



George Lopez and Kenneth Manuel cut the ribbon on the new Chingon Kitchen restaurant on May 3 at Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino. From left, Michael Zislis, Zislis Group, Devin Redbird, District 7 Community Council Representative, Lopez, Manuel, Gila River Hotels & Casinos Chief Executive Officer and Charles Goldtooth, District 6 Community Council Representative. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

## Gila River Hotels & Casinos rolls out new George Lopez's Chingon Kitchen

Comedian and his partner, a prominent California restaurateur, bring their operation to the Gila River Indian Community

**Roberto A. Jackson**  
Gila River Indian News

There's a new chingon in the Valley. Comedian turned restaurateur George Lopez opened his second restaurant, George Lopez's Chingon Kitchen, with his partner Michael Zislis at the Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino in the Gila River Indian Community.

The restaurant rolled out with a bang on May 3 with Lopez and Zislis in attendance for the grand opening events and to christen their second restaurant together. The first Chingon



George Lopez's likeness adorns the front of the Chingon Kitchen located at Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

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## Election results certified



**Carol Schurz,**  
District 2. GRIC  
Photo



**Avery White,**  
District 3. GRIC  
Photo



**Delmar Jones,**  
District 4. GRIC  
Photo



**Franklin Pablo Sr.,**  
District 5  
GRIC Photo

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It's official. The certification of the 2019 Community Council Election results has been completed. Community Council certified the results on May 15, at the Second Regular Monthly Meeting at the Council Chambers in Sacaton.

The May 7 election included 19 candidates running for seats in District 2 through 7. Carol Schurz returns for a third term in District 2 and Avery White won a close race in District 3. Delmar Jones will replace Barney Enos Jr., in District 4, and Franklin Pablo Sr.,



**Charles Goldtooth,**  
District 6.  
GRIC Photo



**Devin Redbird,**  
District 7. GRIC  
Photo

won District 5. The council representatives from the West End will stay after winning their districts. Charles Goldtooth will remain in District 6 and Devin Redbird won again in District 7.

A total of 1,082 ballots were cast.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with graduates after the convocation. From left, Alyse Marrietta, Christina Lopez, Mikhail Sundust, Lewis, Amanda Mitchell and Darius Jackson. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Arizona State University held their annual American Indian Convocation at the Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium on May 8. **Story Page 6**



Day of Awareness and Remembrance for Missing Murdered Indigenous Women held at Arizona State Capitol, Page 8. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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# GILA RIVER SUMMER CAMPS

## Overnight Camps:

### Indian Youth of America Camp

Wednesday, June 12 - Friday, June 21, 2019 Prescott, AZ Ages 10-14 years' old

### Suns Basketball Camp

Wednesday, June 26 - Sunday, June 30, 2019 Prescott, AZ Ages 8-17 years' old

## Day Camps:

### All Native Elite Camp: Basketball Skills & Exposure Training Camp

Train with Pro Athlete Bronson Koenig and WNBA Guard Angel Goodrich

Saturday, June 22 - Sunday, June, 23, 2019 Phoenix, AZ Ages 8-12 years' old

### ASU Baseball

Thursday, July 18 - Saturday, July, 20, 2019 Phoenix Municipal Stadium Ages 7-14 years' old

**FIRST PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO YOUTH WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED CAMPS. SPACE IS LIMITED TO ONE CAMP PER YOUTH.**

### **Camper Eligibility:**

- Youth must meet all camp requirements
- Youth must be enrolled Gila River member and provide proof of enrollment (CDIB or Tribal Id)
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed. All required documents must be submitted with camp application.
- Youth must be in good standing with Gila River Indian Community and CPAO camps
- Youth & Parent/Guardian **MUST** attend mandatory camp orientation

**DEADLINE - May 24, 2019**

Transportation will be provided for all camps.  
Applications can be picked up in the CPAO Office located within the Governance Center or downloaded on [mygilariver.com](http://mygilariver.com).  
For additional information please contact Alie Walking Badger, Special Events Coordinator at 520-562-9713 or Shannon Redbird (520) 562-9859 or email [special.events@gric.nsn.us](mailto:special.events@gric.nsn.us)



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**District 3**

Carolyn Williams  
Rodney Jackson

**District 4**

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Pamela Johnson  
Barney Enos, Jr.  
Monica Antone

**District 5**

Janice Stewart  
Marlin Dixon  
Lawrence White, Sr.  
Thomas White

**District 6**

Anthony Villareal, Sr.  
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# Gov. Lewis signs proclamation in support of Autism Awareness month

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

According to Autism Speaks, autism affects 1 in 59 children across the U.S., which is why the Elderly Services Program, Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services and Community advocates hosted an awareness event on autism at the District 3 ballfield on May 4.

To support the cause, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis announced a proclamation declaring May as Autism Awareness Month. The proclamation recognizes the need to provide services, that will help the development of children with autism and autism spectrum disorder.

"In light of the growing impact of Autism Spectrum Disorders, the Gila River Indian Community recognizes the need for greater awareness among its members," said the proclamation.

The awareness event started with a mile-walk around the ball field, which was dotted with signs with positive messages to support those with autism.

Lewis recognized the efforts of Community members like Marshal Sunna, who advocates for more awareness on autism.

Sunna, who is a grandfather of three boys with autism, said the responsibility of taking care of a child with autism can take an emotional toll on the parents or grandparents.

"I think raising these kids, physically is not an issue, but emotionally, because it can come with so many questions with little support," said Sunna.

He said it is good to see the support of Community Council representatives and Gov. Lewis, who have advocated for more services for children with autism. Sunna said, previously there was little understanding about autism, which led to the creation of a support group for Community members to learn and understand how to cope and manage the care for a child with autism.

Talia Porter, from District 2, has a son with Asperger's Syndrome, a condition that falls within the category of autism spectrum disorder.

"It's been a journey, especially as a single parent," said Porter.

She said children with autism disorder, can live independent lives, attend school and find a career. Her son went away for two years to attend school to be a welder.

Porter said, working together, will help individuals with autism succeed at life.

"We need to start supporting the rest of the families, especially the younger ones, now that the awareness is here, now we know," said Porter.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis reads from his Autism Awareness Month Proclamation. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Marshal Sunna discusses his experiences with autistic children. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



The Gila River Indian Community came together at the District 3 ballfield to raise autism awareness on May 4. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor

"Putting Our People First"

Stephen Roe Lewis  
Governor



Robert Stone  
Lieutenant Governor

### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people, approximately 1 in 59 children, and is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national and local response; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a developmental disability characterized by social and behavioral challenges and can result in lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, or understand both verbal and nonverbal communication; and

**WHEREAS**, although there is no cure for Autism, research has shown early identification, education, and therapy can greatly improve a child's development; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with Autism are valuable members of our community, and should be provided with equal opportunities and support to live, work and play; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with Autism, their families, and caregivers are striving to improve opportunities and services for children and adults with autism. Through research, training, support groups, advocacy, and increased awareness, we will become more inclusive and be better equipped to support the growing number of individuals with autism and their families.

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the growing needs of the worldwide autistic community and to raise awareness about Autism spectrum disorders and the need to provide services to individuals and families who are affected, the United Nations has sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Education Department's Child Development and Educational Support Services and the Gila River Health Care Corporation's Behavioral Health Services, strive to provide quality care, support, and services to children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder to enable them to live as independently as possible and reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the growing impact of Autism Spectrum Disorders, the Gila River Indian Community recognizes the need for greater awareness among its members; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019, as

### "GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY'S AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH"

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Gila River Indian Community, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May in the year two thousand and nineteen

Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor

# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs



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

Incident Log April 14, 2019 – April 20, 2019

District One:  
No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

District Two:  
No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

District Three:  
No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

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

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Tommy Hilfiger store, concealed merchandise, and left the store without paying for the items. When a store employee asked the suspect to return to the store the suspect fled to the parking lot and left the property. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under Investigation.

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the Calvin Klein store, concealed merchandise, and left the store without paying for the items. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under Investigation.

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the Polo Ralph Lauren store, concealed merchandise, and left the store without paying for the items. Law en-

forcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's iPhone XS Max cellular phone while she was at the Lone Butte Casino. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – The suspect stole the victim's wallet after it fell from his back pocket outside of the Chevron convenience store. The suspect picked up the item and left the premises with the victim's property. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole several personal items from the victim's locker. The victim reported his

iPhone XR and his wallet, which contained his driver license, credit card and US currency (\$40) was stolen from a locker, located at Aji Spa and Salon. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – The suspect stole the victim's iPhone after she accidentally left it at a slot machine. Casino security officers were alerted. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – The suspect punched a cash ticket from the slot machine the victim was playing after she left to go use the restroom. Casino security officers were alerted. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate. The cash was returned to the victim who indicated she did not want to pursue charges.

Status: The victim refused to prosecute.

District Five:  
No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

District Six:  
Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic altercation that escalated and became physical. The suspect struck the victim with his fists and feet. The suspect then stabbed the victim with a broken aluminum broomstick, causing a laceration. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) shot the victim while she was in front of her residence. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate. The victim was treated and transported to a local trauma hospital by Gila River Emergency Medical Ser-

vices.  
Status: Under Investigation.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Komatke Market, concealed merchandise, and then left the premises without paying for the items. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) trespassed by jumping a gate to access the District 6 Headstart property and forcefully removed the water piping back flow system. The damage incurred was approximately \$1,500.00 dollars. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Seven:  
No Incidents Regarding Part I Crime.

Complete guide at <a href="http://www.grbc.tv/schedule">www.grbc.tv/schedule</a>		GRBC TV GUIDE						*Schedule may be subject to change.
New Local Showtimes: 7am, 10:30am, 2:30pm, and 7:30pm								
	Sunday 5/19	Monday 5/20	Tuesday 5/21	Wednesday 5/22	Thursday 5/23	Friday 5/24	Saturday 5/25	
12:00pm	Native Planet - <i>Rapa Nui</i> <i>One of the most remote inhabited islands.</i>	Lost Bones: In Search of Sitting Bulls Grave	Unshackled <i>Majestic beauty, peace and balance of our Mother Earth.</i>	Looking Toward Home The increasing # of Natives leaving the reservation for life in	Vamizi Cradle of Coral <i>One of the world's oldest, most pristine coral reefs.</i>	Dust & Bones Examines legal issues, political controversies and historic mysteries that	Tending The Wild <i>How humans are necessary to live in balance with nature and</i>	
12:30pm	Storytellers In Motion <i>Tantoo Cardinal</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Haida Art</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Akwesasne Part 1</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Naxime Weaver</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Akwesasne Part 1</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>From Hand to Hand</i>	Standing On Sacred Ground - <i>Island of Sanctuary</i>	
1:00pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening		
1:30pm								
2:00pm	Wassaja <i>Buying a University</i>	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Wassaja <i>Buying a University</i>	
2:30pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	
3:00pm	Wrestling Women / Nat'l Monument	Native Planet - <i>Rapa Nui</i> <i>One of the most remote inhabited islands.</i>	Indian Pride <i>Myths&amp;Real Truths</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders - <i>Sulphur City Soul</i>	Storytellers In Motion	Making Regalia <i>Bustles</i>	
3:30pm	The Price of the Prize	<i>the most remote inhabited islands.</i>	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Scallop Farming</i>	Common Ground <i>Jewelry Artist Painter</i>	<i>Coffin-making midwife, some souped-up good</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Children of the Desert	
4:00pm	Rethinking Blackduck Pottery <i>Pre-contact indigenous people.</i>	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders - South of the South A singer, a swinger, and couple of straight-	
4:30pm		Behind The Brush	People of the Pines <i>Crossroads</i>	Making Regalia <i>Bustles</i>	People of the Pines <i>Uncharted Territory</i>	Native Report		
5:00pm	Lost Bones: In Search of Sitting Bulls Grave	Unshackled <i>Majestic beauty, peace and balance of our Mother Earth.</i>	Looking Toward Home The increasing # of Natives leaving the reservation for life in	Vamizi Cradle of Coral <i>One of the world's oldest, most pristine coral reefs.</i>	Dust & Bones Examines legal issues, political controversies and historic mysteries that	Tending The Wild <i>How humans are necessary to live in balance with nature and</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Maria's Dictionary</i>	
5:30pm							Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee	
6:00pm	Native Voice TV	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Raven Power</i>	
6:30pm	The Medicine Line <i>Reanimated</i>	<i>independent, award-</i>	<i>independent, award-</i>	<i>independent, award-</i>	<i>independent, award-</i>	<i>independent, award-</i>	Wild Archaeology <i>Inuit of Rigolet</i>	
7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Ancient Artifacts -</i>	Dabiyuu <i>Seal Hunter</i>	The New Creative India	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	Wassaja <i>Thunderbird Woman</i>	Sharing Circle <i>Back to the Land</i>	Hit The Ice <i>The Big Game</i>	
7:30pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	
8:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Shimasani</i>	Wild Archaeology <i>Innu of Rigolet</i>	Urban Native Girl <i>Is Blood Thicker Than</i>	The Medicine Line <i>Reanimated</i>	Native Shorts <i>Shimasani</i>	The Aux <i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native &amp; World</i>	Mixed Blessings <i>Choices</i>	
8:30pm	The Aux <i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native &amp; World Indigenous cultures.</i>	Indians and Aliens <i>Star Brothers</i>	Hit The Ice <i>The Big Game</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Living Service</i>	Studio 49 <i>Ray Zaragoza</i>		Moose T.V. <i>Soap Opera</i>	
9:00pm		The Child of the Sahara Culture shock and a jealous brother soon lead him to question whether he's made the right choice.	The Invisible Nation Only 9,000 Algonquin are left. They live in about 10 communities, often enduring abject poverty and human rights abuses.	Mirando Desde Nuestras Raices - Looking from Our Roots - <i>Aqui Voy</i>	Mohawk Girls <i>Takes viewers into a surprising inside look at Native youth culture in the 21st century.</i>	Reel Injun - On the Trail of the Hollywood Indian <i>Entertaining and insightful look at the portrayal of Indigenous people throughout a century of cinema.</i>	Blue Gap Boyz <i>In Blue Gap, AZ on the Navajo Rez, 3 bros known as James, Jessie, and Jodie combine their talents to form the greatest band, (because</i>	
9:30pm	Buffy St. Marie <i>One of the most influential Aboriginal figures.</i>			Life is Waiting - Referendum and Resistance In Western Sahara	Jaynelle <i>A bad childhood through alcoholism, drugs, abuse and violence.</i>		<i>the greatest band, (because</i>	
10:00pm						Injunuity	Legends from the Sky <i>A Native Vet, burdened by guilt after a disastrous military tour, is forced to search for his missing grandpa.</i>	
10:30pm	Goshen: Places of Refuge for Running People <i>The diet and lifestyle of the indigenous Tarahumara tribe.</i>	Box 25 - Caja 25 <i>The tortuous relationship between Panama and the U.S., marriage that lasted a century.</i>	Gold Fever <i>Soon follows blown up mountains, despoiled water supplies and broken promises over jobs.</i>	The Young Ancestors Teenagers trying to revitalize language and traditions.	Sousa on the Rez: <i>Marching to the Beat</i>	Walela <i>Marvelous and magical harmony of this very special experience.</i>		
11:00pm					Journey to Opportunity			
11:30pm								

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# Gila River Police Department Participates in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run



Bike riders from numerous agencies participate in the Torch Run on May 2. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone shares a moment with the riders and gave the riders encouraging words before their ride began. Kyle Knox/GRIN

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

In support of the Special Olympics Games in Arizona, members of the Gila River Police Department (GRPD) and various agencies participated in the Gila River Indian Community's Law Enforcement Torch Run on May 2. Those who attended did their part to carry on the Special Olympics Torch from Southern Arizona all the way to Raymond S. Kellis High School in Glendale.

This was to be the site

for the Opening Ceremony and Arizona's Special Olympics Summer Games from May 2-4.

The torch was received by members of Arizona Department of Public Safety, on the Southern AZ Leg, who bicycled and ran to Sacaton. The torch was then transitioned to GRPD at the junction of I-10 and HWY 187. GRPD opted to use a special customized torch they received as a gift in 2015 for this occasion. GRPD's torch is adorned with a "Man in The Maze"

and simplified GRIC Seal.

Started back in 1981 in Wichita, Kan., the Law Enforcement Torch Run raises funds and awareness for the Special Olympics.

Arizona has numerous legs of relays along the torch run, which end at the site of the summer games.

Officer Diane De La Rosa shared that for this year riders came from Gila River Police Department as well as from Gila River EMS, Gila River Office of the Prosecutor, Rangers, and School Resource Offi-

cers, in addition to family members of those agencies that have children with special needs or autism. Officer De La Rosa also organized this year's event which drew a great number of participants.

Riders met at the GRPD Station in Sacaton to the pick up and start location. The torch was then carried to Chandler where it was handed off to the Chandler Police Department.



GRPD Officer Diane De La Rosa, left, and GRPD Chief Timothy Chavez hold the customized torch used in the torch run. Kyle Knox/GRIN

# Students tour MAR5 Interpretive Trail led by Department of Environmental Quality



Students from Sacaton Middle School walk along the MAR5 Interpretive Trail on May 10. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Sacaton Middle School students learned about the importance of the Gila River at a tour of the recently opened Interpretive Trail at the Managed Aquifer Recharge Site #5 on May 10.

The seventh and eighth grade students were the first class to ever visit the trail, which is a culmination of efforts by the Community to bring back the river and the local habitat.

Willard Antone III, GRIC Department of Environmental Quality, Sr.

Environmental Planner & Policy Analyst, gave a presentation about the MAR5 site and the features of the trail which opened on March 1.

"This is an opportunity for youth to learn about the culture and history and the importance of what water is

to us. For your generation, you probably have never seen the Gila River run, so this is a reflection of what that is like," said Antone.

Robert Johnson, Huhugam Heritage Center, Language Specialist, told the students about the use of the O'otham and Pee Posh language along the trail.

"We built this as an education center for you and for the members of the Community.

Many of the signs have the language of the O'otham, the Pee Posh, and scientific names to describe the flora and fauna and animals as well," said Johnson.

On the tour, Marcela Hall, Sacaton Middle School Culture Teacher,



Willard Antone III gives a presentation to the students. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

described the significance of the many plants along the trail.

She described the surrounding mountains and recited their names, and the oral history used by the Huhugam.

Charles Enos, DEQ

Aquatic Scientist, was on hand to show the students the many water fowl that reside or pass through the area. He said the number of birds flocking the area is increasing.

# Arizona Superintendent Profiled in National Campaign to Recognize Public School District Leadership Cherryl Paul Chosen as 'Exemplar of Leadership'

**Mark Joraanstad**  
Arizona School Administrators

(Phoenix, AZ, May 2, 2019) Superintendent Cherryl Paul (Sacaton Elementary School District) is being profiled in a national campaign showcasing school districts where outstanding leadership has resulted in meaningful and

measurable outcomes for schools, students and communities.

The series, Superintendent Spotlight, is part of the "Leaders Matter" initiative created by AASA, The School Superintendents Association, which is boldly supported by the Arizona School Administrators.

"On behalf of school district leadership in our

state, I am so proud that Cherryl Paul is being recognized for the outstanding work she is doing by AASA's Leaders Matter campaign," said Mark Joraanstad, executive director, ASA. "Superintendent Paul is an outstanding ambassador in the field of education and is making invaluable contributions on behalf of the students she serves and

the community in which they live."

As noted in her profile, examples of exemplary leadership by Paul include the following:

- National award-winning school program
- Commitment to STEM

"As our state continues to strengthen its public schools, I would advise

any school system leader to work with and learn from Superintendent Paul," added Joraanstad.

Public education is the bedrock of Arizona. As public schools succeed, so too will the students in the state's nearly 225 public school districts. The focus of AASA's Leaders Matter campaign, which includes the Superintendent Spot-

light series, is to illustrate the positive contributions being made by public school leaders such as Paul.

To learn more about the superintendents profiled in the campaign, visit the AASA website. To join the conversation via Twitter, please access #LeadersMatter.

# GRIC students walk at Arizona State University American Indian Convocation

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

Arizona State University (ASU) hosted their annual American Indian Convocation to recognize the accomplishments of Native students who graduated this spring. The convocation was held at the Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium in Tempe on Wednesday, May 8 with over 120 graduates present.

In total, there was over 300 Native students who graduated from ASU that represented over 30 tribal communities from across the country and state—256 bachelor's, 83 master, 19 juris doctorates, and 4 doctoral degrees.

Jacob Moore, Associate Vice-President of Tribal Relations at ASU, served as the master of ceremonies



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with graduates after the convocation. From left, Alyse Marrietta, Christina Lopez, Mikhail Sundust, Lewis, Amanda Mitchell and Darius Jackson.. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Miss Indian ASU, Tashoni Morales, provided the invocation and Maria L. Hesse, Vice Provost for Academic Partnerships welcomed everyone.

David Martinez, Associate Professor of American Indian Studies at ASU and a Community member, presented the Dean's Medal –

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. This year's recipient of the medal was Alex Soto, Tohono O'odham, who received his Bachelor's in American Indian Studies.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis attended along with other tribal dignitaries, who each presented the stole of gratitude to their own tribal graduates during the graduate presentation.

Cassandra Pena, from District 6 received her bachelor's degree in social work. Pena will be continuing her education in the masters of social work one year program at ASU and hopes to come back and work for the Community.

"That is my goal, I would love to work for the tribe and give back to the Community who has supported me through my education," said Pena, "I would like to work with the



Gov. Lewis places a stole on Jennell Clark. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gov. Lewis poses with Sheryl Bodmer. Emma Hughes/GRIN

youth, maybe doing some program development, community organizing and development."

Darius Jackson, from District 1, wants to return and work for the Community and continue with his education as well. Jackson received his bachelor's degree in exercise & well-

ness and plans to work on receiving his doctorate in physical therapy.

"I feel great! It's amazing, I love going to ASU. It was just a good experience overall," said Jackson.




**CHEERLEADING CAMP**

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

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


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

Transportation and lunch will be provided for all camps.

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

Applications can be picked up in the CPAO Office located within the Governance Center or downloaded on [mygilariver.com](http://mygilariver.com). Deadline to apply is May 24, 2019.

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



**Graduation Recognition Banquet**

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB - GILA RIVER KOMATKE BRANCH**

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

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**PLEASE R.S.V.P. AT THE LINK BELOW:**  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GRAD2019\\_](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GRAD2019_)

**DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2019**

Questions contact the Tribal Education Department at (520) 562-3662






*Sape Elithag/Proper Respect*

When we were growing up, our upbringing not only involved the proper use of hand tools and assigned chores, but also included other aspects of life. Those instructions in proper behavior were taught to us by our Elders, parents and older relatives. One of the first lessons in morals was the phrase “Sap ‘o ‘e ve:machak!” ‘Be good and get along with others.’ This was especially important when relating with other community members not in our immediate family.

As we grew old enough to attend school it became more essential as we had to get along with our teachers and classmates at the different schools located within our community. Later on, as we grew older the phrase “Sap hekachiith heg ‘e mashchamig!” ‘Use your teachings in the right way.’ This became crucial as we learned how to prop-

erly cut firewood without injuring ourselves and start the cooking fires without burning the house down. We were taught never to play with fire and to treat it with respect because it could kill someone if not attended properly.

There are historic instances where a community family had lost their homes to accidental ignitions. That was back in the day when there was no fire department.

Another lesson taught to us was how we were to conduct ourselves at school, church and out in public. The phrase “Sap haichu ‘ab wa:th!” ‘Conduct yourself in the proper manner.’ This was especially critical when we had large communal church gatherings on the holidays, or large public events such as the Mul-Chu-Tha. It was often the case that an older brother or sister took

charge of us on our outings. We all had fun and rode the different rides and ate good food. By the end of the night we were totally exhausted and fell asleep as soon as we had loaded into our family pickup truck for the ride home. One other phrase that was drilled into us was the instruction of “Sape ah ve:mthath heg hemachkam!” ‘Help others when they need your help.’ This was important because not only were we expected to help our immediate family, but also our relatives on both our father’s and mother’s sides of the family. As we grew older we were sent to live with our grandparents for the summer and helped them with everyday chores and whatever else needed to be done. They too had instructed us in proper behavior and who our relations were in that particular village. Each summer we

**Sape Elithag/Proper Respect: Match the phrase with its picture!**

“Sap ‘e vem chichvith!”

“Sap ‘e vem ñeñeokath!”

“Ha kaiham heg ge’ege!”

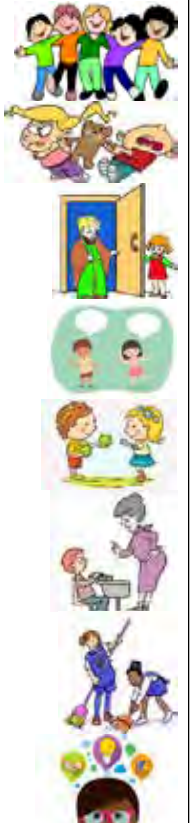
“Sap ha ve:machk heg hemachkam!”

“Sap ‘o ha ve:machk!”

“Sap hekachiith heg haichu mashchamig!”

“Sap haichu ‘ab wa:th!”

“Sap ‘i ha ve:mth heg hemachkam!”



stayed with a different family. Some of our relatives worked as day laborers in the crop fields around the many farms throughout the Valley of the Sun. Every able-bodied member of the family helped, even us kids. We earned money by helping our relatives harvest cash crops when they had matured. When we left

for the crop fields it was usually before the sun had come up. We used that time to get a jump on the day and stockpiled produce to be processed as soon as the sun came up. We usually quit work at 1:00 or 2:00 in the afternoon and everyone was paid in cash for the crops they packed into crates bound for the many

warehouses, grocery stores and canning facilities. We encourage you to learn these phrases and use them with your family members. Speak with an Elder, or a speaker in your family and learn how to pronounce the phrases. Test your knowledge with the Sape Elithag/Proper Respect word match.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone meet with George Lopez at the pre-opening. From left, Gov. Lewis, Lopez and Lt. Gov. Stone. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



Chingon Kitchen dishes out their menu items on May 3. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**FROM THE FRONT PAGE**

Kitchen opened at San Manuel Casino in Highland Park, Calif., in 2018.

“It’s a beautiful little place,” said Lopez of the new dining option at Vee Quiva.

Chingon Kitchen replaces Ditka’s restaurant, and it didn’t take long for Gila River Hotels & Casinos to find a new establishment.

“We met Kenneth Manuel (Gila River Hotels & Casinos Chief Executive Officer) and Richard Strafella (Gila River Hotels & Casinos Chief Operations Officer) and they believed in us,” said Zislis.

Zislis is the owner of the Zislis Group, which owns 40 hotels and restaurants including the Rock &

Brews restaurants in which he is partnered with Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley from KISS.

Dominic Orozco, Chief Marketing Officer of Gila River Hotels & Casinos, said Chingon Kitchen is a great fit for Vee Quiva.

“It truly compliments our brand,” said Orozco.

At the restaurant, patrons will have their choice of a variety of made-from-scratch authentic Mexican cuisine including a fresh batch of tortillas made everyday.

“Chingon is a place where it’s not fast food, but you can get in and get some good food, sit down and be back out playing not an hour later,” said Lopez.

Lopez is proud of the

menu and said it reminded him of what he ate as a boy. “It’s not a complicated menu, but it’s stuff my grandmother made,” he said.

Diners can also request vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options.

Lopez is already a familiar face in Phoenix. The comedian said he’s been performing in the Valley for over 30 years. Don’t be surprised if you see him visiting Chingon Kitchen on a regular basis.

“Whenever they need me to come by, I’ll come by,” said Lopez.

Zislis said Lopez has the ability to make everyone “feel at home,” and judging by his presence at his other restaurant, he will be a familiar face at Vee Quiva. Lopez has already been to his San Manuel location, “14 times in two

years,” according to Zislis.

The timeline for the opening included a VIP event Thursday, May 2, with music, food and entertainment, which was followed by a pre-opening the next morning prior to the ribbon cutting, which showcased samples of Chingon Kitchen’s churros, taquitos, burritos, and tacos. In the morning, Lopez taped several interviews with local news stations to promote the restaurant.

“The food’s going to be good from the first day,” said Lopez.

Lopez and Zislis said they found a great partner in Gila River Hotels & Casinos.

“It was such a breath of fresh air to work with this team,” said Zislis.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomed Lopez and expects good things



George Lopez poses next to his restaurant’s logo. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

from the partnership.

“I think this is going to be a great addition to Vee Quiva,” said Gov. Lewis.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone called the food, “excellent,” and was impressed by Lopez and his team. “He’s a really nice guy, it’s really good to have that kind of partnership,” said Lt. Gov. Stone.

As involved as Lopez

is in his restaurant ventures, don’t expect him to take any time off away from the stage.

“We just confirmed that George Lopez will play six shows over two years at the Gila River Hotels & Casinos properties,” said Orozco.

A third Chingon Kitchen is in development in Torrance, Calif.

# Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls honored at the Arizona State Capitol



Visitors to the Arizona State Capitol take a moment during the Day of Awareness and Remembrance for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls on May 5. Kyle Knox/GRIN

It was a somber, yet celebratory, event on Sunday May 5 as many gathered for the Day of Awareness and Remembrance for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) at the Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix. The event was organized in partnership with the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC) and Honwungsi Consulting Services. The day brought to light multiple aspects of this important issue. It highlighted the proclamation marking May 5 as a Day of Awareness for MMIWG by Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, and provided information and resources concerning domestic violence prevention,

and also highlighted the progress towards passing of Arizona House Bill 2570 (HB2570). Resource booths lined the lawn outside the Arizona State Capitol where a stage was set for speakers and dignitaries. A number of groups participated in the opening of the event including drum group from Hopi, the presentation of colors by Ak-Chin Indian Community and a prayer by Royce Manuel, from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community. Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkdam represented the Gila River Indian Community and performed before the program began. Organizers requested attendees wear red to support the MMIWG movement. The message was well-received as a sea of

red shirts, scarves and accessories adorned nearly all in attendance. SWIWC presented information for the attendees on the history of MMIWG and the current efforts in Arizona. Jennifer Jermaine, Current AZ State Representative for Arizona's District 18, served as a champion for introducing and passing HB2570 and gave a summary of the legislation. "HB2570 will review policies and practices, review prosecutorial trends, and propose measures for how we will solve this moving forward based on what the data says...the goal of this study is to bring everyone together to form comprehensive solutions," said Jermaine. Though there is no data to understand the first

contact crimes against Indigenous peoples there are some statistics now. "This movement is nothing new and is an issue that Indigenous communities have had to endure since [European] first contact," said Leanne Guy, Executive Director of SWIWC. Jermaine summarized the statistics behind MMIWG. Her findings show that in some tribal communities Indian women face murder rates 10 times higher than the national average, and according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, homicide



The dome at the Arizona State Capitol is lit red for the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Kyle Knox/GRIN

is the third leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaskan Native girls between the ages of 10-24. It is the fifth leading cause of death of American Indian Girls and Alaska Native Women between the ages of 25-34, and the National Institute of Justice says more than 4 out of 5 American Indian Women and Alaska Natives will experience violence in their lifetime. Despite the bleak statistics, there is optimism with HB2570's presence. HB2570 was passed by the Arizona Senate on May 2 and on May 9 passed in the House of Representatives.

Gov. Ducey signed the bill on Tuesday, May 14. As part of the day's closing, a moment of silence was held, and SWIWC held a candle light vigil while reading the names of the survivors and victims' before the State Capitol's copper dome was lit red. Monica Antone, District 4 Council Representative, was in attendance and stressed that "tribes need to educate each other so that we can create awareness for the little one's dancing here today. They blessed us with their dancing so we should honor them and bless those that aren't here today."

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Recipients of this years awards stand to be recognized before acknowledging and thanking their families and support in attendance. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Table lined with the awards uniquely designed for the Chief Azul Scholar and Chief Azul Citizenship Awards. Kyle Knox/GRIN

# Tribal Education invites students and families for Chief Azul awards

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

The 2019 Chief Azul Awards Banquet highlighted the achievements of Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh students on Friday May 3, at the Sheraton Grand Resort at Wild Horse Pass. Tribal Education Department presented awards to 40 youth, grades 4-12, including 1 current college student.

The awards are presented to youth who exemplify great qualities in and out of the classroom. There are two award categories The Chief Azul Scholar Award and Chief Azul Citizenship Award. Recipients had to be nominated by school officials or their tribal counselors in order to apply for either award.

Trina Hart, Education Manager, Tribal Education, said the awards are very competitive.

“This year there were approximately 100 applicants that applied for both awards,” said Hart.

Less than half of those applications were selected for this year’s awards.

For both Scholar and

Citizenship Awards, a panel selected the top three for each grade (two finalists and one winner) with 15 youth receiving Citizenship Awards.

Prior to announcing the awards, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone shared his own experiences as a student.

“Young ones here, know that your parents, relatives, and the whole community really support you and want you to succeed in whatever you do,” said Lt. Gov. Stone.

As names were called, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Community Council Representatives Jennifer Allison and Arzie Hogg were on stage to give the awards and congratulate everyone.

Family members in attendance proudly supported each student’s accomplishments. At one point, all recipients were asked to stand and thank their parents in attendance to show gratitude for their support.

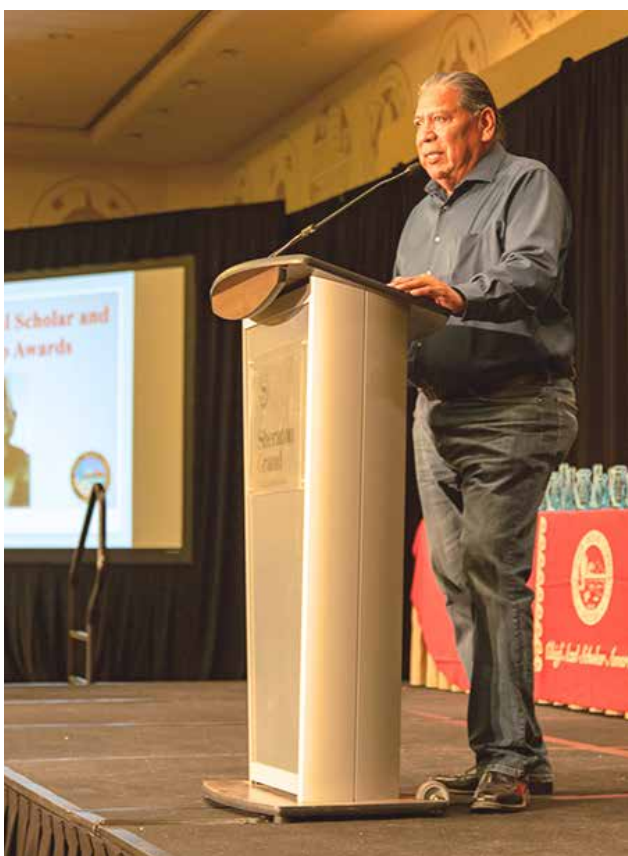
“What we as Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh, are nothing if not humble with humility. But I think we have to recognize our

best and our brightest. And our best and our brightest young leaders are here in this room now,” said Gov. Lewis.

As District 1 Council Representative Arzie Hogg stated to the youth, “you’re all here because of one right decision after another.” Then encouraged the youth to continue on that path and for parents to also continue their support as they become adults.



Marlena Whitehair shares her pride about wearing the GRIC graduate stole at her high school graduation. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Lt. Governor Robert Stone during opening remarks reminding GRIC youth to keep striving for success. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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# HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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**Stephen Roe Lewis**  
Governor



**Robert Stone**  
Lt. Governor

## CAP moves forward with Drought Contingency Plan at board meeting

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The state of Arizona's plan to address drought conditions is closer to becoming a reality. Central Arizona Project, the state's largest water management and delivery provider, hosted a board meeting on the future of water levels in the lower basin, on May 2.

The full agenda included a discussion and consideration of action on the Drought Contingency Plan. The Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan Agreement consists of Arizona, California, and Nevada, which will require them to contribute water to Lake Mead storage at predetermined elevations.



**Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis addresses the board meeting regarding the DCP on May 2.** Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Arizona lower basin Drought Contingency Plan Agreement is an agreement to reach a comprehensive framework to address future water shortages.

At the meeting, board members Karen Cesare and Jennifer Brown voted to authorize President Lisa Atkins to sign agreements outlined in the DCP.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, thanked the board for making the motion to sign the DCP agreements.

"I'm here today, to express the Community's support for both a framework agreement and Non-Indian Agricultural litigation agreement as well," said Gov. Lewis.

The agreement establishes the mitigation of reductions to CAP NIA priority water under the drought contingency plan.

"[This] package of agreements, represents the

final milestone of our long journey together, the DCP," said Gov. Lewis.

Lewis lauded the board's actions in moving to approve the framework agreement, stating that it is an historical agreement, that can be attributed to the state's willingness to work together.

Mark Lewis, CAP Board Member, said "I appreciate your time and showing up to our board meetings and our events and your general counsel who put [this] together." He shared the same sentiments about the agreement and how it is a key part of setting the stage for everyone included in the DCP.

## Gov. Lewis and GRIC royalty share farewell breakfast with Coolidge seniors



**Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, GRIC Royalty, and Darius Jackson with Coolidge High School seniors after the farewell breakfast.** Emma Hughes/GRIN

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

Coolidge High School (CHS) celebrated their 4th annual Native American Farewell Breakfast for their Native seniors—14 of which are Gila River Indian Community members. The breakfast is in recognition for all their hard work and to wish them well on their future endeavors.

The breakfast was held, Tuesday morning, May 14 inside the high school's media center. Students and advisors heard from guest speaker, Darius Jackson, who graduated from CHS and just received his bachelor's from Arizona State University. Jack-



**Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis visits with seniors over breakfast.** Emma Hughes/GRIN

son spoke of his experience and gave words of encouragement to the students. Among the special guest speakers were Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Isaac Salcido, Director of Tribal Education, June Shorthair,

**O'odham Veterans Celebration**  
**MEMORIAL GOURD DANCE & SOCIAL POWWOW**  
**'HONORING OUR FALLEN WARRIORS'**  
**Saturday, May 25, 2019**

<b>Location</b> Rawhide Western Town River Walk Lawn 5700 North Loop Rd Chandler, Arizona	<b>Master of Ceremonies</b> Rick Gray - Navy Kayenta, AZ	<b>Schedule</b> Gourd Dance 11am to 4pm Supper Break 4:30pm - 5:30pm Entertainment During Break Grand Entry 6pm
<b>Southern Drum</b> Sooner Nation Long Beach, CA	<b>Honor Color Guard</b> Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 Pee Posh Veterans Association Haskell Osife Post 51 First Nation Warriors Society	<b>Northern Drum</b> Maswadae Gila River Indian Community
<b>Arena Director</b> Donald Sabori - Marines Gila River Indian Community	<b>Head Man</b> Mark Roanhorse - Army Phoenix, Arizona	<b>Head Gourds</b> Tony Largo - Army Airborne Prescott, AZ
	<b>Head Lady</b> Crystal Paddy - Army Thunderchild, Saskatchewan	

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**SOME GAVE ALL**  
**SOME STILL GIVE**  
**KIA** AMERICA REMEMBERS

Director of Communications & Public Affairs Office, Miss Gila River Tyler Owens and Jr. Miss Gila River Susanna Osife.

All continued to give words of encouragement while sharing stories of their own educational journeys and offering support. Seniors Andrew

Thomas and Lorenza Aleman sang a traditional song and a closing message was given by Osife who is also a student at Coolidge High School.

"These students stay dedicated all year long" said Ms. Terry, K-12 Gila River Student Advisor at Coolidge High School. "It's

been an emotional week, but I know these guys are going to go far on their journey, do well and come back and be future leaders for Gila River Indian Community."

Each students was presented with red tail hawk feathers by Ms. Terry and Mr. Curley.

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

## Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • May 1, 2019

### ACTION SHEET

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

### CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:14 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Pamela Johnson

### ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz;

D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Pamela Johnson;

D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr., Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans

Council Members Absent:

D4-Barney Enos, Jr.; D7--Devin Redbird

### APPROVAL OF A GENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

CONSENT AGENDA AS NOTED AND THE

AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to

5-minutes)

### REPORTS

1. Trespass Issues – Community Signage Report

Presenters: Robert DeLeon

### REPORT HEARD

### RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Consent To

Assignment And Assumption Of Business Lease

From Bob Bondurant School Of High Performance

Driving, Inc. To Stig Investments, Inc.

(NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation

for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: David White, Jason Croxton

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving The Amendment To

Sublease Between The Gila River Indian Com-

munity and Stig Investments, Inc. D/B/A Bob

Bondurant School of High Performance Driving

(NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation

for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: David White, Jason Croxton

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Designating Three Parcels

Containing 43.157 Acres More Or Less, Of Res-

ervation Land In District Three For The Purpose

Of Establishing Drainage Systems; And Granting

Rights-Of-Way Easements To The Land Use

Planning And Zoning For The Purpose Of De-

signing, Operating, Managing, And Maintaining

The Drainage Systems And Applicable Appur-

tenances (NRSC forwards to Council with recom-

mendation for approval)

Presenter: Norman Brewer

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council

Hereby Amends Title 8, Chapter 1, Removal And

Exclusion Of Non-Members Of The 2009 Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Javier Ramos, Office of the General Counsel

APPROVED

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

>1. Health & Social Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancies to the Community Council – (2) Council Seats (H&SSC forwards to Council to declare (2) Council Seat Vacancies)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Natural Resources Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancy to the Community Council – (1) Council Seat (NRSC forwards to Council to declare vacancy for (1) Council Seat)

Presenters: Natural Resources Standing Committee

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Economic Development Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancy to the Community Council-(1) Council Seat (EDSC forwards to Council to declare (1) Council Seat Vacancy)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Sun Valley Marina Corporation 2014-2017 Audit Report (EDSC forwards to Council under New Business)

Presenters: David White, WHPDA Board, REDW

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Community's Exterior Boundary – Dependent Resurveys Project Report (NRSC forwards to Council with additional information for approval, LSC concurs)

Presenter: Kim Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND PROCEED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

>6. Delegation for Travel for NCAI GRIC Representative (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to utilize Dues & Delegations for Councilwoman Monica Antone for her tenure of service with NCAI)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Government & Management Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancies to the Community Council – (3) Council Seat Vacancies (G&MSC forwards to Council to declare (3) Council Seat Vacancies)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. Cultural Resource Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancy

to the Community Council – (3) Council Seats (CRSC forwards to Council to declare vacancy for (3) Council Seats And to be added to the consent agenda for the May 1st meeting and added at the Approval of Agenda)

Presenters: Cultural Resource Standing Committee

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. Department of Community Housing Participation in Addressing Homelessness in Tribal Areas: Homeless Housing and Services Technical Assistance Initiative Approved by HUD (G&MSC forwards to Council to delegate Councilwoman Monica Antone utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Laurie Thomas

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### MINUTES

1. January 2, 2019 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. April 17, 2019 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

~1ST ANNUAL AUTISM EVENT, DISTRICT 3

BALL PARK, 9 A.M.

~ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR. TAKING PERSONAL TIME OFF

~PRAYERS REQUEST FOR JUDY BARNARGAS' FAMILY

~PRAYERS REQUEST FOR HARDEN SOKE'S FAMILY

~PRAYERS REQUEST FOR BRANDON JACKSON'S FAMILY

~TRANSPORTATION GRAND OPENING, DISTRICT 4, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019

~MS. KINNAMON RETIREMENT, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019

~EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS TRAVELING TO BOARDING SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

~CHIEF AZULE AWARDS CEREMONY, FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019, WHP SHERATON, 6 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT


MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:07 A.M.


\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)


> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM


**Sape Elithag/Proper Respect: Match the phrase with its picture!**


**SOLUTION!**


“Sap ‘e vem chichvith!” 


“Sap ‘e vem ñeñeokath!” 


“Ha kaiham heg ge’eged!” 

“Sap ha ve:machk heg hemachkam!” 

“Sap ‘o ha ve:machk!” 

“Sap hekachith heg haichu mashchamig!” 

“Sap haichu ‘ab wa:th!” 

“Sap ‘i ha ve:mth heg hemachkam!” 

# Gila River Health Care celebrates Komatke Health Center's 10-year mark



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone provides a traditional song and blessing for all Komatke Health Care Center staff and Gila River Health Care Corporation's Executives and Board. Kyle Knox/GRIN

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Health Care staff, board members, and Community members celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Komatke Health Care Center on May 2.

Many in attendance recalled the days before Komatke's opening when the only thing available

was the Gila Crossing Clinic that was essentially one modular trailer with limited services. It was easy to see that residents of the West End were very happy to now have a new facility to provide quality care.

Health Care Executives and Community leaders were in attendance to give remarks throughout the event. A basket dance

group set the tone as part of the opening followed by music.

Gov. Steven Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone praised the health care center staff in their remarks, and Lt. Gov. Stone welcomed everyone and provided a traditional blessing for the occasion.

"Our board, the leadership, decisions are made by

the Gila River Community," said Gov. Lewis.

Derrick Glum, Chief Operating Officer for Gila River Health Care since 2017, said he's been, "blown away by the family feel that is here... that really is a distinguishing feature here on the West End."

He continued to share how integral Komatke is to the well-being of the West End community since it saves Community members a long drive to Sacaton or Phoenix to receive quality care.

Pamela Johnson, Gila River Health Care Board Member from District 6, grew up receiving services from the Gila Crossing Clinic. She noted Komatke's family atmosphere and the bonds created with many of the providers and staff.

Victoria Allison, Community Member from District 4, is currently the Facility Coordinator for Komatke Health Care Center and recalled the progress of the Community's health care.



Gila River Health Care Board Chairman Myron Schurz provides remarks on Komatke's 10 years of operation. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Komatke Health Care Center is the first clinic in Indian country to have a drive-thru pharmacy and a radiology department within a clinic. Allison was proud to share all of this while continuing highlighting that Komatke works under a Legacy of Care model providing services from cradle to grave. And as part of the celebration she stressed, "I don't want to honor a building, I want to honor the people that work in the building and the community that utilize our service."

Gila River Health Care Board of Directors Chairman Myron Schurz brought to perspective that 10 years ago the Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino wasn't at its current size, there was no construction for a new Gila Crossing Community School, nor was there a freeway in development for that matter. Chairman Schurz said that leadership at GRIC and Gila River Health Care will continue to make improvements as needed for the Community to ensure that the Komatke Health Center continues to thrive.

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Casa Blanca Community School  
Vacancy Announcement  
Business Manager, Culture Instructor, Elementary Teacher, ESS Instructional Assistant, FACE Coordinator, FACE Parent Educator, Human Resource Coordinator, Substitute Teacher  
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School Information: School is located 15 miles from Phoenix Metropolitan Area (15-minute drive).  
Contact Information: For additional information regarding a position, contact the Office of Human Resources at 480.403.8595 ext. 2512.

## CIVIL SUMMONS

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
TO: FELICIA JOY ALMANZO-NARCIA  
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, July 1, 2019 at 9:00 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.  
JORDAN DENNIS NARCIA  
Petitioner/Plaintiff  
vs.  
FELICIA JOY ALMANZO.NARCIA  
Respondent/Defendant  
CASE Number: FM-2019-0026-DV  
CIVIL SUMMONS  
Gila River Indian Community



**Kenneth Gerald Hayes**  
Kenneth Gerald Hayes passed away peacefully the morning of May 5, 2019 at the age of 87. He was born to Nancy and Jobe Hayes on Sept. 6, 1931 in Sacaton, Arizona and was the last surviving brother to the Late Ira Hamilton, Leonard and Vernon Dean Hayes.  
Kenneth's legacy will forever be one of Honor, Nobility and Courage. Kenneth served in the United States Army and fought in the Korean War. He is a Purple Heart recipient, and received a Silver and Bronze star for his heroic acts.  
Kenneth's quiet demeanor was the

strength and force behind his tireless dedication to uphold and protect the integrity of his family. Kenneth never hesitated to support the duties and tasks bestowed upon him by his family, community and country. His loyalty to carry on his family's legacy until his passing can only be described as admirable.  
Kenneth lived a life of purpose through his service. A true warrior Kenneth was a leader, peacemaker, and diplomat serving as a beacon of light to his family and among the Gila River Indian Community.  
You will be missed,  
The Whittaker Family

31<sup>st</sup> Annual Gila River Youth Conference  
16000 N Maricopa Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139

Transportation is **only** provided to youth who have pre-registered and signed up for transportation at their local district service center.

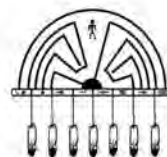
### DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE

Friday June 28, 2019 and Saturday June 29, 2019

Districts	Arrive @ Service Center	Depart Service Center	Arrive @ UltraStar Akchin	Depart UltraStar Akchin	Arrive @ Service Center
#1 (Bus A)	7:30am	7:45am	8:50am	11:00pm	12:00am
#2 (Bus A)	8:00am	8:10am	8:50am	11:00pm	11:40pm
#3 (Bus B)	8:00am	8:10am	8:50am	11:00pm	11:40pm
#4 (Bus C)	8:00am	8:15am	8:50am	11:00pm	11:35pm
#5 (Bus D)	8:00am	8:15am	8:45am	11:00pm	11:30pm
#6 (Bus E)	8:00am	8:15am	9:00am	11:00pm	11:45pm
#7 (Bus E)	7:30am	7:45am	9:00am	11:00pm	12:05am

Participants who are not signed up for both transportation and registration will NOT be allowed on the bus. Participants will be required to ride the same bus to and from the conference.

Youth will be picked up and dropped off at the same location. Please respect the transportation driver, chaperone, & passengers. Only clear backpacks will be allowed and all backpacks and bags will be inspected for the safety of all participants. Transportation times are subject to change. If you have any questions, please contact youth council office at (520) 562-1866 or [youthcouncil@gric.nsn.us](mailto:youthcouncil@gric.nsn.us).



31<sup>st</sup> Annual Gila River Youth Conference  
June 28-29, 2019  
UltraStar Multi-tainment Center  
16000 N Maricopa Rd.  
Maricopa AZ 85139



There will be **NO on-site registration** for the conference. All participants must submit registration forms before the deadline of **June 7, 2019**. All scanned and emailed (preferred method) forms will receive email confirmations. The Youth Council Department Office is located at <https://goo.gl/maps/UBsNtIkeSkK2> for those who are delivering by hand. Please contact our office if you need assistance submitting your form.

(Please print **clearly**. Fill in all blanks. Some information is needed in case of emergency.)

**Step 1**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ GRIC District: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (13 to 21)  
Contact Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
If you are taking charter bus please **circle** district for pickup: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
(make sure to **sign up** on for transportation at the district you circled above)

### COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE

**Step 2**

You can count on my **full participation** in all sessions and activities of the 2019 Gila River Youth Conference. I will treat all participants, presenters, chaperones, facilitators, and staff with respect. I pledge to wear my name badge around my neck and visible at **all times**. I pledge to remain drug, tobacco, and alcohol free during the entire conference.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 3**

### MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION/ LIABILITY RELEASE/PHOTO RELEASE

If the participant is a minor, this form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. I hereby approve the participation of my son/daughter in the 2019 Gila River Youth Conference. In the event of illness or accident, I give my consent for him/her to receive medical attention. Also, I will not hold liable the Akimel O'dham/Pee-Posh Youth Council or the Gila River Indian Community, or any of its agents, volunteers or other organizations involved in this conference. I will also be responsible for any damages to public or private property done by the above named minor during the entirety of above mentioned event. By signature below I grant permission to photograph and/or film my child for use by the Akimel O'dham/Pee-Posh Youth Council or the media for the purpose of information the public of programs provided by the Akimel O'dham/Pee-Posh Youth Council.

Signature of Participant if 18 years or more \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent if participant 17 years or less \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number of Parent or Guardian for emergency contact for all ages \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 4**

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**Step 5**

Please complete, scan, and email to:  
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Questions please email or call our office:  
(520) 562-1866  
Registration Deadline: June 7, 2019

# Mental wellness is promoted at the Planting Seeds of Change expo

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services hosted the “Planting Seeds of Change: A Mental Wellness Expo,” on Saturday, May 4. The expo was open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and offered a variety of workshops and activities for all ages for hands-on learning about a variety of topics.

In previous years, events like this were usually held conference-style but this year they wanted to try something different.

“We wanted to plant seeds of change. We wanted to have a fun, hands-on learning event and grow in regards to mental wellness and what that looks like,” said Anna Pacheco, Prevention Specialist for Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Prevention Program.

Pacheco explained that this is the first event of its kind and helps to open the doors of the building. Behavioral health staff and sponsors coordinated the event, over the past four months and hope to do it again next year.

The event was held at the New Beginnings Building located behind the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital. Participants registered onsite and received a back-



Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Care staff and participants watch traditional basket dancers to start off event. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gila River Healthcare staff thank traditional basket dance group following their performance. Emma Hughes/GRIN

pack with informational items, and had the option to attend any workshop of

their choice at the “come and go” event. The event was designed for visitors to

connect with the community and discover helpful resources. With May being



The expo was located behind the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Mental Health Awareness Month, the expo also promoted ways to recognize common mental health symptoms in teens and adults while growing a positive view on mental health.

The expo also included a healthy relationships workshop that discussed healthy family relationships and communication with painting exercises. A mindfulness workshop was also held and introduced

exercises and techniques that could be used to help with anxiety, loneliness, depression, and discontent through meditation, aromatherapy, and even coloring as a stress reliever.

Suicide prevention, recognizing signs of opioid crisis, grief, depression, gardening, and healthy eating were some of the additional workshops.

## GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

In recognition of Memorial Day, GRHC's  
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