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Gila River Indian Community celebrates 74th Anniversary of Iwo Jima flag raising

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The 74th Anniversary of the Iwo Jima flag raising was celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 23 in Sacaton beginning with a fly-over

by three Boeing-Stearman model 75 biplanes to kick off the parade. Thousands of people lined the sides of Casa Blanca Road to watch the many veteran groups throughout the country participate

in the Community's parade that started from Skill Center Road down to the Matthew B. Juan - Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park. The parade's Grand Marshals were WWII Veterans Sophie

Yazzie, Women's Army Air Force Corp. and Adolfo Celaya, U.S. Navy.

During the parade, special recognition was given to World War II vets that were in atten-

dance and to Arizona Congressman Ruben Gallego, who served in the United States Marine Corps who was presented with a blanket by Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Governor Robert Stone for the support Congressman Gallego has given the Community.

Following the parade, veterans and spectators gathered at the Matthew B. Juan - Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park for the flag raising ceremony. Urban Giff welcomed everyone to the event and Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 Color Guard posted the colors w followed by an invocation by Joaquin Comaduran, Post 84 Chaplain.

The flag raising started off with two American flags being raised and the National Anthem sung by St. Peter Mission School Choir; then the raising of the POW-MIA, tribal, state, and service flags.

Gov. Lewis was the keynote speaker, who thanked the veterans and those who were in attendance and remembering those that have gone on.

Blessing of the five wreaths was done by Comaduran, the wreaths were then laid in their respective monuments located

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Skyline Boys win the CAA Division I title in Phoenix

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The Gila River Skyline Mustangs had a magical season, going undefeated and winning the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) Championship game, something the team has been working hard for.

The state championship game took place on Monday, Feb. 18 at the Talking Stick Resort Arena in Phoenix. "From my perspective, everything went accordingly as planned; we trained hard for this. We're glad to bring the banner home," says one of the players, Martese June.

Last year the team fell short in the state championship against Ha:san Preparatory & Leadership School but this year they made a comeback, winning the state championship against Madison Highland Prep, 58-44. "It was just a good experience because we were so close last year, it was good to go back there and actually win it. It was a good feeling," said Micah Case.

"I'm extremely proud of these young men, they came, they

executed the game plan. The other team was well coached and it was a very competitive game. They showed their heart. They showed their pride and everything and let it all out there on the court and they were victorious," said Michael Craig, Skyline coach and athletic director. Craig also recognized Francisco Castro as their MVP and thanking the Community for showing up in support. "We played as a team and we won as a team," said Craig, also noting that there are a few colleges that are looking at some of the players.

"I was glad that we were able to bring back and share with these young kids because they're able to see the feeling and understand that they can be in that same position if they try hard. It's a blessing to know that some of these kids look up to us because that helps us push harder and become better people for our Community," said June.

Skyline principal Vaughn Flannigan has said that he is impressed with how determined the team was after falling short in last year's championship. "They proved that if they set their minds

to do something, they can do it. That's what I'm most proud of and the fact that they did it

as a team. They stuck together through everything. They all supported each other," said Flannigan, "They earned that trophy and banner."



Skyline Mustangs pose with banner and trophy after winning championship. Vaughn Flannigan/Skyline

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PHYSICAL HEALTH

Rest, Relaxation, Breathing & Sleep • Movement, Stretching, Physical Activity & Exercise
• Diet (water, servings of fruit/veggies) • Prevention • Visit your medical provider • Take
meds and conduct self-exams as directed •

MENTAL & EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Express your emotions, talk about your feelings • Calm your mind-read or listen to music
that is pleasing • Explore personal development • Deliberately make yourself laugh or
smile • Talk about your values and what matters most • Know that you're not alone • Be
kind. Help others • Pause & meditate • Engage in healthy relationships • Express your
creativity • Be around places and people that inspire you •

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The importance of self-care extends to purely physical aspects of your health. Physical activity is vital not only for your bodily well-being but also for helping you let off steam.

PHYSICAL & SELF-CARE IDEAS

- **Eat healthy and fresh foods**
- **Do yoga. Even if you've never tried it!**
- **Remember to hydrate with water**
- **Go running with your dog (or a friend's)!**
- **Sleep well and take naps to reenergize**

MENTAL & EMOTIONAL SELF-CARE

When it comes to your emotional health, one of the best self-care tips is to make sure you fully engage with your emotions. When you face them head-on, this helps with stress.

EMOTIONAL SELF-CARE IDEAS

- **Relationships are important. Make time to be with friends/family.**
- **Be honest about your feelings.**
- **See a therapist, even if it's general personal development.**
- **Laugh & smile**
- **Be creative**
- **Be grateful**
- **Keep up a daily meditation or mindfulness practice.**

Source: Content paraphrased from the [Thelawofattraction.com](http://thelawofattraction.com)

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GRIC member and 2018 MacArthur Fellow gives poetry reading at ASU



Natalie Diaz discusses her poetry at ASU Old Main on Feb 12. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Being a daughter, sister and a writer is the backdrop of one author's poems of living in a tribal community. Natalie Diaz, Associate Professor at Arizona State University Department of English, read her poetry at an event hosted by the Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writ-

ing at ASU Old Main on Feb. 12.

The event celebrated the work of Diaz, who was among the winners of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation fellowship last year. Her work explores life growing up in the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe along the Colorado River between Arizona and California.

Diaz, is also an enrolled

member of the Gila River Indian Community, which she recognized during the reading as an essential part of her heritage and exploration into the issues concerning the environment, like water.

"I believe in the power of language, the way I always thought of it is like an energy, it's something that's moving inside that is physical," said Diaz. On

attraction of language and poetry, she said, "What am I a part of? What is it that each and every one of us sitting in this room feel like we are a part of?"

Her work examines the complexity of carving out an identity in a shifting society of Native American culture. "Our young people, that are learning their languages, are now charged with creating new words to describe the things that are in their life, that didn't exist before," said Diaz.

Diaz's first collection, "When my Brother was an Aztec," was published in 2012, and explored her relationship with her late brother as well as the ravages of diabetes, substance abuse and bigotry directed towards American Indians.

She shared a passion for basketball with her brother, but their paths diverged as her brother struggled with drug addiction. Diaz immortalizes her brother's life and those around her in a way that both remembers and brings to light the problems families face in tribal communities.

Next year, Diaz will release a new collection called, "Postcolonial Love Poem."

Longtime employee retires from PMIP

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

At the Pima Maricopa Irrigation Project offices co-workers and colleagues celebrated the career of Henrietta Lopez on Feb. 27.

David DeJong, PMIP Director, said Lopez was a bridge between PMIP and the Community on canal projects. "Henri helped to tell the story of the work needed to be completed, when projects were underway," he said, "It's a pleasure to have worked with you. You have contributed much to our community."

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was present to recognize Lopez's years of service, "It's really a legacy that she is leaving behind." He said Lopez filled a key role in the development of PMIP, by explaining to the Community what the department was about and how it tied them back to their connection with the river.

Before joining PMIP, Lopez was a former Community Council Representative from District 4. After her term ended, Lopez still wanted to be involved with the Community and applied with PMIP as secretary for the public involvement division.

"I just got out of council and I was looking for opportunities with the Community," said Lopez, "I just wanted to get back to work and so I applied for the

secretary position for the public involvement and that's how I started with PMIP."

With the encouragement of two colleagues, Robert Sotomayor and Ethan Allen, Lopez applied for to the position of Public Involvement Specialist. Upon moving into the position, Lopez said it was an opportunity, that came with many challenging experiences, but that as a team, everything worked out.

"You work through all of the challenges and I couldn't have done it without all of [you]," said Lopez. Other initiatives Lopez worked on, was the establishment of the Cultural Resource Standing Committee with Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Barnaby Lewis.

Lopez and Lewis both put together the policies for the Cultural Resources Committee, which reviews and makes decisions on items of cultural significance involving the Community.

Gov. Lewis said Lopez's retirement was bittersweet, because she is leaving at a historical time when the Community opens the MAR 5 Interpretive Trail.

It is one of the last projects Lopez has worked on, which is symbolic of the Community's water rights settlement, that also educates the public about the cultural and historical ties to the river and the plants that draw water



Gov. Lewis stands with Henrietta Lopez, who will be retiring from the Community. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

from the MAR 5 recharge site.

As a token of his appreciation, Gov. Lewis presented Lopez with a necklace made by a Community artist, with inscription

of her 21 years of service with GRIC. PMIP staff members, also presented Lopez with a Pendleton blanket and a plaque recognizing her years of service.



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April 23, 2019

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The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancy: Board/Committee Gila River Indian Community Cultural Resources Standing Committee Community-at-Large
Number of Vacancies One(1)
Deadline April 22, 2019 12:00 pm
Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Indian Community Cultural Resources Standing Committee as the Community-at-Large member, must submit a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé).
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancy: Board/Committee Gila River Indian Community Economic Development Standing Committee Community-at-Large
Number of Vacancies One(1)
Deadline April 22, 2019 12:00 pm
Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Indian Community Economic Development Standing Committee as the Community-at-Large member, must submit a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé).
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Number of Vacancies One(1)
Deadline April 22, 2019 12:00 pm
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The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancy: Board/Committee Gila River Gaming Commission Gaming Commissioner
Number of Vacancies One(1)
Deadline March 18, 2019 12:00 noon
Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Gaming Commission, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé).
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The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancy: Board/Committee Gila River Gaming Commission Gaming Commissioner
Number of Vacancies One(1) UNEXPIRED TERM
Deadline March 18, 2019 12:00 noon
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Number of Vacancies Four (4)
Deadline March 11, 2019 12:00 noon
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1:30pm		Journey to Opportunity			Utility Baskets: Henry Arquette			
2:00pm	Storytellers In Motion <i>First Lady of Cinema</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>To Pay Respect</i>	Samaqan Water <i>Stories Akwiten</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Eagle of the Dawn</i>	Samaqan Water <i>Stories Remembering</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Eagle of the Dawn</i>	Bound to Tradition	
2:30pm	Behind The Brush <i>Waimarama</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Seed-Saving</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Community Gardening</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Northern Garden</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Welcome to Vitality</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Gardening Therapy</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	
3:00pm	Wassaja <i>Dominica</i>	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Wassaja <i>Dominca</i>	
3:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
4:00pm	Tales of Wonder 1 <i>Collection of Indian stories and legends.</i>	Native Planet - <i>Chile</i> <i>Passionately defending their way of life against environmental threats.</i>	Indian Pride <i>Health & Healing</i>	On Native Ground: <i>Youth Report</i>	The New Zealanders <i>Head of the Bay</i>	Storytellers in Motion	Making Regalia <i>Tipi Applique</i>	
4:30pm			Aboriginal Adventures <i>Forest Foraging</i>	Common Ground <i>Art Collectors, Painter</i>		On Native Ground: <i>Youth Report</i>	Children of the Desert	
5:00pm	Tales of Wonder 2 <i>Gregs's traditional way of Native American storytelling.</i>	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders - <i>Coffin making midwife, bush boys and a cop with a mighty chop.</i>	
5:30pm		Behind The Brush	People of the Pines	Making Regalia <i>Tipi Applique</i>	People of the Pines <i>Uncharted Territory</i>	Native Report		
6:00pm	The Winter Bear Project	Rethinking Blackduck Pottery	First People of Kumeyaay <i>Share a heritage that goes back "to the beginning of time."</i>	Ancestral Languages Heard Again	Holders of Wisdom	Dust & Bones <i>Examines legal issues and historical mysteries.</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Greenhouse Project</i>	
6:30pm	Journey to Opportunity	<i>A look at experimental archaeologist.</i>		Utility Baskets: Henry Arquette			Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee	
7:00pm	Native Voice TV <i>Tony Redhouse 2</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Wapos Bay <i>A Time to Learn</i>	
7:30pm	The Medicine Line <i>A Rolling Stone</i>						Wild Archaeology <i>Land of the Giants</i>	
8:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Tidal Rapids-Port</i>	Dabiyiyuu <i>The Caribou Hunter</i>	The New Creative India	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	Wassaja <i>She Represents</i>	Sharing Circle <i>Reggae Leech</i>	Hit The Ice <i>The Assessment</i>	
8:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
9:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Plains Empty / Flat</i>	Wild Archaeology <i>Land of the Giants</i>	Urban Native Girl <i>Gay? Queer? 2-</i>	The Medicine Line <i>A Rolling Stone</i>	Native Shorts <i>Plains Empty / Flat</i>	The Aux <i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World</i>	Mixed Blessings <i>Partly Hardly</i>	
9:30pm		Indians and Aliens <i>Sonny</i>	Hit The Ice <i>The Assessment</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Ubuntu /Greenhouse</i>			Moose T.V. <i>Surviving Moose</i>	
10:00pm	The Aux <i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World</i>	Native American <i>Healing in the 21st Century</i>	Appetite for <i>Destruction The Palm Oil Diaries Investigates what has</i>	Australia's Shame	More Than Frybread <i>22 Tribes compete at the first Frybread Championship.</i>	Maina	Legends from the Sky <i>A Native Vet serches for his missing grandfather after land is mysteriously taken.</i>	
10:30pm								
11:00pm	Buffy St. Marie <i>One of the most influential Aboriginal figures.</i>	The Tundra Book <i>A rare glimpse into a community determined to preserve it's ancient</i>	Peach Blossom <i>Garden</i>	Aztec: Pyramids of War			Fractured Land	
11:30pm					Johhny Be Good			
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Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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

Incident Log

January 20 - 26, 2019

Calls for services this week: 733

Arrest made: 28

District One (Blackwater):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a subject with a gun. The investigation revealed the suspect had been told previously to stay away from the residence. The suspect and a family member were next door when they began to argue with the victim. The suspect was sprayed with mace after repeatedly being told to leave. The other individual with the suspect was also sprayed with mace after being told to leave the premises. The suspect then grabbed a backpack and removed what was perceived to be a small caliber handgun from the bag and threatened to shoot the residence and pointed it towards the victim. The two individuals were observed leaving the residence and the suspect was taken into custody and booked into jail.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Four (Stotonic Area):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlet reference to a shoplifting. A store employee stated a male subject entered the store, walked around and picked up sev-

eral clothing items and proceeded to the fitting room. After trying on the clothing only one of the items was returned to the employee. The suspect did the same thing a second time, taking clothing into the fitting room and only coming out with one item. The suspect proceeded to the register where they claimed to not have their wallet. As the suspect was leaving the store the alarms were set off at the door, the suspect left running southbound.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched reference to a stabbing. Contact was made with the reporting party, who advised one male and two females arrived at the residence and fought with the victim. The three suspects left in a vehicle and the victim left on foot. The vehicle was stopped a short time later and the suspect was taken into custody. A crime scene was located with blood on the doorway, the wall along with the front porch. A witness stated a fight broke out and the suspect was observed swinging their arm around as if holding a knife or blade. Another victim arrived at the scene stated that there were also stabbed during the incident. The suspect was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

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Status: Under Investigation

Theft: Officers responded to a farming facility in reference to criminal damage and a theft. Upon arrival the employees showed the officer three vehicles that had been damaged. One belonged to the company and the other two vehicles were employee vehicles. The windows on the vehicles had been shattered and one the vehicles had tools removed from it.

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District Seven (Maricopa):

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District Eight (Lone Butte Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a burglary call. Upon contact with the reporting party, it was stated that everything was set in place and nothing out of the ordinary was observed when leaving for work earlier in the day. Another family member had come home and observed the kitchen window

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Theft: Officers were dispatched to a commercial structure in reference to a burglary. Contact was made with the reporting party, an employee of the company. The employee stated the silent alarm was activated and upon his arrival to the site, a fence was damaged by cutting the chain that secured the area. During the investigation it was learned items had been taken from the fenced in area.

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District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

District Three (Sacaton):

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District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to HuHuKam Memorial Hospital in regards to a patient that had been stabbed. The victim stated he walked from Chandler but when he got near the intersection of Hunt and Arizona he was approached by three individuals. The three suspects demanded the victim's wallet and any valuable he had on his possession. The victim refused to hand over his possessions so the three suspects began to assault the victim. The suspect then fled the area in an unknown direction.

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Status: Under Investigation

Incident Log
January 27 – February 02, 2019

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District One (Blackwater):

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to Blackwater Community School in reference to a burglary. Investigation revealed four juveniles entered the school, stole several items and caused damages to a video surveillance camera. One of the suspects was identified and later arrested at his residence.

Status: Juvenile suspect was arrested and booked into JDRS

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District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Auto Theft- A vehicle

was stolen from an office area at the Lone Butte Industrial Park. Investigation revealed a key had broken in the ignition and the employees figured Fleet Services had picked it up. After checking on the status of the vehicle, it was determined the vehicle had been stolen. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

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Theft – Officers were dispatched to a dirt lot near Casa Blanca Rd and SR 587. The victim stated while selling merchandise, two suspects arrived at her stand and purchased items. As they were leaving one of the male suspects grabbed other merchandise and threw it into the vehicle. The other male began to argue with the suspect about the stolen merchandise. The victim stated the males argued briefly before both leaving in the vehicle with the items.

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Theft – Officers were dispatched to the District Six Service Center in reference to criminal damage. Contact was made with a subject who was able to identify one of the four suspects'. The juvenile males had broken a vending machine and grabbed the candy. Photos were taken of the damages and impounded into evidence.

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Beware of deadly rabies disease in the Gila River Indian Community

Tribal Health Department
Gila River Indian Community

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that affects the nervous system. Rabies is commonly passed in saliva that is secreted from the bite of an infected animal to humans. Rabies symptoms in humans and animals can include; irritability or aggressiveness, excessive movements, con-

fusion, bizarre or strange thoughts, muscle spasms, unusual postures, seizures, weakness and extreme sensitivity to bright lights, sounds, or touch. Once the outward symptoms of rabies are present, it is almost always fatal.

There have been recent reports that humans are most commonly exposed to this disease by wild animals, with the majority of cases linked to skunks, raccoons, bats, coyotes and

foxes. However, domestic animals are also able to contract rabies, if they are bitten by an infected animal. In recent years, cats have become the most common domestic animal infected with the disease. In order to reduce the possibility of exposure to the disease you should vaccinate your animals. Vaccinating your pets annually reduces the spread of infectious diseases throughout pet populations and not only protects

the animals but humans as well. If you or your animals are bitten by any wildlife animal or domestic animal exhibiting signs of rabies, it is urgent that you and/or your animal seek immediate assistance from a Physician or Veterinarian. Also, follow up with a local Animal Control Officer and/or local health department to verify the current status of vaccinations for the affected animal.

According to the Ari-

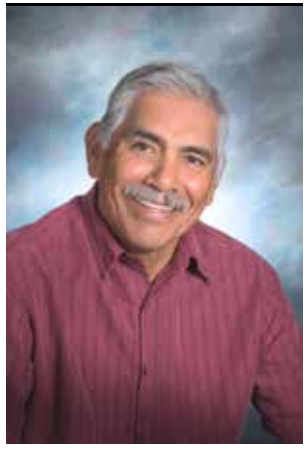
zona Department of Health Services the state of Arizona experienced a high year for rabies in 2018; totaling 160 rabid animals being reported. Within Maricopa County, 119 animals were lab tested which resulted in 8 positive cases.

The correlation between Gila River Indian Community and rabies is a unique situation due to the high rate of intermingling among domestic animals and wild animals on the

reservation, there's a higher rate of rabies in domestic animals compared to wild animals in surrounding areas. This serves as a reminder to keep a close eye on your animals by not letting them roam freely and to keep them vaccinated. Taking responsibility and being accountable for your animal can help prevent rabies from spreading in the Community.

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Something to be told or talked about



By Billy Allen

A traveling replica of the Vietnam Wall, officially known as "The Wall That Heals," will make a stop at Casa Grande from March 7-10. The exhibit will be open 24 hours a day and free for the public to visit. That is Mul-Chu-Tha weekend, but hopefully O'otham/O'odham will turn out to visit this exhibit because not all of us are fortunate enough to visit the real wall in Washington, D.C.

Songs are a big part of elementary school learning, and as a kid, I really enjoyed that part of the school day. I struggled singing the National Anthem – not for any political reason, just that it's a challenging song. But I was always eager to belt out "America the Beautiful." To my ears,

I was competition for Ray Charles!

Oh, beautiful for spacious skies,

For amber waves of grain,

For purple mountain majesties

Above the fruited plain!

The Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS) Extract Files site of 2008 notes that 42,000 Native men and women served in Vietnam between the years of 1964 to 1975. According to Native Voices Timeline, The Vietnam Memorial lists 248 American Indians and Alaska Natives killed in action.

In 2016, when working with the Vietnam War Memory Project, Rodney Whatley of Pensacola State College said, "The Vietnam War is more than 50 years old and veterans of that conflict are aging. We need to get them to share their stories and experiences during the war with young people who know very little about it." Only a few O'otham/O'odham veterans' stories about Vietnam are known, forcing us to rely on media, such as it is, in trying to understand.

The United States' involvement in Vietnam began in 1955 when the U.S. supported South Viet-

nam against the communist backed north. The war became part of the turbulence of the 1960's with 1968 the peak for sending ground troops to Vietnam. Draft age college students rebelled with protest demonstrations, the burning of draft cards, giving rise to an anti-war sentiment. A protest held at Kent State University in May of 1970, resulted in four students being killed by Ohio National Guardsmen fire. The protest was in response to the expansion of the war into Cambodia, i.e. more troops. Eventually the U.S. withdrew in 1973. Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam, fell to the North in 1975.

Tom Holm, a professor in the Native American Studies program at the University of Arizona published a paper in 1989 titled, *Forgotten Warriors: American Indian Servicemen in Vietnam*. His research states during the Vietnam War, close to 90% of the Native American service men and women volunteered. Native Americans had the highest record of service per capita of any ethnic group. Mr. Holm also found Native American soldiers in Vietnam experienced stress from combat – as did other soldiers of all ethnicities and nationalities. But during those turbulent 60's, there was a growing dissatisfaction of United States Indian policies back home. Some of the soldiers felt they were fighting a white man's war, while back at

home, the USA was undertaking policies designed to disrupt tribal cultures and remove rights that tribes had historically possessed. They also felt the government's wartime policies were not the same as tribal teachings and sense of justice. Native culture taught women and children were not to be killed in battle. Elders taught it was bad medicine and did not prove one was brave, just the opposite. O'otham/O'odham himdag believes the world is round/sikol and the vibes you give out, return. One veteran told of a Vietnamese farmer who looked at a Native soldier and said, as if confused, "You...me, same-same." Another veteran said it was confusing because, "We went into their country and killed them and moved the villagers elsewhere. Just like when they moved us to the rez." Still, as noted, Native Americans have historically been mathematically over-represented in our military, and then continued in Vietnam.

A stanza of "America the Beautiful" that's not as well known:

O beautiful for heroes proved

in liberating strife,

who more than self their country loved

and mercy more than life.

During the Vietnam War – as in the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea – if drafted, you had to go – or risk imprisonment. Still, as noted, 90 percent of the

Native Americans in Vietnam volunteered. They ran towards the strife. So many carried on the tradition of family and tribal members standing up for this nation. In 1971, the Native American rock band Zuni Midnights sang it best, "... but first my land, then my country..."

O'otham/O'odham were no different. These are names of soldiers with ties to our community. Dudley N. Arlentino, Army, lost during hostile fire. Harold J. Marrietta, Army Sergeant, fourteen years of service when he met his fate in Vietnam. David Drake Perkins, U.S. Army Private First Class, gave the ultimate sacrifice in 1966. The Gila River Indian News wrote his story in May of 2017. Franklin D. Pete, Jr. was a ground casualty in 1966. Sacaton was listed as his hometown. Tohono O'odham Marine Rifleman, Michael A. Romero was hit by explosive fire in 1970. Patrick P. Francisco was a Marine LCPL from Hickiwan whose life ended in 1967. Stanfield was listed as his hometown. The following may have been O'otham/O'odham and could not be confirmed by press time. Both were Infantry who listed Phoenix as their hometown. Gregory B. Chiago in 1968 and Dwight T. Blackwater in 1971.

If you are able to make it to Casa Grande for the exhibit, and find these names, you might leave an offering. On the way

back home, traveling under "spacious skies" and viewing "purple mountain majesties," give thanks to the men and women who sacrificed to allow us to enjoy this beauty.

A final note: In researching for this article, sometimes I ran across slightly different information from different sources. That's more reason for us to write our own stories, and I hope some younger readers will also become writers.

The Wall That Heals exhibit will also be at Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant (Peoria) on March 14 to 17.

A partial listing of sites visited; Native Americans in the Military Vietnam War, 1959-1975. (2015; April 15) Retrieved from <https://www.fcopotawatom.com/news/native-americans-in-the-military-vietnam-war-1959-75/>. Vietnam War-Stories.com: American Warrior Series: www.war-stories.com/wall-native-americans-poss-1996.htm.

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Military Records of the National Archives, <https://digitalcommons.lasalle.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=https://www.google.com/&httpsredir=1&article=1016&context=vietnamgeneration>.

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Information was also made available from the Ira Hayes Post #84, Haskell Osife Antone Post #51, and the Tohono O'odham Veterans Affairs Office.

Banner Health presents plaque of appreciation to the Gila River Indian Community

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Representatives from the Banner Health Foundation located in Phoenix thanked the Gila River Indian Community at a regular Community Council meeting on Feb. 20., for a three-year grant from the GRIC State Shared Revenue in October 2018. The purpose of the grant is for a program called Better Beginnings Neonatal Intensive Care Support Program for mother and child.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said he appreciates the Community's relationship with Banner Health because it is in-line with the Community's values of caring for their youngest members.

Loren Bouchard, Director of Foundation and Corporate Giving and Melissa Rothlishberger, NICU



Banner Health Foundation presented GRIC with a plaque in appreciation for their grant. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

RN Director, said the grant will support the neonatal care unit at Banner University Medical Center in Phoenix.

"We are just very grateful you awarded this grant towards an important cause," said Rothlishberger, "With the grant, we are going to be moving forward with a program, called 'Better Beginnings.'"

Banner Health, a non-profit healthcare system, provides services across Arizona and the greater Southwest. Bouchard said partnerships, such as the one with the Community, advance the re-

search for important patient support.

The NICU also provides care for newborns with complex medical conditions and promotes breast feeding for premature babies.

With assistance from the Community, NICU will also address the increased incidence of newborns with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

According to the grants submission, "every 25 minutes, a baby is born suffering from opioid withdrawal, unable to control or avoid the intense and painful symptoms."



Teams from Gila River joined in the fun at annual bowling tournament. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Keeping Teachers Teaching invites schools to bowl

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Local teachers had a chance to enjoy a day of fun at Main Event Entertainment, in Tempe, thanks to a non-profit organization dedicated to the needs of teachers.

Keeping Teachers Teaching, invited teachers from the Gila River Indian Community to the 4th Annual Keeping Teachers Teaching Arizona School District Bowling Tournament, where over 140

teachers from the Phoenix Metro area and other tribal communities, were treated to a meal, bowling, raffles and other presentations.

"I think educators are under served and everybody needs to raise their awareness on how much the teachers put into each day," said School Resource Officer James Milano, who was in attendance.

Darryl Gooden, Founder/Chairman of Keeping Teachers Teaching, said his organization is about, "bringing the communities

together."

Gooden cited extensive out-of-pocket costs and low wages as reasons why it is so important to provide teachers with assistance. Gooden said if a teacher is experiencing hardship or they need funds for certification, then, "We raise the money."

Following the bowling tournament, Kareem Neal, who was named as the Arizona Teacher of the Year last October, was a guest speaker.



57TH ANNUAL MUL-CHU-THA FAIR AND RODEO

COMMUNITY DAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2019



**TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
MUL-CHU-THA ART & ESSAY WINNERS**

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**GOVERNOR'S ELDER & VETERAN
OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION**

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

BBQ DINNER - FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

VEGETARIAN OPTION FOR THOSE PRACTICING LENT

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY

The Cody Blackbird Band

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

FREE CARNIVAL RIDES

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**GILA RIVER ROYALTY
CROWNING CEREMONY**

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**GILA RIVER ROYALTY
CORONATION DANCE**

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM



For further information contact the Executive Office at (520) 562-9840 or executivemail@gric.nsn.us



MUL-CHU-THA PARADE

MARCH 9th, 2019

SACATON, AZ

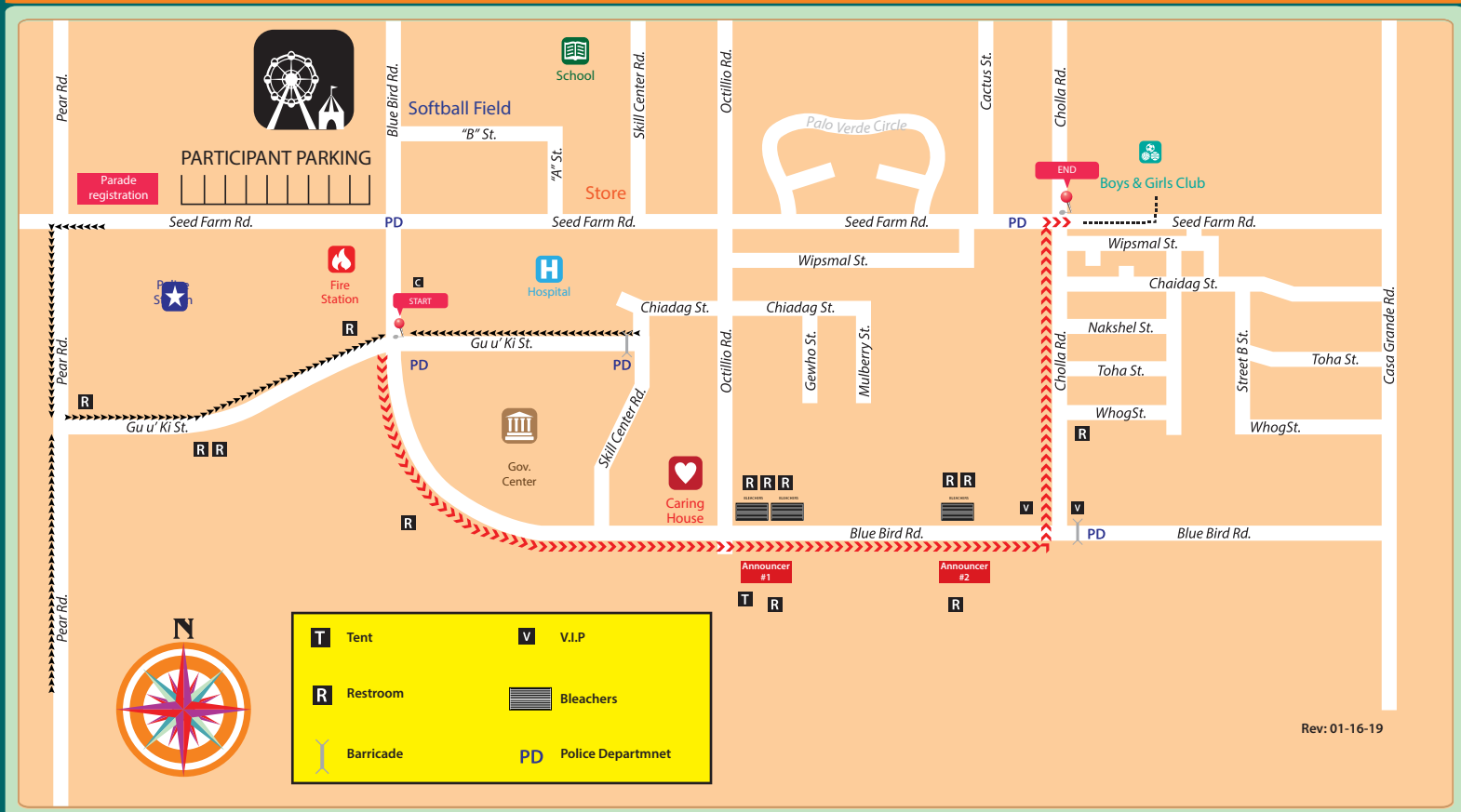


“BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE CULTURE & TRADITION”

Parade Start Time 9am

Parade begins at Gu U Ki and Bluebird Roads; will travel east on Bluebird Rd., then left on Cholla Rd; Parade will end at Seed Farm Rd. (See Map).

2019 Mul-Chu-Tha Parade Route



Registration must be submitted to : mctparade@gric.nsn.us
 Application Deadline is Wednesday, February 27, 2019 by 5pm
 For more parade information please contact: Community Services Department at (520) 562- 9691 or Fax: (520) 562-9695

Gila River Indian Community and Communications And Public Affairs Office Shall not be held responsible for bodily injury, theft, or damages incurred during the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo.



HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE

"Putting Our People First"



Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lt. Governor

Gila River Indian Community moves forward with Arizona DCP with assurances that HB2476 will not be reintroduced

Communications & Public Affairs

Gila River Indian News

Sacaton, Arizona. On Feb. 22, elected officials of the Gila River Indian Community, including the Governor, Lt. Governor and several Council members, determined that the Community had received sufficient assurances that HB 2476 was "dead" and that the Community could re-engage in the effort to finalize the Arizona Drought Contingency Plan Implementation Plan. Community elected officials came to this determination after meetings with Speaker Pro Tem T.J. Shope, and House Minority Leader Charlene Fernandez and Senator Lisa Otondo.

Due to unjustified attacks on the Community through the Arizona legislative process in the form of HB 2476, earlier this week the Community informed the Chairs of the Arizona DCP Steering Committee that if the Arizona legislature continued its consideration of HB 2476, the Community would have no choice but to withdraw from the Arizona Drought Contingency Implementation Plan altogether. Based on the assurances received at today's meetings, especially those from Speaker Pro Tem Shope, the Community officials determined that HB 2476 is dead and as

a result that the Community is able to move forward with the Arizona DCP Implementation Plan despite this unwarranted attack on the Community.

Speaking for the Community, Governor Stephen R. Lewis stated, "On behalf of the Community, I want to thank Rep. Shope and Rep. Fernandez for making the effort to come and speak with us directly about this very troubling attack on our Community. They listened carefully to our concerns, and Rep. Shope assured us he would take them back to the Legislature to help others understand why we perceived this legislation as highly inappropriate and an attack on our Community. He also provided us with very solid assurances that this legislation is truly dead and that there would be no further consideration of it, as did Rep. Fernandez. Their word on this is what we need to confirm this legislation is truly not moving forward and I am pleased that the Community will be able to rejoin the State's efforts to get DCP over the finish line."

Rep. Shope said, "As one of the members representing the Community, and a member of House leadership, I believed it was essential to come and meet with Community leaders and hear their concerns. I was pleased to provide them with the assurances

that I have received from the Speaker, and my own, which I believe make clear that this bill is truly dead and will not be raised again this legislative session"

Rep. Fernandez stated, "I completely understand why the Community would have viewed this bill as the attack that it was. It is not only bad policy, but an abuse of our legislative process, and I was pleased to commit to the Community's leaders the support of my caucus in fighting this legislation if it ever is brought back up, which I do not think will happen."

Senator Otondo confirmed the Senate Democratic Caucus position in opposition to the bill, and sympathized with the Community, stating "I completely understand why the Community and its members would be outraged at this kind of unwarranted attack. From what I know, far from being the bad actor that they were portrayed to be, they are actually the wronged party. While most of the farmers in the Upper Valley are doing all they can to work with Community and the Community is cooperating with them, there is a small group that simply won't pay attention to the law of the Gila River. I think the Community is fully within its rights to try to get them to comply with the law, and I would be disappointed if they didn't."

Governor Lewis concluded, "This meeting was a critical turning point in Arizona's DCP and Rep. Shope and Rep. Fernandez, and Sen. Otondo, all deserve great credit for taking this important step to reach out to us and hear our concerns and assure us of their continued support. It is this kind of leadership that will help us all move DCP over the finish line. This was an unfortunate chapter in this historic effort, but we will now do all we can to put this in the rear view mirror, and move forward together."

The purpose of HB 2476 is ostensibly to repeal a cardinal principal of Arizona water law, the so-called "use it or lose it" rule codified in the State's very first water code as a rule of forfeiture. Under the forfeiture statute any water right holder who does not use his water rights for an uninterrupted period of five years, without a legitimate excuse specified in the statute, can be found to have forfeited that right. This "use it or lose it" principle is an essential element of the water codes across the arid West, and appears in 16 different state water codes in almost the same form. If HB 2476 were enacted, Arizona would become the first and only state in the West to repeal such a forfeiture statute.

On February 19, 2019,

a hearing was held on HB 2476. While the hearing was supposed to focus on the forfeiture statute and its effect on certain water users, the testimony and questions instead focused on the Community's actions in federal district court to legitimately enforce its settlement and to protect its water rights under its settlement. Most of the witnesses who testified actually stated in open testimony that they were concerned for their "hot" land farming practices, a term that refers to a practice of illegally using water from the Gila River, water to which the Community has a clear and superior right. The misstatements made during the testimony and questions posed made it very clear that this hearing was intended to be a form of "show trial" for the Community, whose real purpose could only have been to somehow intimidate the Community into not enforcing its rights. At the end of the hearing, the proponent of HB 2476 asked that his bill be "held" so that he could review its legality and perhaps refine it so it could perhaps be raised again at a future time, leaving the Community with no clear indication as to whether the bill would move forward or not.

This decision to hold HB 2476 put the Communi-

ty in an untenable position, as it could not proceed with its participation with DCP until this issue was clearly put to rest. Today's meetings provided the Community with an opportunity to discuss directly with key members of the Arizona Legislature whether this legislation is for all intents and purposes "dead" for this session. In the meeting with the Rep. Shope, as a member of House leadership he was able to convey to Community tribal leadership that Speaker Bowers had assured Rep. Shope that the Speaker did not intend to take any further action to move HB 2476 forward this session. In addition Rep. Shope also assured Community leaders that even if Speaker Bowers might decide to move the legislation forward, Rep. Shope would himself vote against it on the floor. During the meeting, Community leaders made clear why they felt HB 2476 was a purposeful attack on the Community and how the hearing had completely misrepresented the Community's legitimate actions and efforts to enforce its water settlement rights. Rep. Shope offered to take these concerns back to the legislature to help educate other members on this issue.

In a separate meeting with the Democratic House Minority Leader, Rep. Charlotte Fernandez, and with Sen. Lisa Otondo, they both reiterated their caucuses' support for the Community in its opposition to this unjustified attack in the form of legislation.

In a separate decision, Community leaders authorized its water team to continue its efforts to protect the Community's water settlement and to enforce the Community's rights as and when necessary.

Tribes discuss E-commerce opportunities at annual conference at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino

Christopher Lomahquahu

Gila River Indian News

Tribal representatives and legal experts from across the country gathered to discuss tribally owned businesses and technology.

The Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Indian Legal Program, hosted the 5th Annual Tribal Government E-Commerce CLE Conference at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino from Jan. 31 to Feb. 1.

The theme of the conference was, "Innovative Strategies for Business Development Via E-Commerce." Guest speakers discussed how the proliferation of e-commerce has boosted the economies of tribal communities.

A number of questions emerge as tribal communities gain a foothold in the



Gov. Lewis addresses the future of e-commerce at the "Wiring the Rez," conference on Jan. 31. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

world of e-commerce such as how to start and sustain a tribally owned business that generates revenue through online transactions.

According to the conference press release, the

development of an e-commerce in a tribe, can lead to a "Multiplier Effect." The idea is for each dollar spent in an economy, that dollar will multiply in several ways, while staying within

a tribal economy.

The agenda was centered on how e-commerce could provide opportunities to tribal communities, while improving areas like education, knowledge on managing finances and growth for independently owned businesses.

Other topics covered were on the legal parameters of operating a business over electronic media, the physical challenges of building the infrastructure needed to bring e-commerce to rural tribes and how it will generate a strong enough market for it to be sustainable. The expansion of e-commerce has opened the door to countless opportunities for economic revenue for tribes.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone provided the opening prayer and remarks for the conference.

"We work with each

other to learn how we can make a better life for all of our tribal communities across Indian Country," said Stone, "These kinds of events are great, understand how we can bring new ideas into [our] communities around e-commerce."

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "This is such a one-of-a-kind conference that we have this gathering of experts to talk about e-commerce and what that means for tribal communities." Lewis said despite the increasing number households that have access to the internet, there are many out there, that are still going without it.

Lewis said, "When we think about the development of electronics, that has grown from land lines, to hand-held devices that fit in the palm of a person's hand. These are the technological advances that are

bringing our people closer together."

Douglas Sylvester, Dean of ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law said it is great to see tribes engage new areas of law as it relates to e-commerce.

"To grow and promote in the field of expertise of Indian Law, to train future attorneys and undertake meaningful projects with tribes like this conference, it is a point of pride that we support," said Sylvester, "When we have conferences like this, we are looking at the technological solutions, that are going to present new opportunities for solving problems."

"We have to think what will Indian Country be in 30 years, when we see the advances in technology that connects us to our families and communities," said Lewis.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • February 20, 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, February 20, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:19 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Monica Antone

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson (10:40); D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon (10:00), Lawrence White, Sr., Thomas White; D6-Anthony Villarreal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evan; D7-Devin Redbird

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)

1. Presentation – Banner Health Foundation

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED WITH MS. LOREN BUCHARD AND MS. MELISSA ROTHLSBERGER WITH THE BANNER HEALTH FOUNDATION. THEY EXPRESSED WORDS OF APPRECIATION AND PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMS WITHIN THE NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE SUPPORT PROGRAM THE FUNDING HAS ASSISTED WITH AND PRESENTED A PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION TO THE GOVERNOR IN APPRECIATION FOR THE COMMUNITY'S GRANT AWARDED. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND APPRECIATION FOR THE VISIT

REPORTS

>1. St. Peter Indian Mission School Quarter1 Report SY 2018-2019

Presenter: Sister Martha

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Gila Crossing Community School Quarter1 Report SY2018-2019

Presenter: Jim Mosley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Maricopa Village Christian School Quarter1 Report SY 2018-2019

Presenter: Patrice Laura

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Skyline Gila River School Quarter1 Report SY2018-2019

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Blackwater Community School Quarter1 Report SY2018-2019

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Casa Blanca Community School Quarter1 Report SY2018-2019

Presenter: Kim Franklin

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Sacaton Elementary School District Quarter1 Report SY2018-2019

Presenters: Andre Gillespie, Wanda Burton

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. Native Youth Community Project Growing Readers And Developing Leaders FY2018 Annual Report

Presenters: Sienna Whittington

REPORT HEARD

>9. GRTI 2019 First Quarter Report October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018 GRIC Tribal Grant Award Program

Presenters: Clarice Chiago-Jones, Board of Directors

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. GRTI FY18 4Q Update

Presenters: Jim Meyers, Jennifer Burkhalter, Board of Directors

REPORT HEARD

11. Gila River Health Care 2018 Annual Report

Presenters: GRHC Leadership

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:43 A.M.]

12. FY2019 1st Quarter Treasurer's Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Jones

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT RE-

PORTS #12 & #13

13. Monthly Financial Activity Report ending January (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #12

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Logan Miguel Located In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation

And Designated As Drawing No. 40318-0314 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Ada Salgado

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Inter Tribal Council Of Arizona, Inc. And The Gila River Indian Community To Fund The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention Building Public Health Infrastructure In Tribal Communities Grant (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Christina Floyd

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Homeland Security Fire Prevention And Safety Grant (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Thomas Knapp

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving 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, H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Christina Floyd

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. 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 WCM Investment Management LLC (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with additional material)

Presenters: Linda Sauer, Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America For Reach Westside IE And Westside IF And Associated Laterals On Portions Of Allotted Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Reservation And Setting The Amount Of Compensation Due To The Community For The Community's Undivided Interests In Such Allotted Trust Land And Rescinding Resolution GR-84-16 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: David DeJong

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. A Resolution To Schedule A Special Council Meeting For A Revocation Hearing For The Homesite Assignment Of Lot 25 In The Gila Crossing Subdivision "A" Located In District Six Within The Gila River Indian Reservation Pursuant To Gila River Indian Community Code Section 20.215(C) (Executive Session) (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, with added material)

Presenters: Office of General Counsel, Gila River Police Department, Depart. of Land Use Planning & Zoning

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AND SCHEDULING A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON

MARCH

22, 2019

>8. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Jessica Lynn Colt-Sotelo Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Albert Raymond Cruz, Jr. Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Corlene Yvette Moody Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Adrienne Markita Smith Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Lena Valdez Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. A Resolution Approving Termination Of Lease No. B-GR-61 Between The Gila River Indian Community And Lone Butte Development L.L.C. (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Esther Manuel, Doug Jorden

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. A Resolution Approving New Master Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And Lone Butte Development, L.L.C. (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with changes)

Presenters: Esther Manuel, Doug Jorden

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Sand & Gravel One (1) Board of Director Appointment

Presenters: Community Council

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

>1. Veterans and Family Services Office Policies & Procedures (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under New Business)

Presenter: Kathyeen Curley

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Declaration of One (1) Vacancy Un-expired Term for the Gila River Gaming Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council to declare the vacancy, the position will be advertised and closed on March 18, 2019; subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Deadline For Approving The Drought Contingency Plan ("DCP") (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business, NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason Hauter

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

COUNCILMAN RODNEY JACKSON REQUESTED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO REVISIT RESOLUTION #7; BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS MOVED TO REVISIT RESOLUTION #7.

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 1-HOUR LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:02 P.M.]

>4. National American Indian Conference On Child Abuse & Neglect March 31, 2019-April 3, 2019 Albuquerque, New Mexico (LSC motioned to forward to Council for any interested Council members to attend the conference under Dues & Delegations)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Pima Leasing & Finance Corporation ("PLFC"), a tribal corporation wholly owned by the Gila River Indian Community ("Community"), is currently soliciting proposals from qualified attorneys and law firms licensed to practice law in Arizona, for legal services.

All proposals must be received by March 15, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Any proposals received after the due date and time will not be considered. Digital copies of proposals are to be submitted via email by this date to Christine. Notah@theplfc.com, or by mail to 5350 N. 48th Street Suite #245 Chandler, AZ 85226.

RFP Response Due Date:

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

Vendor Questions Due Date:

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

Vendor Selection:

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

Organizational Background

Mission Statement: PLFC serves as an investment entity promoting self

sufficiency and protecting Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh culture by: Strengthening operations and economic diversity, managing Community land transactions, including leasing, providing loans and generating revenue, and cultivating entrepreneurs and Community based businesses Structure & Purpose PLFC manages Community trust land resources within the Gila River Indian Reservation and promotes self-sufficiency by providing financing for Community and Community member owned enterprises. PLFC is a unique and essential financial resource for meeting the credit needs of Community members. In addition, to our various lending products, PLFC assists Community-members in the formation of businesses within the Community to provide employment opportunities for Community members and revenue for the Community. PLFC manages trust land resources to maximize revenue to the Community in line with all cultural and environmental tenets. PLFC also administers commercial leases and ensures lease-

es are current as to term, purpose and financial consideration.

Introduction

PLFC seeks experienced legal counsel with five to fifteen years of experience in the practice of Indian law involving commercial finance, real estate, and corporate transactional matters, specifically in commercial loan and real estate finance matters. Primary responsibilities include (i) drafting and negotiation of loan and lease documents; (ii) reviewing corporate due diligence (including UCC lien searches, organizational documents, certificates of good standing, litigation searches) and real estate due diligence (including review of title documents and surveys); and (iii) assisting with loan closings.

The attorney or law firm shall be readily available to perform the following legal services, as requested by the Executive Director and/or Board of Directors:

- Reviewing drafts of contracts and leases.
- Advising lending personnel on com-

pliance with state, federal and related tribal laws impacting consumer lending, loan servicing and mortgage lending.

- Drafting and negotiating various types of transaction documents,
- Performing due diligence and managing transactions.
- Preparing and reviewing lending servicing-related disclosures and correspondence.
- Advising on legal issues related to PLFC's operations.
- Reviewing lending policies.
- Advising on employment matters.
- Advising on responding to subpoenas, court orders, and requests for information from third parties.
- Defending lawsuits, administrative claims, or other legal claims.
- Conducting litigation on behalf of PLFC as necessary.

Requirements

A. Legal Experience. The attorney or law firm should describe its experience related to the areas outlined in the scope of services above. There is a particular interest in the following

topic areas: tribal legal entities including tribally-chartered limited liability companies and tribal corporations; banking industry; and general business operations.

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

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

C. Attorney Qualifications. The Proposer should separately attach a description of the qualifications of attorneys to be assigned to the representation. D. Descriptions should include: a. Professional and education background of each attorney. b. Overall supervision to be exercised. c. Prior experience of the individual attorneys

with respect to the required experience listed above. Include resumes only of attorneys likely to be assigned to the representation. Education, position in firm, years and types of experience, and continuing professional education will be considered. d. Price. The attorney or law firms proposed fee schedule should include information on the hourly billing rates of each attorney or other legal staff who are expected to work on this representation and charges for expenses, if any, such as legal research, copies, faxes and electronic communication. Also include a retainer amount, if any, that would be charged to advise PLFC on routine matters that could be handled over the telephone or otherwise without extensive research or other legal work. PLFC reserves the right to negotiate with the attorney or law firm on the structure of the billing and/or retainer fee.

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA COURT DATE NOTICE

In Re Case: Angela Vanegas vs. Alvaro Sabori

Docket Number: FM-2016-001 S-PT This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

Answer/Response Hearing

Westend Judicial Center,

4751 West Pecos Road,

Laveen, AZ 85339

22nd day of April 2019 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom W1 before the Honorable Judge Breckenridge

Issued by: Sneezzy

SUMMONS

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY JUVENILE COURT COUNTY OF PINAL STATE OF ARIZONA CASE NO.: CC19-001 SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF: J.S., S.P., T.P. Minor (s), Concerning: Mason Peters- Father. THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO: Mason Peters YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear before the Court at the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court, Located at 45525 W. Farrell RD, Ak-Chin, Arizona on Thursday the 23rd day of May 1 2019, at 8:30 a.m. for a Preliminary Hearing. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENT YOU. IF YOU . 18 CANNOT AFFORD LEGAL COUNSEL, THE COURT MAY APPOINT LEGAL COUNSEL AT NO COST TO YOU.

testing that he/she has not been or is not: a) convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, as defined in Title 1, chapter 2, Section 1.201.B., in the preceding five years; b) removed from office pursuant to this title in any of the preceding five years; c) currently delinquent with respect to a debt owed to the Community; d) able to meet any other condition imposed by the office in questions. The GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct application/affidavit and financial disclosure can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office. Pursuant to GRIC Employee Policies and Procedures Reference Guide for Administrative Offices and Programmatic Departments, Section 5, Job Security and You, #3. SERVICE ON COMMITTEES: Employees shall not serve as a regular member of the Community Council or as a Community-at-Large member of a Standing Committee.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancy: Board/Committee Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors Number of Vacancies One(1) March 4, 2019 12:00 noon

SUMMONS

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY JUVENILE COURT COUNTY OF PINAL STATE OF ARIZONA CASE NO.: CC19-001 SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF: J.S. Minor (s), Concerning: Julian Saiza- Father. THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO: Julian Saiza YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear before the Court at the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court, Located at 45525 W. Farrell RD, Ak-Chin, Arizona on Thursday the 23rd day of May 1 2019, at 8:30 a.m. for a Preliminary Hearing. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENT YOU. IF YOU . 18 CANNOT AFFORD LEGAL COUNSEL, THE COURT MAY APPOINT LEGAL COUNSEL AT NO COST TO YOU.

Community members interested in serving on the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). Community Council Secretary's Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720. Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.C.4: All individuals who apply for a vacancy shall submit to the Community Council Secretary a letter of interest, resume, an application and financial disclosure statement in a form as may be prescribed by the Community Council from time to time and an affidavit at-testing that he/she has not been or is not: a) convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, as defined in Title 1, chapter 2, Section 1.201.B., in the preceding five years; b) removed from office pursuant to this title in any of the preceding five years; c) currently delinquent with respect to a debt owed to the Community; d) able to meet any other condition imposed by the office in questions. The GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, application, financial dis-

PARADE

Today I had the privilege of attending the 74th anniversary of the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima. The event was held at the Gila Indian Community and honored Ira Hayes who was one of the Marines that help raise the flag. The streets were lined with people young and old and of course Veterans. What I observed in the following hours made my heart swell with pride. It was hard not to smile when members of the parade would throw candy or stop by me and give me a bag of sunflower seeds or candy as well. It was hard not to smile when the flag would pass by me. I had the pleasure of shaking hands with a few Veterans and I thanked them. The color of the uniforms along with the tribal regalia was indeed a site and would instill pride in anyone watching as it did in me. The children that were in the parade will ensure that Ira Hayes and the Veterans will never be forgotten. This morning America came together for a few hours on the streets of Sacaton. Thank you Officer Frank Wolf (USMC) for your hospitality. Respectfully, Thomas Reyna (USN)

closure, and affidavit can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.F. Community Employees: A Community Employee may sit on a Community enterprise board subject to the Community's Employee Policies and Procedures Reference Guide. A copy of the specified job description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office Pursuant to GRIC 2010 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.G. Duties of Community Enterprise Boards: Community enterprise boards and their members shall follow a standard of care requiring that any decision of, or action taken by, the Community enterprise board members shall be one that would be made with the degree of care that would be exercised by a reasonably prudent and competent person seeking a reasonable return on investment and preservation of financial resources. A copy of the specified board position description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancy: Board/Committee Gila River Indian Community Health & Social Standing Committee Community-at-Large Number of Vacancies One(1) April 22, 2019 12:00 pm Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Indian Community Health & Social Standing Committee as the Community-at-Large member, must submit a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). Community Council Secretary's Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

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ACTION SHEETS from Page 11

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Health & Social Standing Committee Declaration

of One (1) Vacancy Community-At-Large Member

(H&SSC forwards to Council to declare vacancy of (1)

Community-At-Large position; advertised for 60 days

subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND

ADVERTISE

6. Legislative Standing Committee Declaration Of One

(1) Vacancy Community-At-Large Member (LSC motioned to forward to Council to declare vacancy of (1)

Community-At-Large position, advertised for 60 days

subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND

ADVERTISE

7. Education Standing Committee Declaration of One

(1) Vacancy Community-At-Large Member (ESC motioned to forward to Council to declare vacancy of (1)

Community-At-Large position, advertised for 60 days

subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenters: Education Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND

ADVERTISE

8. Cultural Resource Standing Committee Declaration

of One (1) Vacancy to the Community Council – Com-

munity-At-Large Position (CRSC forwards to Council

to Declare a Vacancy for the Community-At-Large

Position, to advertised for 60 days subject to the Code

of Conduct)

Presenters: Cultural Resource Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND

ADVERTISE

9. Economic Development Standing Committee

Declaration of One (1) Vacancy Community-At-Large

Position (EDSC forwards to Council to declare vacancy

of (1) Community-At-Large position; advertised for 60

days subject to the Code of Conduct pending discus-

sion)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Commit-

tee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND

ADVERTISE

>10. 38th Annual Native American Child And Family

Conference (ESC motioned to forward to Council for

any interested Council members to attend under Dues

and Delegations)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. Request for Special Community Council Meeting

WHPDA Annual Plan (EDSC forwards to Council to

request a Special Council Meeting on March 7, 2019 or

March 8, 2019)

Presenters: David White, WHPDA Board

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. Declaration of One (1) Vacancy Gila River Tele-

communications, Inc. (EDSC forwards to Council to

declare vacancy of (1) GRTI Board of Director position;

advertised for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECU-

TIVE SESSION

13. Future Housing Plan (Executive Session) (G&MSC

forwards to Council under New Business for discussion

in Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE

SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GIVE AN EXTEN-

SION OF 45-DAYS

MINUTES

1. February 6, 2019 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR VIOLA JUAN'S

FAMILY

~ PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR DIANE JACKSON'S

FAMILY

~ LITIGATION TEAM MEETING, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY

22, 2019, 12PM

~ GRTI MEETING INVITATION, THURSDAY, FEBRU-

ARY 21, 2019, 10AM

~ REVIEWING COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS, THURS-

DAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019, 9AM

~ MICHELLE BLACKWATER-LEOS RETIREMENT

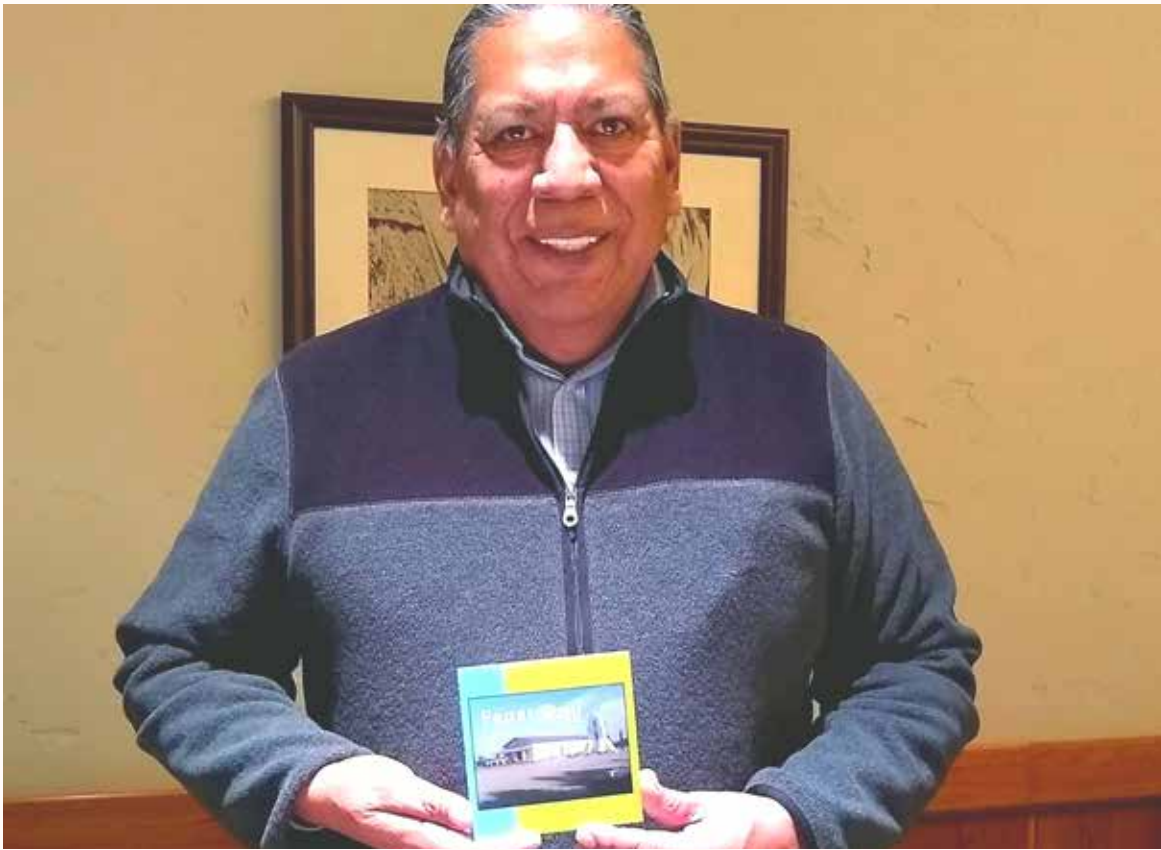
LUNCHEON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:34 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)





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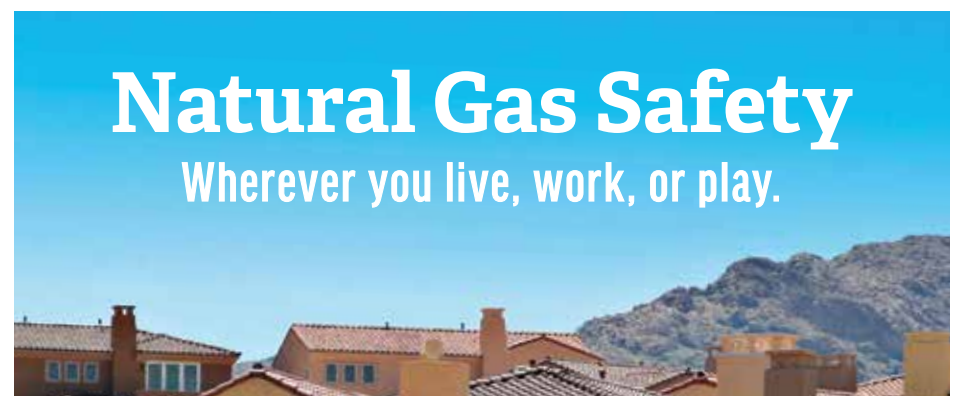
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