, are going through historical times, with the signing of water agreements, like the Drought Contingency Plan, which preserves GRIC's water rights. He said the Gila River is an important part of the Community's resources and for the wildlife that lives off of the river.

Onto another matter, Lewis said DEQ works hand-in-hand with the Gila

River Police Department Tribal Rangers, who protect the boundaries of the Community against outside intruders, who use the lands for criminal activities.

Amy Leuders, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said, "We run through the day at a fast pace, but we take the time to recognize people for their important contributions at times like this."

She recognized the White Mountain Apache Tribe Sensitive Species and Mexican Grey Wolf program for their work to protect and preserve the wildlife under their area of responsibility.

"They have been an amazing partner in terms of the recovery of species like the Mexican Grey Wolf on their reservation," said Leuders. She said the program brings professionalism and dedication to their purpose, because they are

doing important work.

A special symposium took place on women in natural resources careers. Many of the panelists, who hold leadership positions with U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife and tribal environmental agencies, shared their experiences of being a female professional, in wildlife management.

Jessica Fort, Wildlife Biologist, Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife moderated the panel. She said "From several recent studies, we know that girls and boys do not do different in their confidence in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.)"

Fort added, that female students from K-12 performed just as well as male students, but at some point, their interest and confidence shifts. She said the rates of women entering

into college to take engineering and science courses is lower, than males.

To add, racial disparities, also contribute to the lower statistic in groups of females, such as Native women. Fort said, from the data available from females in college, Native women are less than represented in science fields.

She said there is a phenomenon that leads to gender bias, which affects confidence and how it impacts their self-worth. To that end, the panel encouraged the audience of aspiring female wildlife professionals to advocate for change in the profession, and change the culture of gender bias in the field.

Leuders said the best way to start is, to create a culture where people can be held accountable and approachable, so women have an opportunity to express their concerns.

District 6 Recreation Memorial Day celebration includes a walk/run and special presentations



Runners, veterans and specials guests at the Memorial Day Walk/Run on June 1 in District 6. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

District 6 Recreation did their part in remembering those who lost their lives while serving in the military with a Memorial Day Walk/Run on June 1. The event was postponed from the previously scheduled date, but Community members including vet-

erans and families were still eager to participate in the healthy activity, which started at the Komatke Market and ended at the District 6 Learning Center.

With addresses by Miss Gila River Tyler Owens, Jr. Miss Susanna Osife, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, the twenty-plus participants also listened to District 3 veteran Gary An-

derson give a two-part presentation on the Gila River Indian Community's military history and the Community members killed in action since WWI.

Anderson has been researching GRIC veterans and showing his presentation in the Community. The June 1 walk/run was ideal for Anderson to show his research.

"[District 6] Recreation had seen it and asked me to speak at their Memorial Day," said Anderson.

With 22-years of service in the U.S. Army, Anderson's talk included slides of GRIC fallen soldiers with their date of death, circumstances and any awards.

"I'm glad he's bringing it forward," said Albert



Gov. Lewis (background) addresses the attendees at the Learning Center in District 6. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



Gary Anderson, veteran. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Perez, U.S. Army veteran, who participated in the run.

Gov. Lewis also commented on the importance of Anderson's research.

"Our young children should know this," said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis said the information displayed the Community's bravery and valor.

"I'm glad everybody came together to have this opportunity to honor our veterans and our fallen warriors," said Gov. Lewis.

Miss Gila River Tyler Owens' cousin, the late Army Cpl. Billy Farris, was among the fallen soldiers included in Anderson's presentation. She had a special message for the families of those currently serving in the military.

"I think it's important that we continue to remember those families that made that sacrifice as well and we pray for those who are currently in service that their families never have to face losing a loved one," said Owens.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis Addresses Arizona's American Indian History of Education

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis served on a panel to ensure future educators in Arizona learn about its educational history and practices in Native communities at

Arizona State University's Downtown Phoenix Campus. The setting was during a training on May 29 for Teach for America's new teacher cohort. The 3-day training was for 75 first-year teachers who are to be placed in schools all across

Arizona. Many of the first-year teachers will teach at Native community schools, so it was imperative to learn about its history with education.

During the panel, Gov. Lewis acknowledged traumas that all Native peoples

endured with the on-coming Western expansion of America. Speaking specifically about the Gila River Indian community, he outlined everything from the boarding school era to the damming of the Gila River and the effects on the Community. Lewis stated that, "Tribes in Arizona have only gotten the right to take over our education systems beginning in the 1970s."

Lewis continued to highlight that because Native communities now possess those rights, new developments like the Gila Crossing Community School are possible. This new school will feature a curriculum that is unique to the community, including Akimel O'otham and

Pee Posh language and a STEAM (Science, Technology, Arts, and Math) program exclusive to our community. This version of STEAM will include an emphasis on agriculture and hydrology sciences to ensure the land and water are healthy for years to come.

Katie Hooten, Executive Director for Teach for America Phoenix, expressed how moved she was at a previous address Gov. Lewis delivered. She wanted to ensure that future teachers learned about the history of Arizona from a Native perspective. Hooten stated, "the goal of the panel is deepen their educational context of Arizona, so they are poised to serve

their students better."

With an understanding of the educational landscape and history, the teachers will better grasp how each school differs from the next. Also, through Gov. Lewis' statement, he made sure students understood that, "No matter the case oppressed people always persevere."

This panel also included Arizona House Representative for District 23 Reginald Bolding, ASU Professor Dr. Christine Marin, and Mayor of the Town of Guadalupe Valerie Molina. The training was the first of many for the new cohort of teachers. This sort of training is for orientation purposes as many are from out of state.

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Educational Equity Panel from left to right: Reggie Bolding, Arizona House Rep. District 23, Dr. Christine Marin, ASU Professor, GRIC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and Valerie Molina, Mayor of the Town of Guadalupe. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Native Health introduces new medical and behavioral health facility

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A local health organization opens the doors to a new location that will serve individuals and families living in the East Valley. Native Health, a local health service provider, opened the doors to a new facility, during an open house ceremony on May 29.

Native Health, provides culturally-centered wellness assistance to the American Indian population across the Valley. As part of their comprehensive list of services, Native Health opened a new medical and behavioral health facility in Mesa.

Native Health CEO Walter Murillo, said the new facility is just one of the growing list of health resources to better serve the American Indian population for a variety of health needs.

He said the new health facility will continue to expand the availability of services to meet the needs of the Native population in Mesa.

City of Mesa Mayor John Giles, who said Mesa has one of the largest American Indian populations of the Phoenix metropolitan area. He said the Southern Avenue location is a much-needed addition to serve Mesa's Native residents.

"Mesa, Arizona is a Native American Community, in this zip code, we

have the highest population in the state and they are our constituents. He said from WIC, behavioral health and family practices clinic are exactly what the city's constituents need in a centralized location.

Congressmen Greg Stanton, was also present to support the opening of the new facility, along with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who said it will improve the lives of Native people, who will pass through Native Health's doors.

"I really appreciate all that Native Health does throughout the Valley and now for the people of Mesa," said Stanton. He said everything that you do for Native health and the urban American Indian Community, meets the needs of those living in our urban communities, who's residents add to the diverse fabric of places like Mesa and Phoenix.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Council Representatives Monica Antone, Joey Whitman were present to tour the facility and chime in on the importance of service it will bring to the East Valley.

"We have a number of Community members living in the urban setting here, that will lead to a tremendous outcome, all the services that are very critical to treating the Native population here," said Lewis.

He thanked Giles, for

his support of the Native community in Mesa, but also throughout the Valley. Lewis said there are many issues at hand, such as missing and murdered indigenous women, which takes a team effort on a local and federal level to push to the forefront.

"We always pride ourselves in being good partners and helping where we can, as the old saying goes, 'a rising tide, lifts all boats,' because this is all about partnerships coming together on so many levels to make things happen," said Lewis.

Antone said the services provided by Native Health are very important, because they have resources for mothers, those who do not have access to the things they need, like education on how to care for them and provide supplies, such as baby formula for their children.

"As a mother, I think it's very important and they need to know how to take care of their newborn babies and how to prepare for when they become toddlers," said Antone.

Whitman said it's important for the urban members to reach out to places like Native Health, who are ready to help. "If we have Community members living nearby, they can come here and know [they] can do something to help with their health needs or even getting access to food for their families," said Whit-



State Representative Greg Stanton, speaks at the Native Health open house ceremony on May 29. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN man.

"It's an excellent place to go, not only our members that live here, but for others that are nearby," said Stone, "As part of our partnerships with other entities, like the cities, it's about going out there, not specifically in a political sense, but supporting each other what groups like Native Health need."

Murillo presented Lewis and Community representatives with a plaque, as a sign of appreciation for the financial contributions brought through the state shared gaming revenue agreement.



Community leadership receive an appreciation plaque for GRIC's support of Native Health. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gila River Indian Community celebrates the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to deny certiorari in the Carter v. Sweeney Indian Child Welfare Act attack

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On May 28, the U.S. Supreme Court helped protect the Indian Child Welfare Act ("ICWA") by denying the anti-ICWA Goldwater Institute's petition for a writ of certiorari in Carter v. Sweeney. The Gila River Indian Community celebrates the U.S. Supreme Court's decision. Governor Stephen Roe Lewis expressed the views of the Community stating, "The Community has worked hard to defend our children, uphold ICWA, and fend off these anti-ICWA groups. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to deny certiorari is a win for all of Indian Country."

This case began in 2015 with a constitutional challenge by plaintiffs represented by the Goldwater Institute in an attempt to strike down ICWA and attack membership laws and child custody policies

involving the Community and Navajo Nation's children. The district court dismissed the case for lack of Article III standing because the plaintiffs failed to allege any facts demonstrating that their injuries were traceable to ICWA or that the ICWA actually applied to the foster/adoptive parents and Indian children serving as plaintiffs.

When Goldwater appealed the decision to the Ninth Circuit, the Community achieved a victory when the Ninth Circuit agreed that Article III prevented adjudication of the merits because the case had since become moot since the adoption proceedings at issue had been finalized. After losing on appeal, plaintiffs then filed a petition for rehearing en banc and requested a stay of the Ninth Circuit's "mandate" pending the filing of a petition for a writ of certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court. The Ninth Circuit denied

plaintiffs' requests.

Plaintiffs filed a petition for a writ of certiorari in January 2019 and today the U.S. Supreme Court declined to consider the Ninth Circuit's decision.

For 40 years, ICWA has successfully protected the best interests of Native American children, and is viewed by national child advocacy organizations as critical for ensuring that children and families receive the services they deserve. ICWA provides important protections for all tribes in child welfare proceedings involving Indian children and continues to be challenged by anti-ICWA interests in state and federal courts across the United States. According to Governor Lewis, "The Community will continue to do what is necessary to protect the Community's children and support its federal and tribal partners who work tirelessly to uphold defend ICWA."



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Gila Crossing Community School Celebrates 8th Grade Promotion in Big Way



Valedictorian Samuel Dillon and sister at the Gila Crossing promotion on May 21. Courtesy of Dr. Taylor

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

As the school year closes for all, Gila Crossing Community School celebrated its eighth-grade promotion ceremony May 21. Despite the logistic challenges of their original location, the school secured an excellent new site at one of the conference rooms at the Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino's Event Center. The ceremony honored the Class of 2019 of 54 eighth-grade students that will most likely transition to either Cesar Chavez or Betty Fairfax High Schools next school

year.

The principal of Gila Crossing, Dr. Brian Taylor, said, "the facility was impressive, and the graduates were equally impressive, they were dressed appropriately and carried themselves well with good behavior." This past school year was Dr. Taylor's first, and the closeness of the community moved him. He saw this closeness throughout the school year and again at the ceremony with a large number of family members in attendance.

There were honors and accolades presented at the ceremony includ-



Ariana Manuel and Alison Miguel (center) with their certificates. Courtesy of Dr. Taylor

ing Salutatorian, Azarri-ona Harvey, and Valedictorian, Samuel Dillon. Maya Lewis received the Brandon G. Enos Educational Foundation scholarship, which provides school supplies for her when she begins high school. Also, Maya Lewis and David Tashquith were accepted to the Native American

Business Institute conference, hosted in Michigan this month.

The ceremony's location was made possible through an agreement facilitated by Gila Crossing Board Member Angie Flores. The new setting was beyond initial expectations, but organizers underestimated the attendance amount

this year as many were left standing. Regardless the ceremony went off without any issues and had a good showing of community leadership.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Community Council Representative Evans were in attendance as well as the entire Gila Crossing School Board.

Congratulations



Carolyn K. Thompson, District 3, Master of Business Administration, University of Arizona, Eller College of Management. Courtesy of Carolyn K. Thompson

Sacaton Middle School presents the class of 2019 at eighth grade promotion

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

The eighth-grade class from Sacaton Middle School spent one final night surrounded by their classmates before their official promotion to high school on May 22. High school and college awaits the class of 2019, but a gym filled with supporters celebrated their final act as Sacaton Braves before they leap to the next level of their education.

Dr. Cheryl Paul called this close-knit class of over 50 students "united," and addressed them directly in her welcome message.

"You have learned how to be trustworthy, treat people with respect,

be responsible, and fair, as well as embrace any leadership opportunities."

The eighth-grade promotion was attended by the Sacaton Elementary School District Governing Board, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Tribal Education Director Isaac Salcido and Chemawa Ambassador Sunny Pratt, from Chemawa Indian School and former Sacaton Middle School student.

"I think this is one of the most outstanding classes we've ever had, for a number of different reasons," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

The basketball team won a championship and the student body also or-

ganized an initiative to change the dress code. They presented to the governing board and Sacaton schools will now offer two more colors for the students.

"That was all initiated by the kids," said Dr. Paul.

The focus stayed on the students as they enjoyed their last moments at Sacaton Middle School.

"This is your day," said Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

Lt. Gov. Stone also told the students that the Community believes in them and to look ahead to more accomplishments.

"You know you have a bright future, this is only a little step of



The outgoing eighth-grade class looks on during the promotion ceremony on May 22 at Sacaton Middle School. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

your life going forward," said Lt. Gov. Stone.

Dale Enos presented Lillian Baptisto and Gracie Mark with the Brandon G. Enos Educational

Foundation scholarships. Gerald VanHardenburg and Tiyana Johns also spoke on behalf of their classmates in addition to Mathew Williams

who gave a farewell address. Williams called this year amazing and said the class is ready to take, "a big leap into our future."

Names Courtesy of Tribal Education Department

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Anna Renee Gonzales, Central Arizona College
 Jason Williams, Central Arizona College
 Mandy Webb, Central Arizona College
 Dino Trevino Jr., Arcadia High School
 Alissa Fabela, AZ Compass Prep
 Brianna Palma, AZ Compass Prep
 David Antone, AZ Compass Prep
 Gabriel Lewis, AZ Compass Prep
 Haily Johns, AZ Compass Prep
 Jalen McMahon, AZ Compass Prep
 Johnhenry Gonzales, AZ Compass Prep
 Sky Terrazas, AZ Compass Prep
 Travis Thomas Jr, AZ Prep
 Shedrick Nez, Beech High School
 Angelina J. Macias, Bishop Amat Memorial H.S.
 Riley Piepenbrink, Campo Verde High School
 Amy Lewis, Canyon Del Oro
 Daisha Medina, Career Success High
 Malayna Hernandez, Carl Hayden High School
 Doian Harrison, Ceder Grove High School
 Doian Harrison, Central High School
 Esperanza Gonzales, Central New Mexico
 Adam Cardona, Cesar Chavez High School
 Aiyana Hill, Cesar Chavez High School
 Areonna Antone, Cesar Chavez High School
 Cassianna Manuel, Cesar Chavez High School
 Simeon Williams, Chawnakee Academy Charter
 Aaron Nacho, Compadre Academy
 Destiny Sanderson, Corona Del Sol High School
 Makayla Racine, Crown Pointe Central School
 Kaitlin Holbrook, Desert Edge High School
 Marilyly Yellowman-Lewis, Desert Vista High School
 Steven Nasewyewa, Desert Vista High School
 Rebecca Villacort, Dobson High School
 Miranda Preskitt, Graduation Solutions
 Ericka Pablo-Urias, Sequoyah High School
 Alexander White, Skyline Gila River D5
 Alicia Penunuri, Skyline Gila River D5
 Allen June II, Skyline Gila River D5
 Annalissia Mills, Skyline Gila River D5
 Cassidy Cook, Skyline Gila River D5
 Francisco Castro, Skyline Gila River D5
 Gregory Burnette, Skyline Gila River D5
 Hope Nish, Skyline Gila River D5
 Micah Case, Skyline Gila River D5
 Nicholas White, Skyline Gila River D5
 Patricia Hernandez, Skyline Gila River D5
 Felicia M. Loya, Skyline High School
 Seaniece Miguel, Skyline Prep
 Isis Gall, Tech High School
 Alyna Hart, Hastings High School
 Angelique Hernandez, Humanities & Sciences

Abrielle M. Tagert, Imagine Prep Coolidge
 Anaiya Enos, Imagine Prep Coolidge
 Demario C. Goclanney, Imagine Prep Coolidge
 Jacob Acuna, Imagine Prep Coolidge
 Nicholas Preskitt, Imagine Prep Coolidge
 Zachary Quimayousie, Imagine Prep Coolidge
 Derek White Jr, Lawrence High School
 Morgan Micheal, Mesa High School
 Gabriel Rodriguez, Moon Valley High School
 Azalya Honyumptewa, Nizhoni Axcellerated Academy
 Christianna Garcia, Northshore Senior High
 Destiny Acevedo, Performing Art ay DigoRivera Learning Complex
 Kanta Garcia, Pinnacle High School
 Laticia Johns, PPEP Tech
 Kyle Ray Lewis, Salt River High School
 Rosalynn Rico, Tolsen Union High School
 Breyanna Mix, Basha High School
 Khaley Talayumptewa, Basha High School
 Albert Acunia, Betty H. Fairfax High School
 Daniel Miles, Betty H. Fairfax High School
 Efrin Narcia, Betty H. Fairfax High School
 Ja-Quelle Johnson, Betty H. Fairfax High School
 Jessica Rios, Betty H. Fairfax High School
 Masak Abay Knight, Betty H. Fairfax High School
 Mercer Lewis, Betty H. Fairfax High School
 Quentin Kyytan, Betty H. Fairfax High School
 Taylor Middaugh, Betty H. Fairfax High School
 Tristan Hutchinson, Betty H. Fairfax High School
 Alaya Antone, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Dedric Osife, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Dylan Notah, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Jonathan Harris, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Robert Gonzales, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Seriah Madrid, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Xabia Blaine, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Andres Testa, Casa Grande Union High School
 Chase Carmen, Casa Grande Union High School
 Dennis Martinez, Casa Grande Union High School
 Jacob Ortega, Casa Grande Union High School
 Jose Canez Jr., Casa Grande Union High School
 Josephine Cisneros, Casa Grande Union High School
 Keyahra Murray, Casa Grande Union High School
 Alejandra Castro, Chandler High School
Alexis Castro, Chandler High School
 Cody Mendoza, Chandler High School
 Jorge Barron Jr., Chandler High School
 Destiny Peters, Chemawa Indian School
 Ethan Williams, Chemawa Indian School
 Faith Johns, Chemawa Indian School
 Kobe Milda, Chemawa Indian School
 Sunny Pratt, Chemawa Indian School
 Allen Mix, Coolidge High School
 Andrew Thomas, Coolidge High School

Guadalupe Perkins, Coolidge High School
 Jairo Brown, Coolidge High School
 Lorenza Aleman, Coolidge High School
 Matthew Jackson, Coolidge High School
 Mercedes Madrid, Coolidge High School
 Miranda Enos, Coolidge High School
 Nicolas Sanchez, Coolidge High School
 Percephanie Moreno, Coolidge High School
 Ruth Kisto, Coolidge High School
 Serena Bojorquez, Coolidge High School
 Sierra Jackson, Coolidge High School
 Skyy Juan, Coolidge High School
 Alejandro Lewis, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Alicia Zarco, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Amelia Terry, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Ashley Charles, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Cecelia Mix, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Dayna-Lee Gomez, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Emily Makil, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Hector Barrios Jr., Desert Winds Learning Center
 Irene Decora, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Ismael Mejia, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Jeremiah Lewis, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Loren Whitson, Desert Winds Learning Center
 McKaylyn Williams, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Sadie Brown, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Sandra Pablo, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Tyler Namoki, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Zackery Lyons, Desert Winds Learning Center
 Loren Manuel, Ft. Wingate High School
 Anthony Porter, Hamilton High School
 Cain Ortiz, Hamilton High School
 Christopher Garcia, Hamilton High School
 Damion Antone, Hamilton High School
 Jones Williams, Hamilton High School
 Nicholas Tapia, Hamilton High School
 Paige Kyytan, Hamilton High School
 Reese Jay, Hamilton High School
 Xavier Lucero, Hamilton High School
 Jayden Pahona, Marcos de Niza High School
 Marlena Whitehair, Marcos de Niza High School
 Mayra Francisco, McClintock High School
 Mercedes Ruiz, Mountain Pointe High School
 Trevor McCandless, Perry High School
 Carlos Houston, Riverside Indian School
 Christianah Lopez, Riverside Indian School
 Rose Manuel, Sherman Indian School
 Hailey Jones, Sherman Indian School
 Omari Rogers, Tempe High School
 Aries Williams, Vista Grande High School
 Dakota Lemaster, Vista Grande High School
 Hastings Skyler, Vista Grande High School
 Sarah June, Vista Grande High School

HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATES

Alyssa Torres, Carrington College, Certificate
 Alicia Olivarez, Carrington College, Certificate
 Alyssa Pancott, Carrington College, Certificate
 Dayleen Thomas, Carrington College, Certificate
 Alyssa Scoffer, Carrington College, Certificate
 Mercedes Pablo, Carrington College, Certificate
 Krystal Cassa, Carrington College, Certificate
 Katherine Peter, Carrington College, Certificate
 Rosemary Wickey, Carrington College, Certificate
 Daniel Dobbs, RSI, Certificate
 Charles Cassa, The Refrigeration School, Certificate
 Roland Hestia, The Refrigeration School, Certificate
 Joseph Hill, UTI, Certificate
 Adrianna Rodriguez, Brookline College
 Dylan Anselmo, UC Berkley College
 Monica Begay, University of Phoenix College
 Joseph Hill, UTI
 Ellayna Polingyowma, Aveda, Certificate
 Marilyn Galvan, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, AA
 Alfonszina Sunn, South Mountain Community College, AA
 Angelina Lewis, Northland Pioneer College, AA
 Anna Blackwater, South Mountain Community College, AA
 Claydene Miguel, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, AA
 Ines Hernandez, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, AA
 Rudy Mix, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, AA
 Ryssa Keeto, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, AA
 Salina Williams, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, AA
 Destiera Miller, Estrella Mountain Community College, AAEE
 Kristopher Dosela, Estrella Mountain Community College, AAS
 Teresa Riley, South Mountain Community College, AAS
 Trina Sundust-Garcia, South Mountain Community College, AAS
 Erica Dawahoya, Gateway Community College, AAS
 Collin Lewis, South Mountain Community College, AGS
 Lila Nunez, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, AS
 Amber Mix, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, AS
 Andrew Zelenak-Ruiz, South Mountain Community College, AS
 Clarissa Juan, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, AS
 Shanne Villalpando, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, AS
 Priscilla Terry, Mesa Community College, AS

Alyssa Wilkes, Mesa Community College, AS
 Colette Torres, Phoenix College, AS
 Gemini Valenzula, Phoenix College, AS
 Jennifer Thomas, Phoenix College, AS
 Elgin Rodriguez, Glendale Community College, AS
 Patrick White, Glendale Community College, AS
 Davisdon Manygoats, Central Arizona College, AS
 Roberto Gutierrez, Central Arizona College, AS
 Daniel Marrietta, Phoenix College, AS
 Thomas Cortez, College of the Desert, Associates
 Yvonne Garcia, Scottsdale CommunityAssociates
 Roman Rodriguez, UTI, Associates
 Celeste Apkaw, Arizona State University, Bachelors
 Alyse Marrietta, Arizona State University, Bachelors
 Amanda Mitchell, Arizona State University, Bachelors
 Cassandra Pena, Arizona State University, Bachelors
 Ceaser Romero, Arizona State University, Bachelors
 Darius Jackson, Arizona State University, Bachelors
 Dominique Lopez, Arizona State University, Bachelors
 Nataly Jimenez, Arizona State University, Bachelors
 Rayna Yazzie, Arizona State University, Bachelors
 Theron Johns, Arizona State University, Bachelors
 Darcy Racine, Champlain College, Bachelors
 Maureen Lugo, Grand Canyon University, Bachelors
 Gustina McCandless, Grand Canyon University, Bachelors
 Johnny Rodriguez, Northern Arizona University, Bachelors
 Raquel Romero, Northern Arizona University, Bachelors
 Chelsea Miles, Ottawa University, Bachelors
 Christina Soriano, Ottawa University, Bachelors
 Heather MedicineBear, University of Hawaii, Bachelors
 Christine Lopez, Arizona State University, Masters
 Mikhail Sundust, Arizona State University, Masters
 Napoleon Marrietta, Rockhurst University, Masters
 Brianna Drury, Southern Methodist University, Masters
 Brandon Nourse, University of Arizona, Masters
 Christiopher Manuel, University of Kansas, Masters
 Shane Lynch, University of Oklahoma, Masters
 Alison Anderson, Capella University, Ph. D.
 Anthony Newkirk, Grand Canyon University, Doctorate
 Judy Enos, Grand Canyon University, Doctorate

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AZ Savages during the pre-game festivities at Chase Field. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



A base runner from team Outkast slides into third base, during a match-up against the Yaqui Bombers. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Musician Gabriel Ayala performs the national anthem, while the Pee Posh Veterans Association presents the colors before the Dbacks game on June 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Players from C.G. Pirates wait their turn in the dugout to bat during a game on May 31. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

na Osife said, "It's been a good experience for us, to see all the royalty here, it is so amazing, it's a new experience for me being here."

She said representing the Community, is one of the most important parts of attending events like NARD, they allow others to see the culture of the Community on display.

Batting to victory
The Gila River Bears took home the top spot, defending their title in the Single A Baseball division, shutting out the C.G. Pirates 9-0. Despite coming up short in the tournament, the C.G. Pirates were awarded a second-place trophy for their hard-earned effort.

"It was hard fought by both teams, said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, "They've won back-to-back wins for the Bears and they are building a great organization in District 4." Lewis said the turnout was great, including eight of the teams being from the Community.

About NARD he said, "It goes back to 1998, when we started our great relationship with the Dbacks. We have really have had a lot of Community involvement with them, one of them through baseball clinics with our youth."

Outkast, AZ Savages, C.G. Pirates, Gila River Bears (Single A/Triple A), Xtreme Heat and Gila River Elite.

"It's awesome, these boys worked hard out there, and it's a good feeling to repeat in this tournament," said Bears Coach Mondo. He said the kids are ready take on each game and when they get on the field, they know what to do.

On the other side of the bench, "We knew it was going to be tough coming into this competition, but unfortunately it didn't come our

way, but we are looking forward to the next one," said, C.G. Pirates Coach Conrad.

He said in advance of each game and tournament, they get them ready both mentally and physically, but also to get his players ready for advanced baseball leagues they are eligible to play in when they age out of Single A play.

Congratulations to all the youth baseball and softball teams, who participated in this year's tournament.



Teammates from the Gila River Bears revel in their second straight championship before on-field activities at Chase Field on June 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Girls from the Gila River Elite Softball team take to Chase Field during the NARD event on June 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Tribal royalty, including Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River (left-center) at Chase Field. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Gila River Skate Parks, Leading Example for Future Skate Parks

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

A dozen youth skateboarders from the San Carlos Apache Tribe (SCAT) paid a visit to two District skate parks on May 17. The site visit was for research purposes on behalf of the SCAT Chairman Terry Rambler's Office. Manuel Johnson from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis' office and Reuben Ringlero from Seven Layer Army welcomed the delegation before setting out on their tour.

Along with the youth was Cali Stands, Executive Assistant to Chairman Rambler. She was very impressed with what she saw upon arrival at the District 3 Skate Park. "I like the ramada overhead to provide shade, the size of the ramps, and overall layout," said Stands as she watched the youth skate the park.



The youth of San Carlos Apache Tribe with Manuel Johnson, GRIC Executive Office, and GRIC representatives at the District Skate Park on May 17. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Stands later confirmed that all in attendance agreed that the SCAT parks should feature shade, concrete, quarter & half pipe ramps, ledges, rails, and stairs.

All the youth from

SCAT were thrilled to ride for the day as they cheered on their peers as they performed various jumps and tricks. Tony Steele, one of the SCAT youth, had a great time riding because

moving between ramps is seamless. Transitions from ramps to drops require little effort for skaters at the District 3 park because of the way it's set up.

Reuben Ringlero, of



Youth skates at the District 3 Skate Park quarter pipe. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Seven Layer Army, stressed to the delegation how Gila River Indian Community's support is vital to the local skate community. Ringlero also attributes much of their success and local visibility throughout the state to the support they receive for their numerous events.

The San Carlos Apache Tribe is planning to construct two skate parks in their community over the

next two years. The site visit is one of many for the group who also went to the District 4 Skate Park. These trips are vital for providing critical feedback from the youth at established skate parks throughout the state. Their goal is to create an excellent park for their youth that will also feature aspects for BMX bikers to utilize as well.

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our traditional tribal warriors up to today," stated Douglas Juan of the O'otham Veterans Association. Mr. Juan, United States Army Veteran, serves as the Chairman for the O'otham Veterans Association Celebration. This celebration is the association's first event that served as a community-wide Memorial Day celebration that took about a year to prepare.

The O'otham Veterans Association formed in 2010

by veterans from across the Gila River Community. The association collaborated with the US Department of Veterans Affairs to host "Stand Down" events throughout the Community. These events would serve as resource fairs for veterans to find new and existing services available for them. Later other tribes would become part of these events to collaborate and support one another including Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian

Community and The Tohono O'odham Nation.

Co-Chairman of the O'otham Association Celebration and Officer of the Ira H. Hayes Legion Post 84 Tony McDaniel, United States Navy, looks forward to the event growing more significantly every year. In the coming years, he hopes to see more dancers but said 30 Gourd Dancers present is a great sign for a first-time event. Lastly, he wants to see a higher num-



Ira H. Hayes Post 84 Staff. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Douglas Juan, Gila River O'otham Veteran's Assoc., wrapped in a Pendleton blanket gifted by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Kyle Knox/GRIN

ber of contributions to their Honor Table. The Honor Table is a communal space

for veterans' family members to place photos to honor and remember all GRIC

veterans together.



CHEERLEADING CAMP

Revolution Cheer Company will host a Summer Cheer Camp for GRIC Youth (boys and girls) ages 8-14 in Casa Grande, AZ.

The camp is open to beginners and will incorporate dance, tumbling, jumps and more!


July 8-10, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Transportation and lunch will be provided for all camps.

First priority will be given to youth who have NOT attended camps. Youth who have previously attended camps will be placed on waiting list

Applications can be picked up in the CPAO Office located within the Governance Center or downloaded on mygilariver.com. Deadline to apply is May 24, 2019.

For additional information please contact Alie Walking Badger, Special Events Coordinator at 520-562-9713 or Shannon Redbird (520) 562-9859 or email special.events@gric.nsn.us



Graduation Recognition Banquet

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB - GILA RIVER KOMATKE BRANCH

5047 W. Pecos Rd., Laveen, AZ 85339

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

G.E.D./HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE GRADUATES

PLEASE R.S.V.P. AT THE LINK BELOW:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GRAD2019_

DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2019
Questions contact the Tribal Education Department at (520) 562-3662





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Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lt. Governor

Gov. Lewis receives special recognition at water conference

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Water and agricultural experts convened at a conference on the current state and future of Arizona agribusiness. The Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona hosted its annual meeting and water conference at the Salt River Project Para Club Pavilion on May 16.

The conference is meant to address the issue of water and food systems conservation and production during drought conditions. Chris Udall, Executive Director for

Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona, welcomed the attendees to the conference.

He emphasized the importance of working together to create a viable future for agriculture, that will benefit all Arizonans. Part of the plan for a viable future, Udall said is inviting everyone to the table to discuss how water can be used responsibly and effectively for agricultural use.

Tom Davis, President of AgriBusiness and Water Council of Arizona, explained the purpose of the

council. The council is a state affiliate of the National Water Resources Association, that lobbies for water municipalities and its affiliates.

Davis announced the addition of awardees to honor those who manage agribusiness and water issues in the state of Arizona, that includes tribal governments.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was present to receive a special recognition award for his contributions to the current water issues in the state of Arizona. Da-

vis said the Community has been instrumental in the DCP, to get it implemented into action.

The council has responsibility over the Western region of the United States, advocating for more attention to water resources. Davis said the council is the state affiliate of the National Water Resources Association and lobbies for water municipalities and affiliates on agriculture.

"The things, that [we] have been involved in this last year, are in conjunction with the department of ag-



Gov. Lewis received a recognition award for the Community's efforts in the DCP, presented by Tom Davis. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

riculture with the state of Arizona, we host a roundtable in late December."

"Because of the water crunch, we want to do something a little different

and recognize those, who are and influential to helping solving our water problems, through the Drought Contingency Plan," said Davis.

ITCA brings together tribes, counties and state for voting strategy session



Secretary of State (center) Katie Hobbs at the ITCA voting strategy meeting. From left, Sheri Bodmer, Bonnie Lyons, Joyce Lopez, Hobbs, Jackie Thomas, Naomi Bebo, Office of General Counsel, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

The groundwork for an effective voting discussion between Arizona tribes and the counties began at the

Native Vote Strategy Session hosted by the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass on May 31.

The all-day agenda

covered reviews, procedures, panels, and remarks from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and a discussion with Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs and Election Services Director

Sambo Dul.

The first portion of the session focused on strengthening the relationship between tribes and counties on elections. Maricopa, Apache, Pima and Pinal Counties presented and were part of panels to connect with tribes and share information.

"We've been trying to foster good tribal and county relationships around voting because when tribes and counties aren't communicating effectively then we run into election protection problems during early voting and on-day elections," said Travis Lane, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Assistant Director.

ITCA is hoping to resolve any early voting or on-day elections issues.

Other organizations partnered in the session and to offer support.

"They have a lot of or-

ganizations here that tribes can go to who have offered assistance like Arizona 1, Clean Elections," said Joyce Lopez, District 6 elder who attended the event.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was a featured speaker and he called voting a "sacred right," for Native Americans.

"This is such an important meeting that we're having today," said Lewis.

The voting strategy session was also a chance to discuss some challenges facing Arizona. Secretary of State Hobbs said hiring a tribal liaison was a priority for her office but according to Hobbs, her budget request for a tribal liaison was removed in the budget process and is not included Arizona's recently passed budget for fiscal year 2020.

"The budget process didn't play out the way we hoped it would. We're

working with the [Gov. Doug Ducey's] office on solutions," said Hobbs.

Gov. Lewis responded to Hobbs' news by saying, "I want to recommend to our fellow tribal leaders in Arizona that we write a letter to Gov. Ducey in regards to getting that tribal liaison funding as soon as possible."

The work between the state and tribes on elections will continue. Hobbs did offer support to pass a tribal consultation policy and to make helpful changes in the voter registration form, and also for someone to opt out of the option to update their driver license address when they update their voter registration.

"It's important that we not only protect our tribal members' rights to vote not only on the reservations but also off the reservation," said Gov. Lewis.

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sioner Brenda Burman.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone was also at the ceremonies and acknowledged how all the parties worked together.

"The progress was a tough road but here we are today celebrating something for everybody," said Lt. Gov. Stone.

Gov. Lewis called the Community one of the "key players," in the agreement and said that GRIC will be instrumental in future negotiations.

"We are going to have a seat at the table," said



Brenda Burman (seated left) and Dr. Tim Petty (seated right) hold the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan on May 20. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Gov. Lewis.

Also, representing GRIC were Barney Enos Jr., District 1 Community Council Representative Arzie Hogg, and Javier Ramos from the Office of General Counsel.

Tom Buschatzke, Di-

rector, Arizona Department of Water Resources, represented Arizona when the federal government and the states signed the agreement at the ensuing signing ceremony, which also included Mexico as part of a bi-national water scarcity plan.



Stakeholders and representatives following the Arizona DCP signing ceremony at the Hoover Dam. Alex Stephens/USBR

"I want to thank all the constituents in the southern basin states, Mexico, tribes,

the numerous boards, commissions and agencies that were integral to the approv-

al of the plan," said Buschatzke.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • May 15, 2019

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:11 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 (9:22), Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Barney Enos, Jr. (9:20), Jennifer Allison, Pamela Johnson (9:15); D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr., Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird (10:00)

APPROVAL OF A GENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

THE CONSENT AGENDA AS NOTED AND THE

AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

REPORTS

1. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation 2018 Annual Report

Presenter: Elizabeth Antone

REPORT HEARD

>2. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services 2nd Quarter Report

Presenters: Diana Lopez Jones, Jeffrey Thomas

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 2nd Qtr Expenses

Presenter: Chesley Juan, Jr.

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:47 A.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

REPORTS #5, #6, AND #7

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for March 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Gaming Commission General Report to the Community Council for March 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Dale Enos, Courtney Moyah

ACCEPTED

6. FY19 2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED

7. FY 19 Monthly Financial Report ending April 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Arizona Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan Framework Agreement (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason Hauter

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The Agreement Between The United States Of America And The Gila River

Indian Community For The Delivery Of Intentionally Created Surplus (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason Hauter

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Agreement Among The United States Of America, The Arizona Department Of Water Resources, The Arizona Water Banking Authority, The Central Arizona Water Conservation District, The Gila River Indian Community, City Of Chandler, Town Of Gilbert, City Of Glendale, City Of Mesa, City Of Phoenix, City Of Scottsdale And City Of Tempe For The Mitigation Of Reductions To CAP NIA Priority Water Under The Drought Contingency Plan (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason Hauter

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Arizona Water Banking Authority And The Gila River Indian Community For The Development Of Intentionally Created Surplus Firming Credits (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs) Presenter: Jason Hauter

APPROVED

>5. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Early Head Start To Submit A New Non-Competitive Grant Application To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start American Indian/Alaska Native Program Branch For The EHS-Child Care Partnership Grant For Year One Of The Five Year Grant (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, to be placed on the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Approving The Submission Of Year Four Of The Five Year Grant Application To The American Indian Alaska Native Program Branch, Head Start Bureau, Department Of Health And Human Services In Order To Provide Renewed Funding For The Head Start/Early Head Start Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, to be placed on the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. A Resolution Approving A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity For The Purpose Of Any Arbitration Or Other Legal Action To Enforce An Order, Award, Or Relief Arising From An Approved Arbitration Action Pursuant To The Terms Of The Investment Management Agreement To Be Entered Into Between The Investment Committee Of The Gila River Indian Community And UBS Financial Services, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, to be placed on the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

8. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Community Court To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Justice, Office Of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), FY19 Family Drug Court Program, FY19 Competitive Grant Solicitation

Presenter: Ruben Baca

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code By Enacting The Sovereign Immunity Code To Be Codified As Title 4, Chapter 2 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; G&MSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[Addendum to Agenda]

1. 2014 Housing Update

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO FORWARD TO THE NEXT GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO FORWARD TO THE LITIGATION TEAM TO ADDRESS ANY LEGAL ISSUES AND TO MONITOR

NEW BUSINESS

>1. Gila River Sand & Gravel Independent Audit Report FY-18 (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for consideration, to be placed on the Regular Agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Bob Gazis, Henry & Horne

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*2. Sun Valley Marina Corporation 2014-2017 Audit Report (EDSC forwards to Council under New Business, G&MSC concurs)

Presenters: David White, WHPDA Board

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

3. Cocaine, Meth & Stimulant Summit November 8 - 10, 2019 in Miami, Florida (H&SSC Forwards to Council to open to any Council Member to attend utilizing dues and delegations)

Presenters: Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND

4. Certification of 2019 Community Council Election Results (LSC forwards to Council for Certification of the 2018 Community Council Election Results for District 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 2 CAROL ANN SCHURZ

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 3 AVERY WHITE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 4 DELMAR JONES

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 5 FRANKLIN PABLO, SR.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 6 CHARLES W. GOLDTOOTH

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 7 DEVIN REDBIRD

5. Community Council Secretary's Office FY 2020 Budgets (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council as information)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

>6. The Caring House FY2018 External Audit (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council to be accepted, to be placed on the Consent Agenda; H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Chris Tyhurst

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. Housing Plan (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council for inclusion in the Housing Work Session under New Business in Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, REDW

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

8. Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Region Office Plan to Consolidate Salt River Agency and Pima Agency

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AND SEND TO THE WESTERN REGION OFFICE

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ WELL WISHES EXPRESSED TO THE OUT-GOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:56 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

DPW Annual Water Quality Report 2018
from Page 6

Chromium Units: ppb	100	100	17	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride Units: ppm	4	4	0.41	N/A	N/A	2018	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	1.7	0.81	1.7	2018	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium Units: ppm			130	N/A	N/A	2018	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion
Radiological Contaminants:								
Adjusted Alpha (Excl. Radon & U) Units: pCi/L	0	15	3.5	N/A	N/A	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (combined) Units: ppb	0	30	9	N/A	N/A	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Contaminants	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Number of Sites Over A.L.	Sample Date	A.L. Exceeded	Typical Source	
Lead and Copper Rule:								
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.144	0 site over action level	2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	
Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile	0	15	1.132	0 site over action level	2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits	

Microbiological Testing:				
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.				
Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E. coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
25 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	1	1	1
During the year 2018, One Level 2 Assessment was required to be completed for our water system. One Level 2 Assessment completed. In addition, we were required to take 0 corrective action and we completed 0 of these actions.				
A Level 2 Assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our system on multiple occasions. E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. We found E. coli bacteria, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.				
Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.				

Public Water System #090400691 Aerodyne – 2018 Water Quality Table								
Your water comes from 1 ground water source which served the Aerodyne Subdivision.								
The ground water source is from Public Water System #090400345 (Lone Butte Industrial Park).								
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
				Low High				
Disinfection By-Product:								
Five Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Units: ppb	N/A	60	1.9	N/A	N/A	2017	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	4.5	N/A	N/A	2017	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Inorganic Contaminants:								
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	4.6	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes
Barium Units: ppm	2	2	0.071	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium Units: ppb	100	100	12	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	2.2	N/A	N/A	2018	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium Units: ppm			170	N/A	N/A	2016	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion
Radiological Contaminants:								
Combined Radium 226/228 Units: pCi/L	0	5	0.7	N/A	N/A	2018	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Contaminants	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Number of Sites Over A.L.	Sample Date	A.L. Exceeded	Typical Source	

Lead and Copper Rule:							
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Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E. coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
1 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

Unit Description:	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or microgram per liter (ug/L)
positives samples	positive samples/yr.: the number of positive samples taken that year
% positive samples/month	% positive samples/month: % of samples taken monthly that were positive
N/A	N/A: Not Applicable
ND	ND: Not Detected
mrem/yr.	mrem/yr.: Millirem per year
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, Triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Special Education Statements:
Additional Information for Arsenic While your drinking water meets the EPA standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The EPA standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.
Additional Information for Nitrate Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice

from your health care provider.
Additional Information for Lead If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. PWS system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

Please feel free to contact the number provided below for more information or for a translated copy of the report if you need it in another language.
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For more information please contact:
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PO Box G, 186 S. Skill Center Road, Sacaton, Arizona, 85147
Phone: (520) 796-4532 Fax: (520) 796-4539

Appreciation Notice

The family of Leslie Pasqual would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your kindness and thoughtfulness during our time of sorrow. We deeply appreciate your condolences and prayers. Your caring words, presence, and assistance gives us much comfort and strength during this difficult time. We would like to thank the Sacaton First Presbyterian Church and Lower Santan Chapel for services rendered. Also, we bestow our appreciation to the following for their contributions: Haskell Osife Antone Post 51, Haskell

Osife Antone Unit 51 Womens Auxiliary, Governor Stephen R. Lewis, District Five Councilman Thomas White, District Four Councilwoman Jennifer Allison, Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor Staff, Gila River Department of Transportation, Gila River Land Use Planning & Zoning, Gila River Chief of Police, Tim Chavez, Gila River Police Department, Honor Guard, and Ranger Division, Districts Two, Three, and Four Service Centers, Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., Chuck Pablo, KOLI Equestrian Center, Lowmans Funeral Home, Inc., Manuel Havier,

Edward Miguel, Sr., Gary Mix, Sr., Gina Thomas-Enos, Harold Patrick, Phil Salazar, Wahleen Riggs for providing extra horses, All horseback riders who participated in the Last Ride, Youtsey and Youtsey Farms, Kia's Stop by Convenience Mart, All our relatives, friends, co-workers, and everyone who provided kind words, deeds, and songs we thank you. May God bless you.
Respectfully submitted by the Pasqual Family.

Thank You

Dear Chief Administrator Ron Lopez, Our Vah-Ki Cemetery was so overgrown with weeds that our family plots and loved ones graves could hardly be seen. We want to thank Officer Ted Cuellar and Officer Harold Mendez for offering to bring a crew of trustee prisoners to help clear out the overgrown

weeds. Our appreciation and gratitude goes out to these two officers and their crew of men and women working under the hot sun, they did an outstanding job of getting rid of the ugly weeds. Now we can clearly see our loved ones graves and mounds.

Our appreciation goes out to Mr. Ron Lopez, Officer Ted Cuellar, Officer Harold Mendez and the trustee crew. Thank you so much for your help!
Sincerely,
Ike Gonzales & Cecil Lewis

CIVIL SUMMONS

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CASE Number: FM-2019-0037-DV
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TO: URIAH MIGUEL SR.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a

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YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on:
Monday, June 24, 2019 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom 1,
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YOU may respond in writing. Howev-

er, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.
If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

FACE program graduates GED class and new "giving shed" opens in Blackwater

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Blackwater Community School's Family and Child Education (FACE) program has been continuing to work on projects as part of a grant they've received.

With the help of the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy program grant, the FACE program has created self-sustaining projects that contribute to the students and Community.

Their "Elderly complex beautification and cleanup" project has been very successful with students and parents cleaning the yards of the elderly complex. The students also painted flower pots and provided their choice of flower seeds.

Another project that the school has been work-

ing on is the "uniform giving shed" to provide any student in need of a new or gently used school uniform. The shed is now open and located at the school and offers other clothing items such as jackets. The shed is also open for any donations.

The school had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the uniform giving shed on April 29. Lt. Gov. Robert Stone was present to cut the ribbon for the new shed at the school.

To celebrate the success of their projects, the FACE program rewarded the students that have worked hard and participated in the projects. Students and parents were treated to a day of pizza and fun activities at the District 1 multipurpose building.

John Fullen, teacher for the FACE Program says it couldn't have been

done without all the parents ideas, involvement and hard work in the program.

Blackwater Community School has continued to celebrate the success of their students and parents. A preschool graduation ceremony was held on May 22, at the District 1 multipurpose building.

Two of the graduating classes performed a song and dance. One, a modern song and one a traditional round dance which was sung by Barnaby Lewis. Awards and certificates were given to the students.

The graduation ceremony also acknowledged GED graduates in the FACE program, who were also inducted to the National Adult Education Honor Society: Jason Williams, Kaitlin Jackson, Anna Gonzales, and Nicholas Antone.



Blackwater Community School FACE Program and Lt. Gov. Stone at the ribbon cutting for the uniform giving shed. John Fullen/BWCS




Gov. Lewis with GED FACE program graduates. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Preschoolers are presented in District 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN



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 Tashquith 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 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

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THIS IS A LIMITED TIME OPPORTUNITY. TRANSACTIONS MUST BE MADE BETWEEN APRIL 1, 2017 AND JUNE 30, 2017 OR WHEN THE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM RUNS OUT, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. WE APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE, BUT THIS SPECIAL OFFER MAY NOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR PRICE DISCOUNT.

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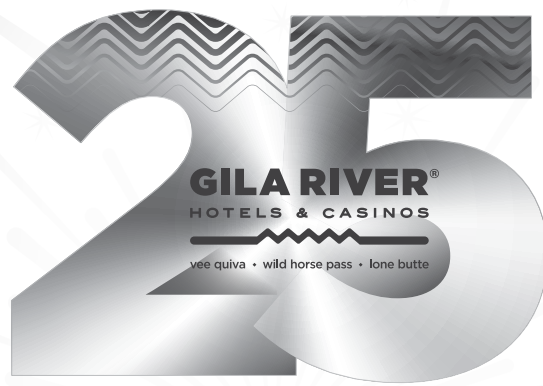
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