



U.S. Department of the Interior visits GRIC for a round table, tours and press conference

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Community leadership hosted a press conference with Katharine MacGregor, Acting Deputy Secretary-Department of Interior and Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, on the issue of violent crimes among American-Indians on June 11.

The DOI visit addressed crimes involving cold cases related to missing and murdered American-Indian women. Prior to the press conference a round table discussion was held at the Viola B. Johnson Gila River Health Care Administration Building.

Leadership from 12 tribes, along with the Community, were joined by national organizations and councils to talk about cold cases involving missing, murdered and Indigenous women and children.

The discussion covered possible connections between victims of cold cases and drug and



Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs speaks at the Council Chambers in Sacaton on June 11. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

alcohol abuse, at risk populations and domestic violence, among a myriad of issues tribal law enforcement and services face.

Gov. Lewis said preventing crimes against American-Indian women and children living in tribal communities requires a comprehensive effort by tribal, local and federal law enforcement agencies.

“These issues today threaten the very safety and security of all of our tribal members,” said Lewis.

MacGregor said, “We’re here today to demonstrate that attention is being paid to this issue and actionable items that we would formulate and like to take on behalf of the entire department at the highest levels.”

Among the high-level federal representative’s, who visited the

Community was Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Jeannie Hovland, Commissioner for the Administration for Native Americans and Michelle Demmert, Chief Justice of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Supreme Court.

Sweeney said, “There’s a need for improved partnership across the federal government and increased partnership with tribal law enforcement, tribal communities and federal government agencies.”

Demmert brought to light her peoples’ challenges in investigating major crimes that go unresolved in her community. She said, Alaska has one of the highest numbers of missing and

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Teams set to compete in annual NABI tournament



Emery Jackson Jr. playing in the 2018 NABI tournament. GRIN Photo

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Teams from all over Indian Country are set to flock to Arizona some summer basketball action. The Native American Basketball Invitational is a week-long tournament that will take place from June 24-28.

Three teams from the Gila River Indian Community will enter their hat into the ring for chance to play in the NABI tournament championships at Talking Stick Resort Arena on June 28.

Community teams to lookout for are Gila River and Snaketown

Boys & Girls. Other Community members and other O’otham tribal members will suit up for 21st Natives, Three Nations, Lady Jegos and Angels.

Last year, the boys Gila River team lead a successful run at the championship until they were stopped in the quarterfinals by eventual champion Team Indigenous, from Shawnee, Okla., 78-60 ending their NABI run.

The winners in the Boys Division D1 championship was Savage Storm from the Seminole Tribe of Florida, followed by the Boys Divisions D2 champions, Team Indigenous, while the girls Division D1 champions were NN Elite from the Navajo Nation.

Where to catch the action?

Teams will be playing across five gymnasiums and requires a bit of planning to make sure you don’t miss out. You can watch your favorite team at Maricopa High School, Ak-Chin Recreation Center, District 5 Multipurpose Building gymnasium, Leading Edge Academy and Maricopa Wells Middle School.

The annual tournament is sponsored by the Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Seminole Tribe of

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Preparing for the 2019 District 1 Bahidaj Harvest



Volunteers at the District 1 kuipod workshop. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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With the bahidaj harvest season set to begin, preparation is critical for a successful harvest starting with a strong kuipod. On Friday, June 14, The GRIC Health Initiative, in collaboration with District 1 Community, hosted a kuipod making workshop. The kuipod is used to harvest the cac-

tus fruit or bahidaj every summer around the traditional O’otham new year, which coincides with the summer solstice. The kuipod constructed at the workshop will be used for the June 29 Bahidaj Harvest campout in Blackwater. The event brought 25 participants from the Community and neighboring communities of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Commu-



Materials were gathered to make the kuipod for the bahidaj harvest. Kyle Knox/GRIN

nity and Tohono O’odham Nation.

District 1 elders Darlene Antone and Linda Pablo expressed

the importance of the bahidaj harvest as a tradition of the O’otham Himdag. Both were happy to see the younger generation in atten-

dance to learn about this kuipod process and want them also to at-

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Gardening for a happier and healthier community



Gardening workshop for men was held in District 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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On a breezy 85-degree morning on Saturday, June 8, 20 men and boys gathered at the District 6 Tribal Health Department's Com-

munity Garden for a gardening workshop. This event was one part of many coordinated by the Akimel O'otham Pee Posh Men's Group in June celebrating Men's Health Awareness Month. These

events are for men to learn more about their own wellness while building new relations within the Community for support.

Michael Mercado, Tribal Health Department, helped to coordinate this event along with the rest of the events throughout the month. Mercado said, "the interest for the gardening event came from the understanding of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh history with agriculture." His goal is to help build an understating of cultural history while learning more about our health and how our food plays a role. Workshops like this will expose Community members to new aspects of their health, and the men's group also wants to ensure participants learn about resources currently available to them.

David Van Druff was the invited speaker to provide guidance

and instruction for those in attendance. Van Druff shared critical aspects of successful planting in containers that will yield diverse crops in a small space. This strategy is excellent for first-time gardeners as it will also keep out critters from eating plants. The containers utilized in the District 6 gardens are about 25 gallons, which makes it easy to plant a variety of crops that will complement one another.

Along with the guidance and instructions, the conversations were as valuable among the participants. During the breaks, many shared stories of hiking and picking from wild shrubs to eat. Others began picking mesquite bean pods that were ripe, opening them and sharing the beans for all to taste. Door prizes for the participants included seeds, terra cotta pots, and cooling cloths.

Men's Group will be hosting a Wellness Walk in District 5 on June 22. Also, closing out the month will be the Men's Conference on June 29 at the District 5 Multipurpose Building.



Fruits and vegetable bloom in the garden. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Chiles are among the traditional plants grown. Kyle Knox/GRIN

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

tend the harvest. As elders, they stress how essential it is for youth to learn about the history of the harvest, the fruit, and how to prepare it. This education is also part of the programming of the campout at the end of the month.

The District 1 Community provided the saguaro cactus ribs in addition to the tools required to construct a kuipod. Those in attendance were instructed on how to assemble the tools by District 1

staff and elders.

Kaitlyn Martinez and Ashley Pasqual were both in attendance as first-time participants. Martinez said, "my initial interest came from the fact that I never made one before, and I wanted to learn from the elders, and I believe I achieved that today."

Pasqual took time off of work to attend, and she's looking forward to the harvest, stating, "I look forward to learning how to

make jam from the harvested bahidaj."

Elders shared some tips for anyone planning to attend the harvest. Those include wearing a big "floppy" hat, long-sleeved shirts, pants, durable work/hiking boots, and bring plenty of water. Also, if it's your first time harvesting, they want Community members to come with an open mind, pa-

tiency, and willingness to learn.

The District 1 Harvest will begin on Friday evening, June 28, by setting up the community camp. The bahidaj harvest will take place all day on Saturday, June 29. Closing out on Sunday the fruit will be processed in a variety of ways for all to learn. This event is open to the Community, and all are welcome to attend.



GRIC members use wire to construct a kuipod. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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

Incident Log

May 26 – June 01, 2019

Calls for services this week: 750

Arrest made: 24

District One- (Blackwater)

Aggravated Assault – The suspect allegedly removed a concealed handgun from within the waistline in an intimidating manner after being involved in a verbal argument with a family member. The suspect nor the victim was contacted during the incident; other family members called police to report the incident. A follow up will be conducted to locate both the suspect and victim.

Status: Open Investigation

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Three- (Sacaton)

Theft - Officers were dispatched to a domestic in progress call; upon arrival officers met with the victim. The victim was assaulted showing discoloration to the lower facial area and near the eye region. The victim stated during the assault the suspect bit the victim over jealousy of a friend that came to the residence. The suspect took items belonging to the victim including BOSE portable speakers. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival; photos were taken of the victim, whom, refused medical treatment or to be transported.

Status: Charges forwarded to law office

District Four- Stotonic Area –

Shoplifting – Contact was made with the store manager, who reported a male subject entering the store and grabbed a stack of hats before running out the door. The male that took the hats was not identified; the driver of the vehicle the suspect was identified and a follow up will be conducted to assist in identifying the male suspect.

Status: Open Investigation-pending follow up

Lone Butte Area

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the casino in reference to a theft. Upon arrival, investigation revealed the victim asked a patron to watch his machine while he walked away for a moment. At that time, an African American Male (unidentified) walks up to the machine, cashes out the ticket, proceeds to

cash the ticket and takes the money. The suspect is then observed leaving the premises in a cab. No charges are being forwarded due to no suspect has been identified.

Status: Open Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to Phoenix Premium Outlet Ralph Lauren Store where the manager reported two unidentified males came into the store and take approximately 33 shirts from a display at the store. Video surveillance was observed and will review the tape to assist in attempting to identify the subjects. Nothing further

Status: Open Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet Tommy Hilfiger Store in reference to shoplifting. Contact was made with store employee who stated three young women came into the store and proceeded to shop. One female went into the dressing room with one item not accounted for; she was approached and denied taking the item. No item was found in her possession. The item would be later recovered in the dressing room under a seat with the sensor removed; the item would not be sold per store employee. The females were able to leave on their own accord.

Status: Closed

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet Tommy Hilfiger Store in reference to shoplifting. Investigation revealed a Hispanic couple walked into the store and the male shoved a child's dress into his front right side pocket after it was selected from where it was displayed. The couple past the point of sale with no intentions of purchasing the item; leaving the store in an unknown direction; the store does wish to press charges once suspects have been identified.

Status: Open Investigation – pending suspect identification

Auto Theft – 190529-02761 While conducting a welfare check at the casino, a license plate was run through Gila River Dispatch and the vehicle was reported stolen out of Phoenix PD. There was no damage done to the interior or exterior of the vehicle; the doors were locked and secured. Elite took possession of the vehicle and the registered owners (Fox Rent a Car) was advised where the vehicle would be taken to. The vehicle was taken out of NCIC as stolen. Nothing further

Status: Closed

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Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Trade Center in reference to a shoplifting. Investigation revealed a male subject entered the store grabbing a small ice cream and a cookie. The male proceeds to the restroom where he exits moments later with none of the items. The reporting party stated the male was observed handling in the area; he was not located.

Status: Closed-pending suspect identification

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Six – (Komatke)

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched to Vee Quiva in reference to an auto theft call. Contact was made with a male subject who stated his company vehicle was taken. The male subject did not know where he lost his keys he just walked out of the casino and into the parking lot to find the vehicle gone. Video surveillance reveals an unknown male was observed in the vehicle leaving the premises. A follow up will be conducted in order to assist in identifying the unknown driver.

Status: Open Investigation-Still Outstanding

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched by the victim stating the suspect took the vehicle without permission. While speaking to the victim, it was learned the vehicle was lent to a family member to use while their vehicle was in the process of being worked on/repared. The family member had the vehicle keys but stated that the suspect took the vehicle while the family member was in the shower. Broken glass was found where the vehicle was and believed to be from a front quarter panel window of the truck. Charges are being forwarded to law office.

Status: Charges forwarded

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the casino in

reference to a stolen purse. Contact was made with the victim, she stated that an unknown female took her purse after she got up and left the area. Casino employees stated that the suspect did not use a players club card; therefore, could not be identified. The victim did not wish to pursue charges due to not knowing the suspects identification.

Status: Closed

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the casino in reference to a theft. Contact was made with the victim who stated that he left his keys on the front driver seat of the truck (windows rolled down) when asked why he stated, "they're too heavy to carry in my pocket you know?" The victim reported multiple miscellaneous tools inside and in the truck that were missing, to include an air compressor. The victim became upset because he wanted the casino to replace his items; after security explained his items would not be replaced, the victim no longer wanted contact by security or police.

Status: Closed

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed that a Sony Playstation 4 was taken from the residence sometime during the late hours on June 2, 2019. The victim stated they did not know who took it but suspected a person that knew where it was and when to come to the residence. A person of interest was identified and a follow up will be conducted with the person at a later date and time.

Status: Open Investigation- pending further information

Weapons – Officers responded to a residence where the reporting party handed over a spent shotgun shell the reporting party found southeast of the residence. Shots fired were reported earlier in the evening on 5/29/19 but officers were unsuccessful in locating anything relating

to the call for service. The shell was impounded into evidence.

Status: Closed

District Seven – (Maricopa)

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

Incident Log

June 02 – 08, 2019

Calls for services this week: 806

Arrest made: 42

District One- (Blackwater)

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

1 Open investigation

District Three- (Sacaton)

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to the 76 Gas Station in reference to a shoplifting involving three juvenile males. Review of video surveillance shows three juvenile males enter the store and proceed to take three bags of Takis Fuego, three king size Snickers, one monster energy drinks, a PA Mtn Blast and a CT hot drink; the males then left the store with the merchandise they did not pay for, leaving in an unknown direction. The store manager or employees did not recognize or know the suspects.

Status: Closed pending suspect identification

District Four- Stotonic Area –

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a theft of heavy machinery. Contact was made with a Department of Transportation employee, whom stated that CAT front end loader was parked on 6-6-19 at the end of shift. On 6-7-19 at the start of shift the employee observed the front end loader to be missing. A shoe impression was located and photographed, later being placed into evidence. A fuel cap and a flash light were also located and processed for latent prints. During the investigation GRIC DOT was pinging the GPS on the front loader; the loader was later recovered at Levee and Stotonic Rd off a canal bank.

Status: Closed - Located

Lone Butte Area

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet Tommy Hilfiger Store in reference to shoplifting. An unidentified female grabbed several items and proceeded to the fitting rooms where she concealed another item underneath the garments on her arm. After coming from the fitting room the female proceeds to walk around the store

then left without paying. The store employee stated the suspect manipulated the security tag, the reason why the alarms did not sound. The store is wishing to pursue charges should the suspect be identified.

Status: Closed – pending suspect identification

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to theft. Investigation revealed the victim was approached by the suspect requesting money. The victim left her machine to get money for the suspect asking the suspect to watch her machine. The victim returns and the suspect was gone along with the money that was left on the machine. The suspect was located but the stolen ticket was not located. The suspect was transported to a nearby medical facility and would not be taken into custody due to medical issues. Charges have been forwarded to law office for review.

Status: Charges Forwarded

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a theft call at the Wild Horse Pass Casino. Contact was made with the victim who stated she parked in the parking lot and preceded into the casino; when she returned to her vehicle she noticed her vinyl top to her Ford Mustang was missing. At the time of making the report the victim did not have the serial number to the vinyl top. A police report was generated and her insurance company was notified.

Status: Closed

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a burglary. Contact was made with the reporting party who stated the residence has been vacant since February and when the residence was checked two motorcycles were taken along with a washer and dryer. Officers responded to the residence and photos were taken and later impounded into evidence. A window that was broken was boarded up by the service center. Charges are not being requested at this time.

Status: Closed

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a theft. Upon officer arrival the reporting party stated a handgun was taken from the home. The weapon was described as a semi automatic Smith and Wesson 40 caliber handgun. The victim signed a stolen affidavit and the weapon was entered into NCIC as stolen.

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Status: Open
District Six – (Komatke)
Theft (from a vehicle) – Officers were dispatched to the Vee Quiva Casino in reference to theft. Contact was made with the victim who stated her vehicle window was not secure so items were kept in the

trunk due to being able to lock the glove compartment to access the trunk. After gambling the victim left the casino and went to a friend’s residence. Where she discovered a tote bag with clothing items and a small black purse that contained cash to be gone; victim believes she forgot to lock the glove compartment and believes the suspect is a person friend or acquaintance. Video sur-

veillance was reviewed and a copy will be impounded into evidence.
Status: Open Investigation
Burglary – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to the victim reporting theft of medication. Contact was made with the victim, who stated while she was sleeping someone entered her home and took five bottles of medication prescribed

to the victim. Also taken, were important documents that were in the victims possession. The victim believed the suspect(s) to be family members. The victim did not have any further information; no charges are being forwarded at the moment due to further investigation on suspect(s)
Status: Open investigation
Theft – Officers were dispatched to Vee Quiva

in reference to theft. Upon arrival officers made contact with the victim, whom stated that he was playing a slot machine when the suspect made contact with the victim holding small conversation. The victim asked the suspect to watch his machine while he went to the restroom. Upon returning the suspect and his money he left in the machine were gone. A phone number given to the victim

by the suspect was called yielding with negative results. Casino video surveillance will be reviewed to assist in identifying the suspect.
Status: Open Investigation – Pending follow up
District Seven – (Maricopa)
No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

Measles: What You Should Know

Tribal Health Department
Gila River Indian Community

As the Measles Virus has reemerged, here is some information you need to know.

- Measles cases have been skyrocketing in the U.S. this year, with over 1,000 reported cases so far in 2019.
- Measles is a contagious disease spread by a virus.
- It’s so contagious that when someone has

measles, 90% of the people around them who aren’t immune will also catch it.

- One in four people who get measles will need to be hospitalized.
- Seven to 14 days after exposure, symptoms begin with a high fever, cough, runny nose and red, watery eyes. Several days after that, the measles rash appears.
- Measles was declared

eliminated in the U.S. in 2000.

- One of the reasons Measles has re-emerged, a critical number of parents have chosen not to vaccinate their children.
- About 500,000 people in the U.S. can’t be vaccinated because of severe allergies or a weakened immune system.
- If you received the vaccine in its early

days, between 1963 and 1967, you may need to be re-vaccinated. Certain vaccines given in those years were not effective.
• Persons with Measles can spread the disease up to 4 days before symptoms appear.
• The virus can live outside a human body for up to 2 hours -- so even if you enter an empty room, if you don’t have immunity, you can become infected

Measles can be prevented with the MMR vaccine
• Measles vaccine is usually given to children between the ages of 1 and 6 years old. (To be most effective, they’ll get two doses)
On March 8th, 2019, a measles case was confirmed in a 12-month-old in Pima County. The confirmed case was known to have traveled to Asia 12 months prior to infection. Secondly, a possible mea-

sles case in Pima County was announced May 1st, 2019. An out-of-state visitor with measles traveled to Tucson between April 17 through 29 and may have exposed the public to the disease. If you think you or your child may have Measles, contact your health care provider right away, the risk will depend on several things, which your doctor will assess. Do not wait for symptoms.

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12:30pm				Fighting Indigenous Imprisonment	Main Street Wyoming		The New Shale Rush	
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion Tantoo Cardinal	Ravens and Eagles The New Masters	Samaqan Water Stories Akwesasne Part 1	Ravens and Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories Akwesasne Part 1	Ravens and Eagles Journey of a Song	Nunavik: Land of Ice A people between traditions and modernity who adapt to the many	
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3:00pm	William and the Windmill 14-yr sets about building a wind turbine in his Malawian village.	Native Planet - Mexico Battle between cartels and police.	Indian Pride Tribal Gov't Structure	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders - Head of the Bay	Storytellers In Motion	Making Regalia Carry Bag	
3:30pm			Aboriginal Adventures Scallop Farming	Common Ground Car Collector		On Native Ground: Youth Report	Children of the Desert	
4:00pm		First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders a coffin-making midwife, some souped-up good Samaritans, big-hearted bush boys and more	
4:30pm	Utility Baskets: Henry Arquette	Behind The Brush	People of the Pines World of Serrano	Making Regalia Decorative Carry Bag	People of the Pines Invasion and Response	Native Report		
5:00pm	Rethinking Blackduck Pottery How people of our area made multi-functional	Medicine Game Shares the remarkable journey of two brothers.	Lived History: Story of the Wind River	The Butterfish Mob/ National Monument	American Outrage US gov't persecuting and prosecuting two elderly women.	Alaska's Big Thaw	Indigenous Focus Greenhouse Project	
5:30pm			Fighting Indigenous Imprisonment	Main Street Wyoming		The New Shale Rush	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee	
6:00pm	Native Voice TV Michael Duncan	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 Dance, Monkey, Wild Archaeology Arctic In Peril	
6:30pm	The Medicine Line The Hunt							
7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures Ancient Artifacts -	Dabiyiyuu The Caribou Hunter	The New Creative India	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	Wassaja Indian Intelligence	Sharing Circle Alex Javier	Hit The Ice Show What You Got	
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8:00pm	Native Shorts Ok Breathe Auralee	Wild Archaeology Arctic In Peril	Urban Native Girl Muddy Waters	The Medicine Line The Hunt	Native Shorts Mud / Mobilize	The Aux Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World	Mixed Blessings Who's Your Daddy?	
8:30pm	The Aux Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World Indigenous cultures.	Indians and Aliens Harry Snowboy	Hit The Ice Show What You Got	Indigenous Focus Yukon Kings	Studio 49		Kvcarts Def-1	
9:00pm		The Invisible Nation Tradition undermined and natural resources plundered, often enduring abject poverty and human rights abuses.	Arkansas' First People Unique perspectives on American Indian cultural legacy, archaeological data, and interviews.	Mirando Desde Nuestras Raices-Looking From Our Roots	2018 RIVER OF LIGHTS PARADE-Christmas in Toyland	Legends from the Sky A Native Vet is forced to search for his missing grandpa after his ancestral land is mysteriously taken.	Turquoise Rose A coming-of-age story about a Navajo girl from Arizona.	
9:30pm	Blue Gap Boyz On the Navajo rez, 3 bros combine their talents to form the greatest band Blue Gap's known.			Back to Pikangikum Suicide has dwindled the happiness and cast a grief.	MCT 2019- ESSAY WINNERS, ELDER OF THE YEAR AND VET OF THE YEAR			
10:00pm		Gold Fever Soon follows blown up mountains, despoiled water supplies and broken promises over jobs.	Deep Time The ongoing boom in the context of paleo-cycles, climate change, and the dark ecology of the future.	Incas Remembered Once ruled half of South America before falling to the Spanish Conquistadors.	2019 GRIC GRADUATION BANQUET	Tears of Our Ancestors	Johnny Be Good	
11:00pm	Sheltered Peru: The Journey Begins					Wisdom of the Grandmothers Voices of elder women in today's world.	K'ina Kil: The Slayer's Son	
11:30pm	Sheltered Work Work-Don't be lazy						Stories of the River Stories of the People	

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Stay cool and safe this summer in the Community

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

June 21 marks the first day of summer and according to the Center for Disease Control, heat kills more than 600 people in the U.S. each year. Heat-related illnesses, including heat stroke and heat exhaustion, is a danger for all ages, but extreme heat poses a greater risk for children and elders.

Here are some tips for staying cool and safe: Stay hydrated! It is vital to keep your body properly hydrated, especially here in the desert. Drink more water than usual and try to avoid drinks with sugar, alcohol and caffeine. By the time you become thirsty, you are already mildly dehydrated. According to Arizona Department of Health Services, even those that mostly stay indoors should drink at least 2 liters of water per day. People that spend

more time outdoors should drink 1 to 2 liters per hour during strenuous activity.

Limit your exposure to the heat but if you are outdoors, pace your physical activity, take frequent breaks. Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing. Try to plan outdoor activities for early morning or evening.

Know the signs of heat exhaustion: feeling faint or dizzy, excessive sweating, nausea or vomiting, muscle cramps, cool, pale or clammy skin, rapid, weak pulse. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, get to a cooler, air conditioned place. Drink water if fully conscious. Take a cool shower or use cold compresses.

Heat strokes are more severe and life threatening. During a heat stroke, your temperature spikes and can damage your brain and internal organs. Here are signs and symptoms

to look out for: throbbing headache, no sweating, body temperature above 103, nausea or vomiting, rapid strong pulse, may lose consciousness. Take immediate action and call 911 if any of these symptoms occur.

In the U.S., just this year, 11 children have died after being left in a hot vehicle, two being in Arizona. The inside of your vehicle can heat up very quickly, even with the windows slightly open. 80% of the increase in temperature occurs in the first 10 minutes, and the temperature can reach 125 degrees in minutes, according to the safety organization KidsandCars.org. Another safety tip is to make sure that seat buckles are not too hot when putting your children in their seat and put your phone or hand bag in the backseat as a reminder not to leave children or pets behind.

BAHIDAJ HARVEST 2019

Kiupod Making - Friday June 14, 2019, District 1 Service Center 8:00 am

BAHIDAJ HARVEST JUNE 28-30, 2019

- June 28, 2019 – Camp set up starting 6:00 p.m. - North Blackwater
- June 29, 2019 – Morning Harvest (Leave camp at 4:00 a.m.) – Evening Harvest (Leave at 4:00 p.m.)
- June 30, 2019 – Preparation of fruit (Conclusion of Bahidaj Harvest depart from camp at 12:00 p.m)

All participants are welcome to camp out.
Volunteers for cooking are needed.
All donations are welcome.



For more information please contact Alie Walking Badger at (520) 562-9713 or email special.events@gric.nsn.us or Joey Whitman (520) 610-4631

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Florida, Nike N7, Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Mercury and Talking Stick Resort Arena.

Ahead of the tournament, a college and career fair is held for all teams, which coincides with NABI's initiative to promote education off the court. Basketball players will have a chance to hone their skills at a two-day junior basketball camp provided

by the Jr. Suns & Jr. Mercury.

Individuals can come out to support the tournament at the opening ceremony and parade of teams on Sunday, June 23, at the Ultra Star Multi-Tainment Center Ak-Chin from 6:30 pm to 9 p.m.

For those, who want to get closer to the action there is a \$25 admission fee for

the 5-day all access wristband and \$10 for one-day all access wristband, and can be purchased cash only. The kids five and under are free, including adults 65-years and older, with a valid identification card.

For more information log onto nabifoundation.org or call (480) 446-7052.

Hey everyone! Don't be so dang trashy ... PLEASE RECYCLE!

- From May 2011 through December 2018, GRIC residents have recycled **nearly 3 million pounds** of material! **When a household recycles, trash can be reduced by 40 to 60 percent.**
- Recycling has saved the Community **\$95,710** in trash disposal fees, and keeps the material out of the landfill.
- Plastic takes approximately 700 years to fully decompose. This means that your great-great grandchildren will be alive when the plastic bottle you threw in the trash today finally decomposes!

For a collection schedule and list of recyclable materials, please contact your District service center, the Dept. of Environmental Quality (520) 562-2234, or the Dept. of Public Works (520) 562-3343. You may also visit gricdeq.org

Thank you for Recycling!

Employment & Training Success Story

Employment & Training Department
Gila River Indian Community

Michael Molinar, District 4, came into the WIOA Adult Program on March 2017. He enrolled into the program with a goal to earn his Barber License and to achieve his dream of opening a barber shop on the reservation. Michael had several barriers which includes a felony in his background which kept him from being able to work and save the money he needed not only to support his young family but to also complete his dream to become

a barber. Since being in the WIOA Program, he attended the International Barber School in Chandler, AZ., the Life Skills Workshops, and Work and Readiness Training. With a lot of hard work, he was finally able to achieve his goal; he became a Barber! He has donated some of his time and new learned skills to give back to his community by giving free haircuts within the community and also during the Career Fair sponsored by Employment & Training at District 3 in the fall of 2018. Today, he has completed the last piece of his dream. He applied for and obtained his business li-



Michael Molinar, WIOA participant, is a licensed barber. Photo Courtesy E&T

cence, located a location for his new Barber Shop, and is currently awaiting approval to open his doors. He has made plans in July to give free haircuts for children going back to school. Meet him on July 20, 2019 from 10:00 to 2:00 at the D-3 Service Center and get a free haircut



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: Monday, JULY 1, 2019 - Closes: Wednesday, JULY 31, 2019

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

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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

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

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



Vechich Hemachkam Oichutha 'Next Generations Accomplishments'

Growing up in a typical O’otham family had always been a knowledge-gaining experience. As we matured, our parents and Elders eventually administered more responsibility on us. They still guided our upbringing with firmness combined their own life experiences. The males and females had specific roles and responsibilities. Even though the commands and phrases were simple, they each represented a whole process. For example, when we heard the command phrase ‘Himk am na:th heg na:thako!’ ‘Go make the fire in the stove’ We knew that we had to clean out the fire-box grates and empty the ash pit box before starting a new cooking fire inside the cast iron stove. The wood box had to have the proper sized firewood that fit inside the fire-box and the door had to close tightly in order for the fire to burn properly. Above all, the metal fire tending tools had to be readily available for the girls to poke and stir the burning wood inside the fire-box when lit. They

knew how to regulate the air-vents and dampers to regulate the heat.

For the males in our family, we learned the proper use of hand tools. Our father and uncles taught us how to maintain the family pickup truck and how to change a flat tire. Eventually we learned to change oil and spark plugs. At times, we often heard the phrase “Che’cheoj ‘o oith heg chu:v.” ‘The young men are going to hunt jackrabbits.’ When we were old enough the teenagers and boys went on jackrabbit hunts on their own. An older brother or cousin drove the group of hunters out to our hunting grounds before sunrise on the day of the hunt. Many Elders in our families requested a chu:v ‘jackrabbit’ at Thanksgiving to make “chu:v hithod” ‘jackrabbit stew.’ One of our favorite hunting grounds was along Goodyear Road in the Snaketown area.

For the girls in the family they learned about cooking and maintaining the household. One very important task for our sis-

ters was to learn how to make chemaith on their own. One phrase we often heard was ‘Hi’himk ‘o nathog heg chechmmaith.” ‘Go make the tortillas.’ When we heard those instructions to our sisters, we automatically went out and started the fire in the outdoor cooking grill. Our fire grill was a washtub that we moved around to the shade of a tree, or windbreak.

For many of us siblings, the first vehicle we learned to drive was a standard stick shift. Eventually both the boys and the girls learned to drive the backroads throughout the village taught by family members. It was a big thing when we passed the written exam and driving test for our official driver’s license issued by the Motor Vehicle Department. That life’s accomplishment was for a very good reason. From then on, we often heard the phrase. ”Tho me: am nolavthakuḍ wi: ‘k ‘o na nolavth heg haichu huk.” ‘Drive to the store and shop for groceries.” We often accompanied big sister

Vechich Hemachkam Oichutha Match the O’otham achievement phrase with its picture!

Hejel ki:kam.

Chi:pia mashchamakuḍ wi:

Hejel eñ kalith.

Bei anth heg chikpan.

Tho himk ‘o chek’sha.

Lodithakuḍ ki: chikpan.



to assist her with grocery shopping when she drove to the store in Chandler. Other times she drove eñ Je’ech eñ Lulu’u to their appointments and mail runs.

When our older relatives reached the age of eighteen many joined the military service right out of

high school. Others registered to vote on a national level and with our Tribal Government. Several family members moved into the dormitories on college campuses and sought higher education. Others went right into the workforce and earned a living wage.

We encourage you to learn these phrases and use them with your family members. Speak with an Elder or speaker in your family and learn how to pronounce the phrases. This month’s word match will test your skill on the accomplishments of our Next Generations.



Students learn how to tend soil in the gardening program. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Students learn to be junior master gardeners

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Can you identify your soil type? These topics and more were presented to a group of Community youth at one summer program. The Tribal Education Department hosted a Summer Junior Master Gardener Program at the Sacaton Head Start building from June 3-24.

This is a 4-week Junior Master Gardener program which will take place once weekly in 3 hour long workshops covering topics ranging from plant parts, needs, processes, propagation and permaculture practices according to Si-

enna Whittington, Project Manager.

The program was open to 30 students ages 8-14, who are looking for something to do during the summer break, but have an interest in planting.

Master gardening instructor Chanika Forte was present to teach the eager participants how to plant their favorite vegetables. Forte, has taught gardening and incorporating gardening into her work with the St. Vincent de Paul’s urban farm in Phoenix.

“I love working with kids, because they think outside of the box and are not afraid to get dirty out in the garden,” said

Forte. With gardening, Forte’s curriculum has now branched out to local communities to teach groups how to plant, harvest, and compost.

She said at one gardening session, they covered seeds and seasonal planting, when is the best time to plant things like corn. Forte is also a bee keeper and at one class, she brought in an empty hive and bee suit to educate the youth about the role insects play in gardening.

“We teach how good and bad bugs work in the farm and how the good ones keep that bad ones away,” said Forte.

Also, interaction with nature as a whole, we can’t survive in nature if bugs and birds weren’t fertilizing plants, which can provide us with foods. Soil plays a big role in the sustainability of vegetables said Forte.

Students learned about the different types of soil compositions and how a mixture of sand, silt and clay can improve the growth of vegetables in their own gardens at home.

After completion of the program the youth receive certificates as junior master gardeners. One of the class participants Benjamin Brown said he was interested in gardening.

“I really like this class, I always help out with my mom, I’ve been doing it since I was eight,” said Benjamin Brown a sixth grade student at Kyrene Middle School. On what he would like to grow, “It

would be raspberries, maybe corn some of this stuff I’ve done before.”

Behind the head start building, the group of participants went to work on a garden, turning up the soil by removing weeds and laying down a fresh layer of potting soil. At the garden, the students will plant a number of vegetables of their choice, like peppers, carrots, and beans.

Graduates receive recognition at Tribal Education Department banquet



Traditional singers lead a procession of graduates at the banquet. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Friends and family support the recent graduates in District 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

With the academic year closing, families from around the Gila River Indian Community gathered Friday, June 14 at the Boys and Girls Clubs of the East Valley Gila River- Komatke Branch to recognize recent graduates. Graduates ranged from high school, college, to those who completed trade or GED programs. The well-attended night also honored outstanding student achievements while encouraging all to continue in pursuing higher aspirations.

Of the 251 total graduates, registered with the GRIC Tribal Education Department (TED), 91 RSVP'd and attended the

banquet on Friday. Students were allowed to bring two guests, and with GRIC Leadership and other guests, the guest list peaked around 350 attendees.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis provided remarks after the opening procession of graduates around the gym. Gov. Lewis expressed how proud he was for all those in attendance and because of the success of the students in attendance he's confident the Community's future is in good hands. Lewis also recognized out-of-state graduates and thanked them for traveling to the event.

After the dinner, two high school graduates Marlena Whitehair (Marcos de Niza High School) and Adam Cardona Jr. (Ce-

sar Chavez High School) gave speeches. These were followed up by college graduates Christina Lopez (Arizona State University), Darius Jackson (Arizona State University), and Jacquelyn Brogley (Gateway Community College). Everyone expressed their gratitude for support from TED and shared stories of the challenges they overcame in pursuing their education.

The graduation recognition called all the students up to receive a certificate of accomplishment from Gov. Lewis, and Community Council representatives Monica Antone, Pamela Johnson, Janice Stewart and Arzie Hogg.

A portion of the evening also featured brief remarks from some of the



From left Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with Jacquelyn Brogley, Darius Jackson and Christina Lopez. Kyle Knox/GRIN

tribal entities in attendance including the Marriot, who manage the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass and Vel-

vet Button from Ramona Farms who spoke about future career opportunities. TED indicated that

the number of graduates increases each year significantly.

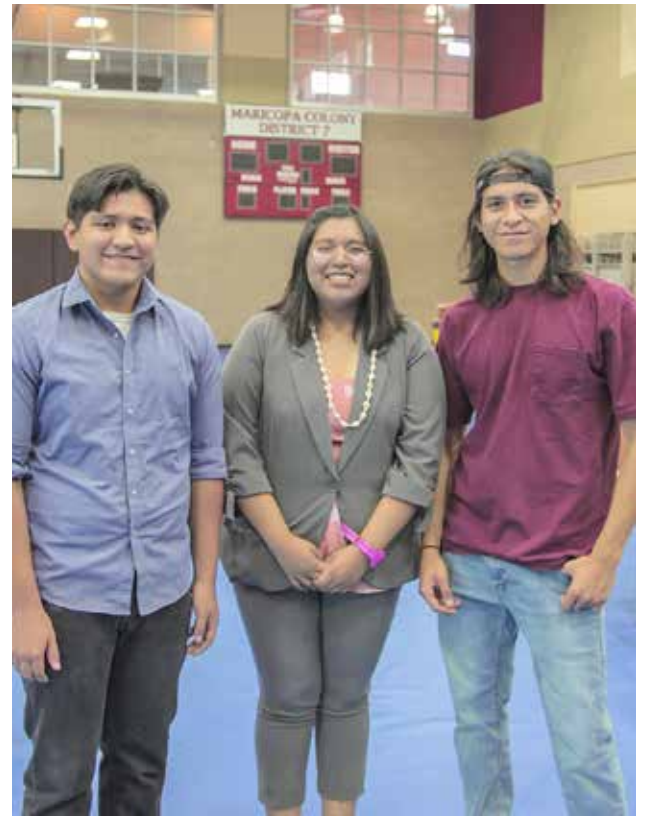
UPDATED LIST OF 2019 GRIC GRADS

Anna Renee Gonzales	Rebecca Villacort	Jessica Rios	Skyy Juan	Dakoda Lemaster	Roberto Gutierrez
Jason Williams	Miranda Preskitt	Masak Abay Knight	Destiny Sanderson	Hastings Skyler	Daniel Marrietta
Mandy Webb	Alyna Hart	Mercer Lewis	Marilyly Yellowman-Lewis	Sarah June	Thomas Cortez
Dino Trevino Jr.	Angelique Hernandez	Quentin Kyiytan	Alejandro Lewis		Roman Rodriguez
Alissa Fabela	Abrielle M. Tagert	Taylor Middaugh	Alicia Zarco	College Graduates	Celeste Apkaw
Brianna Palma	Anaiya Enos	Tristan Hutchinson	Amelia Terry	Alyssa Torres	Alyse Marrietta
David Antone	Demario C. Goclanney	Alaya Antone	Ashley Charles	Alicia Olivarez	Amanda Mitchell
Gabriel Lewis	Jacob Acuna	Dedric Osife	Cecelia Mix	Alyssa Pancott	Cassandra Pena
Haily Johns	Nicholas Preskitt	Dylan Notah	Dayna-Lee Gomez	Dayleen Thomas	Caesar Romero
Jalen McMahan	Zachary Quimayousie	Jonathan Harris	Emily Makil	Alyssa Scoffer	Darius Jackson
Johnhenry Gonzales	Derek White Jr	Robert Gonzales	Hector Barrios Jr.	Mercedes Pablo	Dominique Lopez
Sky Terrazas	Morgan Micheal	Seriah Madrid	Irene Decora	Krystal Cassa	Sheryl Bodmer
Travis Thomas Jr	Gabriel Rodriguez	Xabia Blaine	Ismael Mejia	Katherine Peter	Rayna Yazzie
Shedrick Nez	Azalya Honyumptewa	Andres Testa	Jeremiah Lewis	Rosemary Wickey	Angelo Cortez
Angelina J. Macias	Christianna Garcia	Chase Carmen	Loren Whitson	Daniel Dobbs	Jason Morfin
Riley Piepenbrink	Destiny Acevedo	Dennis Martinez	McKaylyn Williams	Charles Cassa	Darcy Racine
Amy Lewis	Kanta Garcia	Jacob Ortega	Sadie Brown	Roland Hestia	Maureen Lugo
Daisha Medina	Laticia Johns	Jose Canez Jr.	Sandra Pablo	Joseph Hill	Gustina McCandless
Malayna Hernandez	Kyle Ray Lewis	Josephine Cisneros	Steven Nasewytewa	Adrianna Rodriguez	Johnny Rodriguez
Doian Harrison	Ericka Pablo-Urias	Keyahra Murray	Tyler Namoki	Dylan Anselmo	Raquel Romero
Isaac Pantaja	Alexander White	Alejandra Castro	Zackery Lyons	Monica Begay	Chelsea Miles
Esperanza Gonzales	Alicia Penunuri	Alexis Castro	Loren Manuel	Alfonzszina Sunn	Heather MedicineBear
Adam Cardona	Allen June II	Cody Mendoza	Anthony Porter	Angelina Lewis	Christina Lopez
Aiyana Hill	Annalissia Mills	Jorge Barron Jr.	Cain Ortiz	Anna Blackwater	Mikhail Sundust
Areonna Antone	Cassidy Cook	Destiny Peters	Christopher Garcia	Claydene Miguel	Tyra Polk
Cassianna Manuel	Felicia M. Loya	Ethan Williams	Damion Antone	Ines Hernandez	Kathlyne Simmons
Giovanni Arbizu	Francisco Castro	Faith Johns	Jones Williams	Rudy Mix	Dylan Eskridge
Grace Walker	Greggory Burnette	Kobe Milda	Nicholas Tapia	Ryssa Keeto	Richard Deanda
Jaeqob Tashquinth	Hope Nish	Sunny Pratt	Paige Kyiytan	Salina Williams	Brianna Drury
JC Lewis	Micah Case	Allen Mix	Reese Jay	Destiera Miller	Brandon Nourse
Jewel Jones	Nicholas White	Andrew Thomas	Xavier Lucero	Kristopher Dosela	Christopher Manuel
Joshua Bearhand	Patricia Hernandez	Guadalupe Perkins	Jayden Pahona	Teresa Riley	Shane Lynch
Kelsea Juan	Patrick Stone	Jairo Brown	Marlena Whitehair	Trina Sundust-Garcia	Alison Anderson
Makalia Kaufman	Seaniece Miguel	Lorenza Aleman	Mayra Francisco	Erica Dawahoya	Anthony Newkirk
Sandra Harrison	Isis Gallo	Matthew Jackson	Mercedes Ruiz	Collin Lewis	Maricela Conchas
Zarrieana Bejarano	Rosalynn Rico	Mercedes Madrid	Trevor McCandless	Lila Nunez	Alicia Ochoa
Simeon Williams	Breyanna Mix	Miranda Enos	Carlos Houston	Clarissa Juan	Jacquelyn Brogley
Aaron Nacho	Khaley Talayumptewa	Nicolas Sanchez	Christianah Lopez	Priscilla Terry	
Destiny Sanderson	Albert Acunia	Percephanie Moreno	Rose Manuel	Colette Torres	
Makayla Racine	Daniel Miles	Ruth Kisto	Hailey Jones	Gemini Valenzula	
Kaitlin Holbrook	Efrin Narcia	Serena Bojorquez	Omari Rogers	Elgin Rodriguez	
Marilyly Yellowman-Lewis	Ja-Quelle Johnson	Sierra Jackson	Aries Williams	Patrick White	

Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council Host Pee Posh Bingo in District 7



The Pee Posh Bingo game was held in District 7. Kyle Knox/GRIN



From left, Angel Ortiz, Angel Molina and David Romero coordinated the event for Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

A new and unique way of language education was on display as 50 Community members who attended the District 7 Pee Posh Bingo event on Tuesday, June 4 at the District 7 Service Center. The event, coordinated by current and former members of the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council, Angel Molina,

David Romero, and Angel Ortiz. Similar events are held to teach new vocabulary or become familiar with the given language used for the game. In this case, the wording was in Pee Posh.

Angel Molina, District 7 Youth Council Rep. and Secretary, lead the charge for this event after experiencing the O'otham Bingo that the Huhugam Heritage Center hosts. Through this

event, Molina said, "she hopes to expose the language and culture more since it's not always open with activities as the O'otham language." Her initial reactions when explaining the event to the Community was surprising as "everyone seemed shocked."

The game is set up like regular bingo except it utilizes Pee Posh color names for the top row in place of B-I-N-G-O. The numbers

in the column, substituted for items announced in the Pee Posh language. For this event, the vocabulary words focused on food items. For example, former youth council representative Angel Ortiz served as a caller and would call Qwesm/ Mariik (Yellow/ Orange and Beans). If players have the beans in their yellow/orange column, then it's covered with a seed. Varied patterns apply

for winners depending on the game, including a single row, four corners, and blackout.

Members of the District 7 youth program attended in addition to elders from the Community. Those elders enjoyed the event and would like to see a version with small phrases used in place of food words.

Though this was the first Pee Posh Bingo event

held in the district, many hope for regular games. The youth organizers attribute the success of the game to the support of the Youth Council and their advisor Mikhail Sundust. David Romero also expressed that the District 7 elders, "strongly supported the event by providing the bingo cards and vocabulary words for the day's event."

GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

Fourth of July

H * A * P * P * Y

Gila River Health Care's
Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be
CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 4th

ALL PHARMACY LOCATIONS CLOSED 7/4/19

For any information on services open during the holiday, please call GRHC's main line (520) 562-3321. Normal business hours will resume Friday, July 5, 2019. If you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449



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"Putting Our People First"



Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lt. Governor

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs tours Gila Crossing Community School

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

Before the opening of the newly constructed Gila Crossing Community School later this summer, on June 11 a tour of the school was given for Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs for the U.S. Dept. of the Interior. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Community Council Representatives Devin Redbird, and Charles Goldtooth, in addition to members of the Owner's Team lead the tour.

Sweeney was instrumental in the partnership to develop the school, and

the visit was also inclusive of meetings throughout the Community. Sweeney said that, "After touring the school there's a significant opportunity for the future of the Gila River Indian Community." Sweeney will return in July for an official signing, marking the opening of the school. In the future, she looks forward to "seeing students learning and thriving in this environment." Culture, agriculture, and STEM are exceptional characteristics of the school, and she is excited about that its inclusion in the day-to-day curriculum for the students.



From left, District 6 Community Council Representative Charles Goldtooth, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Asst. Sec. Tara Sweeney, District 7 Community Council Representative Devin Redbird. Kyle Knox/GRIN

The tour demonstrated standout features of the new facility including the greenhouse, STEM build-

ings, and cultural classrooms. One classroom showcased advanced technology features. Some key

features are enhanced audio capabilities for teachers using wireless microphones and enhanced high definition audio/visual systems to support classroom instruction. Also, classrooms use natural lighting via solar tube technology, which acts as advanced "skylights" with brightness levels that can adjust.

Gov. Lewis shared their mission in the school's construction, which is, "to provide and construct a world-class educational institution for our students, leaders of tomorrow, and our future." He was pleased with the progress of the

school to date and is confident in how the finished facility will look.

Community Council Representatives Redbird and Goldtooth both attended the original Gila Crossing Community School as students. Moreover, both are eager for the school's completion. Goldtooth shared that his grandchildren will eventually attend the new Gila Crossing Community School.

Closing out the tour Community leaders presented Sweeney with a token of gratitude, a small gourd necklace adorned with water symbols.

DOI meets with tribal leaders to discuss public safety in round table

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

The U.S. Department of Interior held a listening session with tribal leaders on June 11. The Gila River Indian Community hosted the discussion "Reclaiming Our Native Communities," which focused on cold cases, violent crimes, and missing and murdered Native Americans.

GRIC was well represented with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Community Council representatives and Miss Gila River Tyler Owens who joined the session. Lt. Governor began the session with a prayer and tradition-

al song.

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) introduced "Performance Measurables: begin investigation on unsolved missing and murdered cases and assign task force teams. Develop and implement task force's work, develop standard operating procedures for task force operations, collect information on unsolved homicide and missing person cases from BIA, FBI and tribal law enforcement. Develop an annual report outlining the successes and lessons learned for each task force discipline."

While asking the questions "how to partner

together?" "what are our solutions?" "how can we further incorporate tribal law enforcement and strengthen reporting measures?"

Every tribe has their own reporting system to the BIA. Most agreed that there was not enough funding for public safety and many of the tribes dealt with issues such as I.T. infrastructures for data, dead zone areas for cell phones if there is an emergency and the issue of rural addressing.

Edward Manuel, Tohono O'odham Nation, discussed how a woman's group turned to their tribal police for data on violence against O'odham women and children, that brought up 34 cases, with most of those crimes happening off tribal lands.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President, Martin Harvier brought up the possibility for tribal law enforcement between the four sister tribes to share information.

"Today was about hearing from tribal leadership, Indian Country, advocates, and communities," said Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

Members of the session included: Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation President Bernadine Burnette, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Chairman Robert Valencia, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

Violence Against Women Task Force Co-Chair, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation Chairman Mark Fox, Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice, and Confederated Tribes of Chehalis Reservation Chief Judge Michelle Demmert,

Cook Inlet Tribal Council President Gloria O'Neill, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition Executive Director Nicole Matthews, and staff from the Office of Governor Doug Ducey and Office of U.S. Senator Martha McSally.



Leaders and government representatives give an overview of the meeting. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone (center) offers a prayer and a song at the meeting. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Miss Gila River Tyler Owens speaks at the round table session. Emma Hughes/GRIN

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

murdered Indigenous women and children, which also has the lowest amount of law enforcement to respond to calls and investigate cases.

With all the information presented, tribal representatives voiced many concerns and called for

greater efforts on all fronts to combat major crimes on reservations.

Lewis said, "We all agreed that more can and more must be done at all levels to break down those silos to have comprehensive programs and policies to attack these issues."

Jeannie Hovland said her office is looking into whether there are cross-intersections between other crimes that are connected to cold cases of missing and murdered American Indians such as opioid abuse, human trafficking and runaway and homeless youth.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, June 5, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:12 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Sister Barbrea Jean

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Delmar Jones, Jennifer Allison, Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORTS #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #8, AND #12 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND ON THE CONSENT AGENDA TO ACCEPT REPORTS #6, #7, #9, #10 AND #11; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, AND #9; AND ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #1, #5, #6, #7, AND #8

MOTION MADE AND SECOND ON THE REGULAR AGENDA TO ADD AND ACCEPT MATERIAL FOR RESOLUTION #10

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Carol A. Schurz, District 2 Representative

Avery White, District 3 Representative

Delmar Jones, District 4 Representative

Franklin Pablo, Sr., District 5 Representative

Charles Goldtooth, District 6 Representative

Devin Redbird, District 7 Representative

Presenter: Chief Judge Donna Kisto-Jones

CHIEF JUDGE DONNA KISTO-JONES ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

(15 Minute Reception to follow)

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:31 A.M.]

REPORTS

1. K-12 Education Program Quarter 3 Manager's Report
Presenter: Trina Hart

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Presenter: Sister Martha Carpenter

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Presenter: Al Chatman

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Presenter: Wanda Burton

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Community Technology Center FY2018/2019 1st & 2nd Quarter Report

Presenter: Connie Jackson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. GRTI FY 19 2Q Report January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019, GRIC Tribal Grant Award Program

Presenters: Clarice Chiago-Jones, Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. Gila River Police Department Evidence Room Update/Presentation

Presenters: Jeffery Hunter, Dan Olson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. GRTI Notice of Filing Connect America Fund Inter-Carrier Compensation (CAF-ICC) Data Submission

Presenters: James Meyers, Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. GRTI 1Q2019 Update

Presenters: James Meyers, Jennifer Burkhalter, Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. GRICUA FY 19 2nd Quarter

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Presenters: Courtney Moyah, Dale Enos

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for April 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

>1. 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; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 2172) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

APPROVED

>3. A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Inter Tribal Council Of Arizona, Inc. And The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Health Department For Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Supplemental Funding (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Christina Floyd

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Instructing The United States Department Of The Interior, Bureau Of Indian Affairs, To Uphold Its Federal Trust Responsibility By Maintaining A Full Time Superintendent At The Pima Agency (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC concurs)

Presenters: Office of the General Counsel

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Amending GR-026-19 A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Inter Tribal Council Of Arizona, Inc. And The Gila River Indian Community To Fund The Comprehensive Approach To Good Health And Wellness In Indian Country (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with additional material)

Presenter: Christina Floyd

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED 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 (ESC motioned to concur with Government & Management Standing Committee)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Designating Three Parcels Containing 104.0456 Acres More Or Less, Of Reservation Land In District Three For The Purpose Of Establishing Drainage Systems; And Granting Rights-Of-Way Easements To The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Land Use Planning And Zoning For The Purpose Of Designing,

Operating, Managing, And Maintaining The Drainage Systems And Applicable Appurtenances (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Norman Brewer

ACCEPT AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>8. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Robert Lee Blaine Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela

ACCEPT AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Approving The Sale Of The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Spectrum License To AT&T And Authorizing A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity By Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. In Connection With And For The Limited Purpose Of Any Litigation To Enforce The Terms Of The License Purchase Agreement Or The Enforcement Of Any Order Entered In Any Litigation (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: James Meyers, GRTI Board of Directors

ACCEPT AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA [Addendum to Agenda]

10. A Resolution Approving The Gila Crossing Day School Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Department Of The Interior

Presenter: Michael Carter

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

Governor Stephen R. Lewis suspended the rules to move to Unfinished Business #6 to allow for the ballots to be tabulated

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Government & Management Standing Committee Appointment – (3) Council Seats

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN CAROL SCHURZ, COUNCILWOMAN PAMELA JOHNSON AND COUNCILMAN ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR.

2. Natural Resources Standing Committee Appointment – (1) Council Seat

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN DEVIN REDBIRD

3. Health & Social Standing Committee Appointment – (2) Council Seats

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN CAROL SCHURZ AND COUNCILMAN DELMAR JONES

4. Economic Development Standing Committee Appointment – (1) Council Seat

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN DELMAR JONES

5. Cultural Resource Standing Committee Appointment – (3) Council Seats

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN CAROL SCHURZ, COUNCILMAN AVERY WHITE, AND COUNCILMAN FRANKLIN PABLO, SR.

6. Standing Committee Community-At-Large Member Appointments

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO PLACE THE COMMUNITY-AT-LARGE POSITIONS ON HOLD FOR FURTHER

REVIEW TO DEFINE SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, NUMBER OF

COMMITTEES ALLOWED TO SERVE ON AND SALARY REVIEW; FURTHER RECOMMEND THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL DECLARE THE VACANCIES FOR INTERESTED COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SERVE VACANCIES UP TO, BUT NO LONGER, THAN 6-MONTHS AND REPORT BACK IN 90-DAYS WITH THE STATUS

*Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN TERRANCE EVANS

*Natural Resources Standing Committee
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN CHARLES GOLDTOOTH

*Health & Social Standing Committee
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG

*Legislative Standing Committee
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN TERRANCE EVANS

*Education Standing Committee.
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN CHARLES GOLDTOOTH

*Economic Development Standing Committee
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN CHARLES GOLDTOOTH

*Cultural Resources Standing Committee
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN DEVIN REDBIRD

7. Community Council Secretary Appointment
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT SHANNON WHITE

8. Pro Se Application For The Removal And Exclusion Of Non-Members (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
 Presenter: Javier Ramos
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE PRO SE APPLICATION WITH AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY TO AMEND THE INSTRUCTION AND APPLICATION TO MEET THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS

9. Application For Exclusion From The Gila River Indian Reservation (Executive Session) (LSC forwards to Council to request a special meeting)
 Presenter: Javier Ramos
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SET A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 27, 2019, AT 9AM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE NON-MEMBER SHOULD BE EXCLUDED AND REMOVED PURSUANT TO THE GILA RIVER COMMUNITY CODE TITLE 8, CHAPTER 1

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. IOPC Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business to request a Special Council Meeting to discuss options for IOPC).
 Presenters: Interim Oversight & Planning Committee, Ron Rosier
 ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD TO THIS ITEM THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN FRANKLIN PABLO, SR. AND COUNCILMAN AVERY WHITE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR a Special Work Session, July 1, 2019 at 9am TO DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR THE IOPC

NEW BUSINESS

>1. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation FY 2018 Financial Audit (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation to accept)
 Presenters: Elizabeth Antone, REDW
 ACCEPT AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Gila River Farms Board of Director's Declaration of Vacancy – (1) Seat (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business to open up for any interested Council member)
 Presenters: Gila River Farms Board of Directors
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN AVERY WHITE

3. Status and Decision Tree for Lone Butte Wastewater Treatment Plan (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business)
 Presenters: Frank Anderson, Ron Rosier
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. Department of Community Housing – FY 2019 Semi-Annual Report (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business)
 Presenter: Laurie Thomas
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

>5. GRTI Independent Auditor's Report and Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2018 and 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept; EDSC forwards to Council for placement on the consent agenda under New Business with a recommendation to accept)
 Presenters: Robert Bresnahan, James Meyers, Board of Directors
 ACCEPT AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA [GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS RECUSED HIMSELF FROM THE ITEM AND TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE. COUNCILWOMAN MONICA ANTONI ALSO RECUSED HERSELF FROM THE ITEM HOWEVER, REMAINED IN THE MEETING TO ASK A QUESTION]
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE ITEM #6 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND TO BE HEARD
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Request for Investigation (Executive Session) (LSC forwards to Council for discussion and action)
 Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee
 ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE OSBORNE MALEDON LAW FIRM CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER IMPROPER CONDUCT OCCURRED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO PLACE COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER ALLISON ON INVESTIGATIVE SUSPENSION PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION

>7. Revenue Internal Audit 2nd Quarter Report (Executive Session) G&MSC accepts and forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session
 Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller
 ACCEPT AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. Gaming Internal Audit 2nd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC accepts and forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session)
 Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller
 ACCEPT AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Board of Director's Vacancy
 Presenters: Reviewing Committee
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE THE VACANCY FOR 30-DAYS AND TO ALLOW MS. CONTRA NELSON TO REMAIN ON GRTI BOARD UNTIL THE VACANCY HAD BEEN FILLED [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

10. 2019 NCAI Mid-Year Conference & Marketplace, June 24-27, 2019 in Sparks Nevada Travel
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO ANY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND UTILIZE DUES AND DELEGATIONS

MINUTES

1. May 1, 2019 (Regular)
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. May 15, 2019 (Regular)
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE PENDING CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE MOTION FOR THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WESTERN REGION OFFICE PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE SALT RIVER AGENCY AND PIMA AGENCY AND AN ADDED SUMMARY [LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE SUSPENDED THE RULES TO ADDRESS UNFINISHED BUSINESS #6]
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD NCAI MID-YEAR TRAVEL ANNOUNCEMENTS
 ~GILA CROSSING SCHOOL OWNERS TEAM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019, LAW OFFICE
 ~SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS UPDATE
 ~EXCLUSION HEARING JUNE 27, 2019. 9AM
 ~EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE ATTENDING THE TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WORK SESSION IN SEDONA, AZ
 ADJOURNMENT
 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:28 P.M.
 * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
 > Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the issuance of the air quality operating permits for the following existing facilities: Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino 5040 W. Wild Horse Pass Blvd, Chandler, 85226 District 4
 Sheraton Grand Wild Horse Pass Resort 5594 W. Wild Horse Pass Blvd, Chandler, 85226 District 4
 Lone Butte Casino 1077 S. Kyrene Rd., Chandler, 85226 District 4
 Triax Industries 6519 W. Allison Rd., Chandler, 85226 District 4
 Smurfit Kappa N.A. 6725 W. Allison Rd, Chandler, 85226 District 4
 Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino 156091 S. Komatke Ln., Laveen, 85339 District 6

Air Contaminants Emitted:
 Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)
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 Sulfur Oxides (SOx)
 Particulate Matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM10)
 Particulate Matter (PM)
 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)
 Public Notice Start Date: June 7, 2019
 Public Notice End Date: July 8, 2019
 Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and

respond to all the comments received. Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review at the DEQ Sacaton office (during normal business hours) and on the AQP website at: <http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education--outreach/public-notices>. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality Attn: Ryan Eberle

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147
 Physical Address: 5350 N. 48th St., Suite 150, Chandler, AZ 85226
 For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 or visit our office located at 5350 N. 48th St., Suite 150, Chandler, AZ 85226. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CIVIL SUMMONS

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 LEILA SHAY MIGUEL
 Petitioner/Plaintiff
 vs.
 URIAH MIGUEL SR.
 Respondent/Defendant
 CASE Number: FM-2019-0037-DV
 CIVIL SUMMONS
 TO: URIAH MIGUEL SR.
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.
 YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on:
 Monday, June 24, 2019 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom I,
 AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

YOU may respond in writing. However, 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.

NOTICE OF CIVIL HEARING

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 VANESSA MARIE GONZALES,
 Petitioner/Plaintiff
 vs.
 LEOPOLDO PINO,
 Respondent/Defendant
 CASE Number: CV-2019-0156-OP
 CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING
 Please take notice that a(n) Order of Protection Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court.
 This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:
 Monday, July 15, 2019
 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom I,
 AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

Vechich Hemachkam Oichtha Match the O'otham achievement phrase with its picture! SOLUTION!

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Tho himk 'o chek'sha.

Lodithakuq ki: chikpan.

Public safety agencies prepare for potential high-risk fire season in 2019

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

As the Community and the rest of the Southwest gets ready for the summer months, public safety authorities stress the importance of fire prevention. The Gila River Fire Department and Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire Agency are on an initiative to prevent home and wild land fires.

“We are coming together, because the rain [earlier] this year was tremendous and as a result the weeds are growing in abundance,” said Kathy Garcia Gila River Fire Department Deputy Chief Fire Marshal.

She said the high temperatures can create a dry environment, which leads to large amounts of fuel to feed a fire. To get the Community prepared for a potential high-risk fire season, GRFD and BIA Tribal Response Team Fire recommend having yards clear of weeds, brush and other fuels to feed the blaze.

“It’s not just homes as well, we have wildlife and native vegetation, that are back in dense areas of the Community, like District 6 and 7. Those could be wiped out by a fire and allow for invasive species to grow in their place,” said Kathleen Livingston BIA Fire Agency.

She said it’s about protecting the cultural resources of the Community, which can be lost if a fire were to break out at a residence and spread to other areas.

National fire safety campaigns like “Ready, Set, Go!” are being promoted

throughout the country and in Arizona. The campaign is meant to educate the public about how to prevent homes from being in fire danger, be prepared in case a fire breaks out, be alert of warnings to evacuate in case an area is in imminent danger and life-threatening to residents.

The word “Ready” means, residents should be aware of the fire hazards around by keeping a 30 to 100-foot defensible space around their home.

Be “Alert,” means stay up to date with the latest information and have a plan to relocate to another area. “The biggest thing with previous years, we’ve had fire incidents, that had homes in their path, like the Ethan fire in 2008,” said Livingston. That fire ran along the riverbed and surrounding areas, close enough to endanger nearby residences.”

That is why it is important to keep a yard cleared of fuels, to make sure a home has a surviving chance in the event of a brush or wildfire. If a fire is too much and evacuation is necessary, the third tip is “Go,” which means individuals need to evacuate the area when they receive instruction from emergency response personnel and agencies.

Garcia said, having a yard cleared of brush can keep a fire from coming to a house and causing extensive damage and displacing families. The important goal Garcia said is to prevent the loss of life, “For the elderly and disabled Community

members, those who can’t get out quick enough, family members have to make sure there is a safe distance of brush cleared around

their home.” The importance is informing Community members, that fire dangers can happen closer to

homes, than people most think. “We encourage home owners, people that live down there to be proactive in caring for their homes’

surroundings,” said Steven Nasewytewa GRFD Fire Inspector.

FOR THE PASQUAL FAMILY



FOR A TRUE PIMA COWBOY *(in honor of Leslie Pasqual)*

*He walked straight and
he sat tall and proud in the saddle
for 92 years.
For all the years we knew him
he reminded us of who we are
and made us proud of where we came from.
With a warrior’s courage
he fought for our freedom in a faraway war
then came home to fight a water war for his horses and cattle.
And with quiet dignity he stood and fought so
jackrabbits and birds and quail would also have water
because he revered all living things.
Always respectful just being his own natural self
he reminded us to be humble with a joke
and a catchy saying that we would never forget.*

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*When it was his time to go  
and with his family all around him  
he sat up and looked at each one of them one last time.  
He called each one by name  
and said “I’m okay”  
then he went when he was ready.  
So until we meet again Pima Cowboy  
we’ll look for your truck coming down the road  
and we’ll miss your friendly wave.  
The last of your kind  
not a rhinestone cowboy but the real deal  
a true Pima cowboy.  
But we won’t ever be the same  
because you made us better  
you made us stronger – you made us prouder.  
Father grandfather  
great-grandfather relative friend  
American veteran and Native warrior.  
Always a cowboy  
a true Pima legend  
and forever O’otham.*

~Sapo~

By  
willardene lewis

## THANK YOU



On May 23rd, 2019 I lost my companion of 14 years. My son lost his dad Rosembett O. Guzman known to many as “Rosemburg.” He lived with me here in Casa Blanca for the years we were together helping raise our son all these years. Rosemburg always helped family and friends when needed. He had a kind heart and worked endless hours on his plants. Rosemburg did yardwork for community members in his spare time. He loved his family deeply and called the Makil/Lewis families his own. His mother in law Karen Lewis will miss all the odd jobs he did around her house and to her vehicle. He cared so much for Bernella and their son Flaviano.

At this time, I would like to take this time to thank all those that donated in the Go Fund Me/ monetary donations to help with his services. To Governor Stephen R. Lewis and his staff for the support in our hardship and reaching out to us in our time of grief. The District 5 Service Center and laborers,

Gila River Telecommunications for the donation of water, GRPD, Councilman Frank Pablo, Sr. and former Councilman Brian Davis and his family for the tremendous support; Mr & Mrs. Jason Wood and family for traveling from Santa Rose Village on the Tohono O’odham Nation to do the rosary at the wake; Cecil Lewis Sr. & Jr. and Arnold Molina for playing music for Rosemburg; Harold Patrick and Sam Carlos for the use of their P.A. system and band equipment; Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Sunna for the food for funeral feeding and Verna Sunna for all the paper products; Carla Fulwilder for the casket spray; Camille Miguel for the video that was put together in Rosemburg’s memory; Carlos family from Salt River for the boutonnieres; Tonya Raphael and Paula Rhodes for helping get the cross; Kenneth Manuel GRGE CEO and Doug Simpson GRGE Director of Security for your understanding during our time of loss; Heather Robertson, Pinal County Medical Examiner for her patience and understanding as we waited for someone to bless the body as they took him; Micah Powell, Pinal County Medical Examiner for your guidance and helpful information for us during this time; Also to Tony Enos, Loretta Peters, Darren Morago, Brianell Davis, and Miriam Lara for your heartfelt support; My Makil/Lewis families for being there from the day he left us; Everyone for their continued prayers for my family especially my son who lost his dad on the day of his 8th grade promotion. Blessings to all those who helped in anyway. Rosemburg will be missed for now, he has made his journey home. Bernella and Flaviano



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**\$159/mo.**

2014  
Dodge Avenger



**\$20,999**

4WD  
2015  
Ford F-150



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2016  
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**\$285/mo.**

2016  
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2018  
Nissan Armada



**\$23,999**

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