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State Superintendent tours Gila River Indian Community

"We've made history as a superintendent visits GRIC schools for the first time," - Gov. Lewis

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A special guest from the Arizona Department of Education made a stop to three of the Gila River Indian Community's schools. State Superintendent Kathy Hoffman and her staff toured the Community's schools on Oct. 17.

Hoffman's visit was to learn about how the Community is building an education system to meet a higher standard, while incorporating culture in its curriculum. "We understand the need for culturally accurate curriculum. It's very inspiring to see how hands-on and how students benefit from it," said Hoffman.

Hoffman, has worked within the public education system as a



Superintendent Kathy Hoffman, right, during one of the many stops along her tour of Gila River Indian Community Schools on Oct. 17. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

pre-school teacher and speech pathologist, through her position as Superintendent, she has advocated for the higher standards of ed-

ucation for students from various backgrounds.

"We have been talking about wanting to integrate culture into



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis shows the agricultural side of Gila Crossing Community School's curriculum. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

the school's curriculum, not as an add-on," said Tribal Education Director Isaac Salcido. He said the integration of O'otham teach-

ers and education has taken-off through such initiatives like

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Participants in the 6th Annual Women's Prayer Run pose at Aji on Oct. 20. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Women's Prayer Run blesses Community

Annual run brings women together for strength, healing and prayer

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

For two days, Oct. 19 and 20, women from around the state gathered to trek across the Gila River Indian Community for the Sixth Annual Women's Prayer Run. The run started in 2014 by Rene Jackson, District 5, for an all-women run that begins at the confluence of the Salt and Gila River in District 7 and ends in District 1 Blackwater totaling 65 miles.

Rene Jackson stated, "The purpose of the run is to strengthen women's unity, honor and

recognize the women's burden they carry in their families and Community. And offer a place for women to come together and talk about these things." Jackson understands running as a form of healing and prayer. Throughout the weekend, discussion about the land is shared for all to respect and appreciate in our Community.

One goal is to build a Community among the women who run, so they plan to make the run safe, fun, and accessible to all ages. The run is a relay-style

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Participants run in pairs during the relay-style run. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Speeches, informational booths and presentations part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month event



Crime Victim Services handed out magnets in the shape of purple ribbons to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness month. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Since 1981, October has been recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which first began as a "Day of Unity" by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The intent was to connect advocates for survivors of abuse across the nation who were working to end domestic violence. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state and national levels. It has since grown to be a federally observed month of awareness and action on domes-

tic violence.

Outreach events have been held around the Gila River Indian Community in honor of Domestic Violence month. On Oct. 12, District One held an informational event with presenters and informational booths. Oct. 25, a walk/run was held at the District Six Service Center, District Three held a candle light vigil on Monday evening, Oct. 28, along with traditional dancers at the domestic violence shelter.

District 4 Community Council Representative Monica Antone attended the event and

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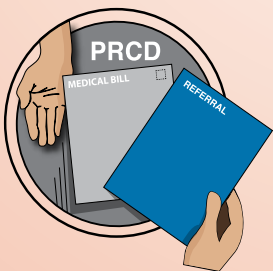
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Reminder! Gila River Health Care's Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be **CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY MONDAY 11/11/2019**

LIFE CENTER DIABETES, ENDOCRINOLOGY & WELLNESS Let's Ask Dr. Roopa



What Is Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar)?

Hypoglycemia is a condition resulting when the blood glucose levels drop below 70 mg/dl.

The symptoms of Hypoglycemia are:

- excessive sweating
- tiredness, lightheadedness
- dizzy / weak
- pale
- feeling of hunger
- increased heart rate
- blurred vision
- confusion
- irritable / nervous
- shakiness
- anger

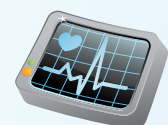


Symptoms of Hypoglycemia during sleep include:

- having nightmares
- crying in sleep
- feeling tired, irritated / confused after waking up
- sweating during sleep w/dampening of clothes

Severe Hypoglycemia can lead to:

- Convulsions / seizures
- Delirium
- Fainting
- Loss of consciousness



How To Treat Hypoglycemia

First check your blood glucose levels by fingersticks and confirm that it is less than 70 mg/dl. Once confirmed, correct it quickly with sugary food or drinks like with any one of the following choices:

- 3-4 glucose tablets
- 3-5 hard candies
- 4-6 oz of fruit juice
- 1/2 can of regular soda
- 4-6 oz of 1% milk

Wait for 15 minutes and recheck the blood glucose. If the glucose is still lower than 70 mg/dl then treat again. If the glucose does not improve after 3 attempts of treating as explained above then you should call 911 for assistance.



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GRIC football players enjoying their time at Providence High School

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

In the previous issue, the GRIN profiled the Providence High School (PHS) Volleyball team and the GRIC members who make up the majority of that squad, but we're not quite done highlighting PHS as we go from the volleyball court to the football field.

Of the twelve PHS football players on their varsity team, four are O'otham from the Community. They are Peyton Allison (District 5), Dominic White (District 5), Christopher Castle (District 3), and Enrique Martinez (District 5). These young men are first-time football players but are still making the most of their time on the grid iron.

Attending Providence has been helpful for the boys, due to the smaller class sizes. And they attribute the sports programs to their academic success. Students must maintain good academic standing to play. Playing has also served as a healthy outlet for the boys to stay out of trouble.

Besides football, the boys enjoy sharing Native humor, funny Native accents, and O'otham slang with their non-Native teammates.

Student Support Services Coordinator and Assistant Head Coach Robert Martin enjoys working with the O'otham students stating, "I have never met any kid from Gila River that isn't hilarious."

He's had the opportunity to see how hardworking the students can be. Community students will often help load and unload equipment without being asked.

Martin also participated in a smudging one of the parents did for the team and appreciated learning about the Community and cultural practices. Martin gets

to learn a lot from the students driving them back as far as Sacaton after school, practices, and games.

The team has challenges. The campus doesn't have a football field at the school, and many of the players play both sides of the ball to make up for the lack of depth on the roster.

Despite having a losing record, both head coach Simpson and assistance coach Martin are excited and look forward to next year's team. Head coach Simpson said, "you have to learn how to win, and you have to learn how to lose." Providence High School will build off the lessons of this past year's season, add new players next year, and secure an outstanding record by the end of Fall 2020.

Coach Simpson's hopes are for the young men to continue their athletic and academic pursuits. Maricopa Community

Colleges ended their football programs in 2018. But Simpson is looking to funnel their interest in the newly established Hohokam Junior College Athletic Confer-

ence. Coach Simpson feels this may encourage the boys to allow their football talents to excel after high school while achieving a college education.



Providence High School football team fields four GRIC members. From left Enrique Martinez, Peyton Allison, Dominic White and Christopher Castle. Kyle Knox/GRIN



NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT

NON-MEMBER RESIDENT REGISTRATION

- ✓

The Community's Residency Ordinance requires all adults (18 years of age and older) who are not enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community, but who reside within the boundaries of the Community to register their residency.
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The Residency Ordinance requires all non-members who reside within the reservation to register their residency with the Enrollment Department, and must update their registration by January 31st each year.
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Registration Forms are available at the Enrollment Department, District Service Centers and the Department of Community Housing.
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The Registration Form maybe submitted in person at the Enrollment Office.
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- Registration Forms submitted by mail, fax or third party must be notarized.**

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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.

10/13/19-10/19/19

Gila River Police officers responded to 617 calls for service and made 25 arrests.

District One- (Blackwater)

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's black Schwinn Mountain bike. Law enforcement was notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

No Part 1 Incidents

District Three- (Sacaton)

Robbery – The suspect committed the crimes of Aggravated Assault, Criminal Damage, Misconduct Involving Weapons, Possession of Stolen Property, and Attempted Armed Robbery while at the east-bound Interstate 10 Rest Stop. Suspect approached victim's vehicle with a shotgun and demanded the victim exit his vehicle. The victim fled in his vehicle and the suspect discharged his weapon striking the side of the victim's vehicle. Law enforcement was notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Arizona Department of Public Safety deputies arrested the suspect.

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the Sacaton Market, concealed merchandise, and exited the store without paying for the items. Law enforcement was notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole money belonging to the victim from the victim's residence while. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's per capita card from the victim's residence approximately one week prior to reporting to law enforcement. The victim discovered activity on her card through various transactions in Mesa, Arizona. Law enforcement was notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Auto Theft – The suspect stole the victim's dark green 2018 Chevrolet Silverado. A wallet was also

stolen from the victim's residence. One of the victim's credit cards was used throughout the day. Law enforcement was notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Vehicle was recovered and charges forwarded to Prosecutor's office.

District Four- Stotonic Area –

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) shot at the victim's vehicle from the suspect's moving vehicle, striking a single juvenile occupant. There were a total of eight passengers in the victim vehicle. None of the other occupants sustained any injuries.

Status: Under investigation

Lone Butte Area

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the Phoenix Premium Outlet Under Armour store and removed several items without paying for the merchandise offered for sale. The suspects then fled on foot from the store in an unknown direction. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Shoplifting - Suspect(s) entered the Phoenix Premium Outlet Tommy Hilfiger store and removed several items without paying for the merchandise offered for sale. The suspects then fled on foot from the store in an unknown direction. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation; stolen items were recovered

Shoplifting - Suspect(s) entered the Phoenix Premium Outlet Tommy Hilfiger store and removed several items without paying for the merchandise offered for sale. The suspects then fled in a vehicle from the store in an unknown direction prior to police arrival. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's tito ticket from the slot machine she was playing while at the Lone Butte Casino. Casino security notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate. Suspect(s) fled prior to police arrival.

Status: Under investigation

District Five – (Casa Blanca)

No Part 1 Incidents

District Six – (Komatke)

Aggravated Assault – Suspect committed aggravated assault domestic violence against the victim, his sister, by striking her and causing injuries that required the victim to receive stitches. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded and transported the victim for further treatment of her non-life threatening injuries. The suspect resisted arrest and assaulted officers after being detained.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the Komatke Market and removed several items without paying for the merchandise offered for sale. The suspects then fled on foot from the store in an unknown direction. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Seven – (Maricopa)

No Part 1 Incidents

October 20 – 26, 2019

Calls for services this week: 776

Arrest made: 18

District One- (Blackwater)

NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART 1 CRIME

Status:

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART 1 CRIME

District Three- (Sacaton)

ARSON – 191023-05401 Officers were dispatched to the residence where a storage shed was deliberately set on fire. Photos were taken of the residence and the path to where the fire was started and leading away from the storage. Due traffic on the opposite side of the storage it was undetermined which shoe impressions were new. Photos will be uploaded into evidence; no further action taken.

Status:

SEXUAL ASSAULT – 191024-05432 Incident was reported that a victim had come forward stating that they were sexually assaulted and named the suspect to the reporting party. Contact was made with the victim, whom stated that they did not wish to speak but would call when they were ready to come forward. No further action was taken.

Status:

District Four- Stotonic Area – AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – 191023-05398

Status:

THEFT – 191023-5398 Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a CAT Skid Steer Load stolen and located; the employees were wishing to file a report. Upon officer arrival, it was learned that the CAT skid steer load was stolen from the area where the paving crew left their equipment when the work day was completed. Upon returning to work the next day, employees noticed the equipment missing and called the manager who sent the GPS coordinates. The equipment was located near Upper Santan Rd between Ironwood Rd and Pear Rd in the river bottom. Investigation revealed the stolen equipment was used or attempted to be used to pull a Ford F250 from the river bottom when both became inoperable. The truck had a wants/warrants check conducted and came back stolen from Chandler PD and the license plate belonged to a different vehicle was reported stolen out of Maricopa PD. The vehicle was removed from NCIC as stolen and Elite Towing took possession of the vehicle. The CAT skid steer load was turned back over to the paving crew employees. Nothing further

Status: Closed

Lone Butte Area

THEFT (SHOPLIFTING) – 191024-05425 ~CAD~ A pair of skull candy headphones were taken by the suspect and left the store in an unknown direction.

Status:

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

SEXUAL ASSAULT– 191024-05427 Officers were dispatched to the

Saint Peter's School in reference to a report of possible sexual assault. Investigation revealed a student revealed that a friend's father touched her inappropriately; during contact with the student they did not wish to speak about the incident. CPS was notified of the incident and would be conducting their own investigation also. The report was forwarded to detectives for review.

Status: Open Investigation

THEFT – 191024-05419 Officers were dispatched to the Gila River Farms in reference to a theft of equipment. Contact was made with Farms employee, whom stated that an unknown suspect took a trailer with a generator and welder on the there. A hole in the fence was also located where it appeared to be possible quad tires or side by side tire impressions.

Status: Open Investigation

District Six – (Komatke)

BURGLARY – 191020-05358 ~CAD~ The reporting party called dispatch to report a burglary; investigation revealed that an unknown subject(s) forcefully entered the residence and took food from the refrigerator and freezer; also taken was an Xbox One. A door was punched open inside the residence and a mirror broken inside the residence.

Status: Open Investigation

SEXUAL ASSAULT– 191022-05380 Officers were dispatched to an off community hospital where the victim was requesting to report a sexual assault that was believed to have

occurred at or on Vee Quiva premises. Officers advised the victim of the process to the investigation and would be contacting at a later time and date.

Status: On Going Investigation

THEFT – 191026-05451 Officers were dispatched to Komatke Chevron in reference to a shoplifting that occurred and the suspect left prior to officer arrival. Contact was made with store employee who stated that a five-hour energy shot and some candy were taken. Video surveillance was reviewed and the female subject is observed shaking the shot and when the employee looks away the female hands the male the shot and he places it in his pocket and they leave the store after paying for other items. The subjects were not identified and were observed leaving in a late model white Chevy Silverado.

Status: Closed Pending Suspect Identification

THEFT – 191020-05355 Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a theft. Upon officer's arrival; the victims stated that a television and computer were missing from their residence. A television was located on the outside of the residence the other items that were not located were reported to be a loss in the amount of \$2,170.00. The victim will contact officers once serial numbers could be located for the missing items.

Status:

District Seven – (Maricopa)

NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART 1 CRIME

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Contact:
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Office 520-562-4122
Silent Witness 520-562-7144

Missing Person:

Laveen – The Gila River Police Department is asking for your assistance in locating the following individual: Isaac Alonzo Morgan, who was last seen on the afternoon of August 11, 2019 leaving in a white Chevrolet SUV from West Bighorn Drive, Laveen, AZ. We are asking for any help or information which will assist in locating Isaac. Isaac was last seen wearing a white tank top, black basketball shorts and black/white high top shoes.



Please Help Us Find Him!

Name: Isaac Alonzo Morgan / DOB: 1/18/1989 / Native American / Height: 5'09" / Wt: 260 lbs

Hair: Black / Sex: Male / Eyes: Brown Tattoo of "Wambli" on the right forehead as well as

multiple tattoos on arms, legs, and chest.

Please Call Gila River Detective W. Elliott #1308 520-562-4122 or Silent Witness 520-562-7144

Men and women show off strength at Day of the Deadlift



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone (center) with the winners from the Day of the Deadlift. From left, Nikolai White, Stone, and Mishon Saraficio. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Friday, October 18, Tribal Recreation and Wellness hosted the third annual Day of the Deadlift at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds. The event began as a going-away celebration for a staff member. This year the competition has grown to new levels of attendance and weight lifting.

Brandon Begay, Lead Fitness Instructor at the Wellness Center, said, "It's really not a competition against one another. It's more of a competition against ourselves and the [weight] bar." As the organizing program, they want everyone to be encouraging of one another in the com-

petition and make it a fun and enjoyable experience for all.

The 2018 Day of the Deadlift had the best (maximum) lift for males at 585 lbs. and 370 for the females. This year saw an increase of participants from outside the Community in addition to registration amounts. 2017 had 30 participants, 2018 had 60 participants (30 male and 30 female). And for 2019, there were 60 spots slated initially, but they exceeded that, allowing for a total of 70 participants.

Brandon Whiterock traveled from Flagstaff, Ariz., to compete. He heard about the competition from past participants from Shiprock, NM, and

decided to try it out himself. It was his first time visiting the Community and was very impressed with the organization and set up of the event.

Participants compete in divisions based on gender and weight, either lightweight, middleweight, or heavyweight. Each person begins at a given start weight for females 135 lbs and males at 225 lbs to lift. After executing one acceptable lift, they move on to the next round, where additional weight is continuously added. Additions continue until each person can lift no more weight in each category, whereas whoever raises the most is declared the winner in their division.

This year's competi-

tion also had its youngest competitor at 16 years of age and also had many competitors in the "Master" Division for competitors 50 years old and older.

The top males for this year's competition were lightweight winner Ryan Yucupisio, (Best Lift 495lbs), Middleweight winner Ben Kasper (Best Lift 455lbs), and Heavyweight winner Nikolai White (Best Lift 655lbs). White also won for the overall title with his lift amount

And the top females for this year's competition were: Lightweight winner Lei Ann Champagne (Best Lift 245 lbs), Middleweight winner Jessica Diaz (Best Lift 315 lbs), and Heavyweight winner Mishon Saraficio (Best Lift 385 lbs). Saraficio also won for the female overall best lift for lifting 385 pounds.



Weight lifters test their strength during the Tribal Recreation and Wellness event. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Tribal Recreation and Wellness set up weight lifting stations for the event. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona give 'Big Thanks' to officer

Bobbi Nez
Big Brothers Big Sisters

Congratulations to Gila River Police School Resource Officer James Milano for recently being recognized at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona's 'Big Thanks' event on Wednesday October 16, 2019. Big Thanks is a quarterly volunteer recognition event that recognizes outstanding volunteers in our program. James was recognized for being a consistent and caring mentor, his

continued efforts to assist with volunteer recruitment, and assistance in planning our Public Safety Day. James has been matched to his little brother in the program for 1.5 years and are continuing their match this school year. James' little brother said his favorite thing about his Big Brother James is that he is funny.

James is matched in our Gila River Site Based Mentoring Program; a partnership between Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central

Arizona, Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley-Sacaton, and the Gila River Police Department. The mentoring program matches Gila River Officers (Bigs) with interested youth (littles) at the Boys & Girls Club. Matches meet every other week during the school year and engage in a variety of activities including arts & crafts, playing board games, gym activities, etc. but the overall goal is provide youth with a positive and caring adult mentor.

Additionally, this is a part of an initiative called "Bigs with Badges" that gives youth and Public Safety the opportunity to build positive relationships together.

For more information, please contact BBBSAZ Tribal Partnership Coordinator Bobbi Rose Nez at (602) 769-7463 / bnez@bbbsaz.org or B&GC Branch Manager Soyet Antone at (520) 562-3890 /Soyet.Antone@clubzona.org



Gila River Police School Resource Officer James Milano was recognized for his outstanding volunteer work. Bobbi Nez

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Families stay active during Tribal Recreation and Wellness' Trail of Doom



Youth dressed in their scariest outfits for the Fright Trail at the Trail of Doom in Sacaton. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Children get an early start on trick or treating at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community's Tribal Recreation and Wellness Program hosted another successful Trail of Doom at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds.

The Trail of Doom grows each year in popularity and while expanding on the entertainment and other attractions for the Halloween-themed event. Nearly 3,000 attended this year's Trail of Doom, setting a record for attendance. It was a busy October for Tribal Recreation and Wellness hosting numerous events, including the Trail of Doom 5K Fun Run/Walk and Day of the Deadlift.

These events encourage healthy activity which is important during a time of the year when sweet and sugary candy intake usually rises. Tribal recreation aims to keep everyone's activity levels up.

Angel Orque, Community Health Education Specialist, stated, "The goal of the event is to provide a space for families to come together where they can be active together." Instead of having activities strictly for a young treat or treater in mind, the fairgrounds filled with activities for all age groups to enjoy.

"A new goal for this year is to encourage more movement, which is why

you see more inflatables for the younger ones," said Orque.

There were, in fact, numerous huge jumper inflatables provided for the youth and toddlers in attendance. Other carnival games and a zip-line were provided for teens and young adults. The

entertainment stage hosted "Gertie 'n' the T.O. Boyz." And for the brave, 12 years and older, the half-mile Fright Trail was open for jumps and scares provided by the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council and District 3 Recreation and their recreation com-

mittee. And no Halloween style event is complete without some candy. A small portion of the fairgrounds designated for families to trunk-or-treat in had many GRIC programs and departments set up booths to distribute candy

and healthy snacks to all in attendance.

Closing out afterward, Orque shared, "The event was made possible by Tribal Recreation and Wellness staff, District 7 staff, District 3 staff, trunk or treat booths, and volunteers."

Do you know a youth who wants to spend the summer learning in our nation's capital?

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) is recruiting youth for the upcoming "2020 Washington Youth Tour" that will be held June 18-25, 2020. The tour is sponsored by National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, which attracts over 1,500 students from across the country to experience Washington D.C. and learn more about community owned utilities and federal government.

Community youth will have the chance to join other students from across the country for a weeklong memorable trip. GRICUA will accepting applications of enrolled Gila River Indian Community members who must be a high school junior. Students are required to submit an essay along with their entry form. Application deadline is November 2 and select-

ed students will then have an interview with GRICUA management.

Some of the sites to visit will include Arlington National Cemetery, where the gravesite for Ira H. Hayes is located, the Smithsonian Museum, National Monuments, and so much more. Students will also get the chance to meet with U.S. Senators and Representatives. "It's really a great experience!" says Landrea Larney, GRICUA WYT Coordinator. Students will also be required to present their tour experience at Community District Meetings.

This year's trip, GRICUA sponsored five youth and are hoping to match or increase that for the next tour. For more information on the 2020 Washington Youth Trip, you can contact Landrea Larney, GRICUA WYT Coordinator at (520) 796-1571.

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Youth from the 2019 Washington Youth Tour. Photo courtesy of GRICUA

First ever Vecij O’odham Hemapa brings together O’otham for cultural event



Youth learn pottery techniques and create their own pieces. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Traditional games were used as a way to teach youth about O’otham culture. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Youth from O’otham communities took part in the first Vecij O’odham Hemapa event at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds in Sacaton on Oct. 26.

Many traveled from the Tohono O’odham Nation, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Ak-Chin Indian Community to take part in the event, which was organized by GRIC member Joseph Davis from District 5 Vah-Ki.

The day consisted of guest speakers and traditional games and artistry with workshops on basket and pottery making, creating rag dolls, wire baskets, shell etchings, gourd and chuchumuth making.

Traditional games like gins, ko’omai, songiv’ul and toka, including covering topics on men and woman’s role in O’otham society.

Gins, played by males and ko’omai, played by women, are games using small saguaro sticks (in a way similar to dice) to gain points. In the game, players place items up for bet, that range from food, jewelry and other objects of value.

“O’otham himdag (way of life) is something

that everyone, especially young people, should be utilizing and living with every day,” said Davis. He said in today’s society, learning about the O’otham culture, is difficult, due to outside influence of Western culture and with the passing of elders fluent in the language.

He said it is important for the youth to take it upon themselves to learn and teach among their peers, to inspire and encourage one another to take on the teachings of their elders. Davis said, “the youth owes it to those who paved the way and for the generations to come after them.”

“I was fortunate to grow-up in a traditional home, I would learn a lot from my grandparents, I would always be their tail and sidekick, if they needed help,” said Tierra Domingo a youth from the Pisinemo District of the TON.

Domingo said growing-up with two fluent O’otham speakers helped her understand the language, even though English is the primary language spoken in all tribes today. “It made me realize how close we are to losing our language, but it was through culture classes at school, that O’odham neok

(language) and culture is being taught.”

She said that singing in the O’otham gives her strength to be culturally, spiritually and emotionally resilient during challenging times. Domingo sang a song about a sunflower, that opens its petals to capture the morning rays.

Domingo said “In the song, the flower represents the people, to open up to the teachings and people that come into their lives and when the petals close, you close yourself to all the negativity that’s around you.”

“What is it about O’otham that we have, when a person looks at you and sees you and recognizes that you are O’otham. It’s a behavior, O’otham had a long time ago, in the way you talk, carry yourselves and what you do for others,” Camillus Lopez, TON elder.

Like every group of people, their beliefs follow a world view that is relative to their surroundings, mannerisms and practices. Lopez said the O’otham world is coming to an end, because many of the things O’otham do are going away. He said no one really speaks the language, follows the traditions or do

the things O’otham used to do,

“What is O’otham?” said Lopez, “Gila River and Salt River are not separate tribes, we are all O’otham, if you look back at the traditions, [we] have the same customs and language, the dialects may be different.”

Lopez said today, many O’otham identify themselves as being “Half Gila River and half Tohono, then it means you’re full O’otham. We have the same family system and clanship, to identify yourself, the language binds us.”



The youth got a day full of hands-on experiences including food preparation like Dayanna Jose. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



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where two runners are placed from a quarter-mile to one mile apart. Pairs are matched at random, most of whom have never met one another so they can get to know someone new.

Early Sunday morning Pearl Gonnie (Sells, Ariz.) and Sunny Dae Parker (District 7) were stationed near Aji and shared they were enjoying the run. Both never met before the run. This year was also the first time for both women but said, “the experience exceeded their expectations.” They also shared that what’s most memorable is “the people,

stories, family atmosphere, and prayers.”

One of the organizers Pamela Thompson, from District 4 shared, “Every year I look forward to the stories we share because once it’s out, it no longer stays inside.” With healing being the purpose of this year’s run, the organizers encouraged healthy conversations throughout the run. Whether they were waiting for a van, riding in a van, or waiting to run, those conversations are productive. And they will help each person in their journey towards healing.

For many, this was their first time running a 65-mile endeavor. Not everyone was an experienced runner. There were no expectations on the arrival time on Sunday. And that was fine with everyone because, as Thompson said, “In the end, it’s about the prayer, not the pace.”

By Sunday, over 80 women (toddlers to elder) were paired to cover the second portion of the run from Aji, ending Sunday afternoon at the District 1 Service Center.



Women line up during the early morning hours of the run. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Upcoming run commemorates the O'otham revolt against the Spanish in 1751

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Nov. 23 District 2 will host a unique run that pays homage to a historical event that precedes American and Arizona history: The O'otham Revolt Run. The run commemorates the historic 1751 O'otham revolt against the occupying Spanish on Nov. 21, 1751.

The run is non-competitive but will challenge runners to complete a half marathon course (13.1 miles), 10K (6.2 miles), 5K (3.1 miles). A 1-mile fun run/walk will also be available for anyone interested. Programming throughout the run shares the history of the 1751 O'otham revolt so that everyone is aware of its purpose.

The Revolt Run's organizer is Jiivik Siiki, District 2, and his fiancé Isabel

Benitez who shared the history of the Revolt and why it's essential to know as O'otham. Jiivik's goal is to educate the Community about this event. Eventually, he would like for the history to be adopted in the local schools and become recognized at the government level.

Jiivik said, "When I was at school at U of A I began researching about our people. I learned about the numerous revolts that occurred over time and history we don't know. So the run is a result of wanting more people to learn about the O'otham."

Jiivik shared that the 1751 Revolt forced the Spanish to retreat from O'otham villages and established a small outpost known as Tubac. O'otham villages remained Spanish free and even inspired

neighboring tribes' revolutions against the Spanish. Lessons of survival and resiliency are gained through learning history. And those are vital takeaways that Jiivik hopes everyone that runs takes with them.

Benitez spoke of the first Revolt Runs that started around ten years ago. "When it first started, it was only him [Jiivik], and over time he began asking for others to help to cover the miles through a relay style." Benitez was one of the first people to help with those relays in its early years.

The original Revolt Run was a relay across the Community from District 7, ending at the Casa Grande Ruins in Coolidge. The relay honors the current homelands of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh.

This year they will



Runners from the 2015 O'otham Revolt Run at the Casa Grande Ruins. Photo Courtesy Jiivik Siiki.

hold another relay across the Community on the 268th anniversary of the original revolt on Thursday, Nov. 21. The relay is open

to male and female Community members to run.

For more information about the run or registration, please contact Jiivik

Siiki at jiivik.siiki@gmail.com or Alie Walking Badger at (520) 562-9713.

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shared stories and provided positive affirmations to encourage anyone on their journey of wellness.

"One in three Native American women are exposed to domestic violence, we're hoping to reduce those numbers for us here [Gila River]; if anyone needs the shelter or a safe haven that's what we're there for," said Sharon James-Tiger, Victim Services Administrator. She has been with the program

since April, working to partner with different programs. She discussed the events, "our purpose was to get out information regarding the domestic violence shelter, what we do, the services we provide," said James-Tiger.

The final event of the month took place on Tuesday, Oct. 29., at the Governance Center in Sacaton. Lt. Gov. Robert Stone began the event with a prayer and Gov. Stephen Roe



Sharon James-Tiger (right) at the On Eagle's Wings Domestic Violence outreach event on Oct. 29. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Lewis shared some words, "we're all family and we're all a Community; we all have to support each other," said Gov. Lewis. In-

formational booths, raffles and lunch were provided. Crime Victim Services was invited out to demonstrate "in her shoes" an experien-



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis acknowledges the importance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Emma Hughes/GRIN

tial activity that follows the life of a victim and what they may go through. "We plan to hold events on a monthly basis in the Com-

munity, not just on domestic violence but any kind of prevention," said James-Tiger.

Youth council members sworn in at inauguration in District 1

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The Akimel O'odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC) held an inauguration ceremony at the District 1 Multi-Purpose Building. Family and friends congratulated the outgoing representatives and stood by the side of the incoming members that were sworn in on the morning of Oct. 19 by Judge Jay Pedro.

Founded in 1988, the Akimel O'odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council is the oldest running Native American youth council in the country. Now in its 32nd year, the new execu-



Hunter Nish takes the oath of office and will serve as president of the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council. Kyle Knox/GRIN

tive officers are Hunter Nish, President; Haili Gonzalez, Vice-President; Seneca Jackson, Secretary; and Trenton Owens, Treasurer.

Gov. Stephen Roe

Lewis addressed the outgoing members stating, "I see a lot of great leaders here today that continue to lead by example. It never fails; at all the major Community events, you'll see youth council volunteering."

Gov. Lewis shifted the attention to families in attendance, stating, "I want you all to continue to support one another on your educational endeavors."

Every member of the AOPPYC serves a two-year term representing either their district, an at-large member or associate member. Those who completed their terms received a beaded pendant or shell



The 2019-2020 Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council with staff on Oct. 19 in District 1. Kyle Knox/GRIN

necklace for their service. Outgoing district representatives recognized that day were: Elaysia Colt (District 3), David Hernandez (District 6), Dedric Osife (District 2), Angel Molina (District 7), Lorenza Aleman (District 4), Precious Vicente (District 1), Seneca Jackson (Associate Member).

The outgoing At-Large Members recognized were: Hunter Nish, Deirdre Coperfield, Shantell Terrazas, Randel Curran, Adam Car-

dona Jr., Joseph Cooper III, Sandra Pablo.

Outgoing AOPPYC Advisory Board Members also recognized were Chandra Narcia and Armando Holguin.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone provided inspiring remarks to the youth, sharing, "For you all here today, I want you to be positive, energetic, ask questions no matter what and continue to learn and remain active in the community."



Lt Gov. Robert Stone encourages the youth to remain active in the Community. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis congratulates the incoming youth. Kyle Knox/GRIN



NOVEMBER 23, 2019

6:00 AM AT HASHAN KEHK – DISTRICT 2

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10K (6.2 MI)

5K (3.1 MI)

1-MILE FUN RUN/WALK

ALL COURSES ARE TRAIL TERRAIN

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Superintendent Kathy Hoffman visits Casa Blanca Community School in District 5. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Kim Franklin, standing, presents to Kathy Hoffman on the cultural curriculum at Casa Blanca. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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M.O.R.E (More O'otham in Regular Education).

Steven Heeley, Consultant for Akin Gump

Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, gave Hoffman an overview of the new Gila Crossing Community School. "The



GRIC's newest school, Gila Crossing Community School, hosted the state's top educator. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

school has a total of 548 students enrolled, but was designed for 750, with the idea of having growth in enrollment and giving parents an opportunity to enroll their kid in the Community."

Hoffman asked about the recruitment of educators to the school and how that marries with the school's mission to support the level of education given to students at GCCS. "We choose to be here, because I believe there is a difference, that can be made. We try our very best to recruit Native American teachers, but we also recruit at the three universities and out of state as well," Jim Mosely GCCS Superintendent.

"We have a long history of family and community involvement with the

Bureau of Indian Affairs on education. The real strength is the Community support, which you can see [here]," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, when asked about the relationship with the BIA.

The tour, made its way to Casa Blanca Community School to hear from the schools' principal Kim Franklin, about how they are incorporating O'otham culture in the curriculum into the student education.

Hoffman also met with the CBCS education board to hear how they play a role in the education of students and their children, who attend the school. Later they toured one of the school's early education rooms and garden, before heading to Sacaton.

"One of the things,

that we feel is most special about our school is the role the parents play in what we do," said Franklin. She said their school should be a product of where it is located, by incorporating culture and language, that surrounds the students. Franklin said, "We know it's critical within in a Native American school, we to have that relationship between them, their settings and culture."

After a visit to the school's library to meet with the CBCS education board and get an overview of their cultural curriculum, Hoffman was shown around the campuses early education rooms before her next stop in Sacaton.

"We are the only public-school entity that resides out here on the Gila

River Indian Community, our goal is to strengthen that relationship with the Community," said Cheryl Paul Sacaton Elementary School District Superintendent.

Paul and members of the Sacaton Elementary School District, shared with Hoffman, the school's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics initiative, that includes arts and agriculture into the curriculum.

Hoffman, would conclude her visit to the Community at the Viola Johnson Administrative Building, where she heard presentations from TED staff on developing reading skills at a young age and their efforts to support cultural teachings at each of the schools within GRIC.

DCH hosts meeting regarding methamphetamine use in homes, emphasizes their zero-tolerance policy

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Oct. 25, the Sacaton Head Start Multi-purpose building was filled to discuss the potential risks and costs of methamphetamine in Department of Community housing residences. Every department that visits, maintains, or works with residents in DCH homes were present. The workshops and presentations focused on understanding the dangers of potential exposure to meth by users in the house and cost for remediating a home where meth is present.

Dept. of Community Housing, Dept. of Housing Development, Land Use Planning and Zoning, GRIC Elderly Services, GRIC Tribal Health Dept., Housing Advisory Committee representatives, GRIC OSHA, Gila River Police Department, Coun-

cil of Elders and others attended the meeting.

Laurie Thomas, Director for the Department of Community Housing, tested a recently vacant unit, where drug use was suspected, and results were positive for meth. Thomas stated, "The unit was a three-bedroom, two bathrooms the entire home including the kitchen and living room tested positive for meth." Thomas then said, "The cost to remediate a home for future residents, close to \$6,000."

What some don't realize is when meth is smoked, the drug has similar effects as second-hand smoke. The most significant difference is that the residue that the smoke leaves on surfaces in an enclosed space remain along with its original chemical structure that will get a person "high."

Walls, carpets, and especially air ducts "trap" the

residue and can be transmitted by touch. These small trace amounts become harmful for residents throughout a home, and the long term is most detrimental to infants and the elderly.

Meth residue remains in homes until chemically treated washed in addition to other remediation. Until recently, DCH has not tested its homes but are now starting with "abandoned" homes. Of those tested to date, a majority have tested positive.

Thomas stressed, "DCH will be enforcing the zero-tolerance policy against drugs, alcohol, and criminal activity in the units. People need to know that we're required by federal regulations to mandate those policies, or we risk losing all that funding if we do not enforce those aspects of the [federal] grant."

This enforcement will



Community departments and programs during the Oct. 25 meeting on methamphetamine in DCH homes. Kyle Knox/GRIN

also help for those workers that maintain or work within the DCH units safe from exposure.

DCH is working to develop a policy that will hold

residents liable for paying the remediation costs of the home. Establishing personal payment plans or Per Capita garnishments are cost options that DCH is

considering. But until then, holding residents who are found guilty of violating the zero-tolerance drug-use policy accountable is their biggest issue.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, October 16, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:18 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Monica Antone

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

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

D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Delmar Jones, Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Thomas White

Council Members Absent:

D4-Jennifer Allison; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #4 AND RESOLUTION #3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2, #5 THROUGH #7; ACCEPT; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #2, #4 THROUGH #8, #10 THROUGH #18, #20 AND #21 AND NEW BUSINESS #1 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE RESOLUTIONS #9 AND APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS REPORTS

*1. Skyline Gila River FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

MOTION MADE AND SECOND

>2. Gila Crossing Community School Annual Report 2018-2019

Presenter: Jim Mosley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Sacaton Elementary School District #18 Annual Report 2018-2019

Presenters: Wanda Burton, Andre Gillespie

REPORT HEARD

>4. Casa Blanca Community School Annual Report 2018-2019

Presenter: Lillian Kim Franklin

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Saint Peter Indian Mission School Annual Report 2018-2019

Presenter: Sister Martha Carpenter

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Maricopa Village Christian School Annual Report 2018-2019

Presenter: Al Chatman

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Blackwater Community School Annual Report 2018-2019

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. The Opioid Crisis: The Gila River Health Care Response To the Epidemic

Presenter: Dr. Anthony Santiago

REPORT HEARD

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Consenting To And Approving The Acquisition For Right Of Way For A Grant Of Ease-

ment For Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Carver Lane (IRR 12) Crossing Allotted Land And For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Roadway And Utilities Corridor By The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Located In District 7 And As Shown In Drawing Number 40713-0647-EA (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Calvin Touchin, Antonelli Anton

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Consenting To And Approving The Acquisition For Right Of Way For A Grant Of Easement For Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Co-Op Boulevard (IRR 8) Crossing Allotted And Community Trust Lands For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Roadway And Utilities Corridor By The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Located In District 7 And As Shown In Drawing Number 40714-0646-EA (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Calvin Touchin, Antonelli Anton

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving Amendment Number One To The Gila River Indian Community 2018 Procurement Policy (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Lawrence Makil

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Mesa Arts Center Creative Aging Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For The Gene Lewis Boxing Club And Youth Center Building Hope Together Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For House Of Refuge, Inc. Electrical Panel Replacement Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For The Mesa Police Department Crisis Response Team Be Safe Certification And Community Engagement (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Homeless Families (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Vets' Community Connection (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Peoria For Benevilla Rock Steady Boxing Wellness Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Peoria For Soldier's Best Friend Service/Therapeutic Companion Dog Training Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Chandler For The Chandler Police Department Crisis Negotiations Operations Center (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Chandler Cultural Foundation Connecting Kids Youth Education Programs (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Chandler For Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley Tower D At Chandler Regional Medical Center (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Glendale For Glendale Community College Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>16. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared

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Gaming Revenues To The City Of Tempe For Friends Of Public Radio Arizona Sun Sounds Of Arizona Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Tempe For Jobs For Arizona's Graduates Career And College Readiness Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. A Resolution Authorizing The Governor To Be A Signatory To The Programmatic Agreement Among The Bureau Of Land Management, Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer, And The Gila River Indian Community, Regarding The Maricopa Land Sale, Maricopa And Pinal Counties, Arizona (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda, NRSC and CRSC concur)

Presenter: Barnaby Lewis

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget Modification No. 1 For Fiscal Year 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Gary Mix

APPROVED

>20. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The

Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Neomi Martinez

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>21. A Resolution Approving A Temporary Land Use Permit Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. For The Construction And Operation Of A Pylon Sign (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

22. A Resolution Approving A Residential Lease Of Tribal Owned Land Between The Gila River Indian Community And Kenneth Manuel And Esther Manuel To Construct, Improve, And Maintain A Dwelling And Related Structures On The Leased Premises Pursuant To Title 25, United States Code, Section 415 And Title 25, Code Of Federal Regulations, Section 162.301 ET SEQ. (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Elizabeth Antone, Casaundra Wallace

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

>1. 2018 Wild Horse Pass Development Authority and Sun Valley Marina Corp Audit (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda, EDSC concurs)

Presenters: David White, WHPDA Board, REDW

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF

AGENDA

2. Request for Special Council Meeting – Code of Conduct Complaint Review of Investigative Report (Donna Kisto-Jones)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4, 2019, 9:00 A.M.

3. Request for Special Council Meeting – Code of Conduct Complaint Review of Investigative Report (Lucille Antone-Morago)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4, 2019, 1:00 P.M.

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4. GRHC Tribal EM Introduction (Executive Session) (H&SSC forwards to Council under New Business in executive session for discussion and possible action)

Presenter: Scott Gemberling

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ COUNCIL MEMBERS ON TRAVEL TO NCAI

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21-24, 2019

~INFR UPDATE

~UPPER GILA VALLEY TOUR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019 & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:23 p.m.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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Many GRIC members hired on the spot at E&T's annual career fair



Job seekers meet with employers during the Oct. 25 Career Fair. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

An annual event, hosted by the Gila River Indian Community Employment & Training Department, drew the attention of job seekers looking for employment, through organizations, schools and businesses on-hand. Employment & Training hosted their annual career fair on Oct. 25.

The event also promoted the Community's census initiative, "We encourage everyone to participate in the census, because it means more funding for the Gila River Indian Community and their programs," said Lana Chanda E&T Director.

According to Elisia Manuel, Outreach/Pathways

Coordinator, 13 applicants received job offers with 17 interviewed. Applicants were required to fill out an application and provide it to the employer, who was assisted by a liaison during the interview process.

The total number of individuals, who signed-in seeking employment from the 47 booths present at the career fair, was 247 individuals, 153 of them were over the age 25 and two individuals identified themselves as veterans.

"Goodwill and the Gila River Hotel & Casinos were two of the major employers present to interview and offer interviewees jobs. Goodwill offered four positions as sales associates and casin-

no hired nine individuals for stewardess positions," said Manuel.

"We wanted to figure out how we can capture the numbers to figure out what peoples' barriers are to employment, people could voluntarily fill out," said Manuel. Of the 43 surveys completed, the top three barriers documented in the survey were childcare, no GED and no transportation.

She said, "We want to get more statistics, of how we can help people as a department to obtain employment by offering more resources to the Community and gauge what's going-on out there.

She said it is important to have everyone counted

during the census, because it funds programs like E&T, that connect participants with training opportunities to prepare them for the workforce. Additionally, individuals were able to do on the spot promotional clips, promoting the 2020 census campaign.

Former E&T participants gave their success stories like, Rodrigo Castellon, Database Coordinator with the Management Information Systems department. "When I moved out here to Arizona back in 2008, from Oakland, California, all I had was a GED. That was all I had going for me, I had no job, no car."

He said during a visit to E&T, they offered him to join the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) as intern with their media group Editbox with Reuben Ringlero. He said, "I was participating in all the workshops E&T had to offer, communication, resume building and leadership. The question was how I could apply these skills toward a profession?"

"With the help of E&T staff I was able to apply for student financial aid and the Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences in Tempe, which was right up my alley," said Castellon. He said for a brief time, he did an internship with a recording studio in Chicago,



Participants show off their professional business attire during the fashion show portion of the Career Fair. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

but a family emergency at home brought him back to the Community, where he became a caretaker for his grandmother.

He said through the loss of his grandmother years later, it was an emotional one, but he knew building his skills with the advice of his grandma, motivated him to seek success. "Life throws you a situation where you are not fully prepared financially or emotionally, but the important part is to persevere through adversity with whatever life throws at you," said Castellon.

A dress for success fashion show took place, showcasing the latest trends in office fashion. "They

are here to show us, what it takes to dress for work. There are studies that show, how a person dresses for work, tells a lot about the person," said Zephyr Con-

te, E&T Training Specialist. Conte said, "The participants modeled clothing, that represents words like intelligence, trustworthiness, responsibility, authority and organization." All things she said employers look for during the interview process.

Manuel said it would not have been possible without the support of the Community and employee vendors, who setup booths at the career fair.

Special funding grant goes toward popular elephant exhibit at the Phoenix Zoo



The Phoenix Zoo uses money from a GRIC grant to construct a new elephant viewing experience with improvements for their Asian elephants. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Recently, the Phoenix Zoo unveiled an expanded viewing area for nature's largest and gentlest animals. During an appreciation event at the Phoenix Zoo, the Gila River Indian Community and several other donors, were recognized for their contributions on Oct. 17.

According to Cheryl Pablo, Program Administrator for the GRIC Office of Special Funding, a grant of \$500,000, was approved by Community Council on Sept. 20, 2017. "The grant the Community made, was \$500,000 towards the Zoo's capital campaign

(The Pride Campaign) for exhibit remodels/improvements," said Pablo.

She said, "The Community's grant was applied towards the new elephant enclosure called the 'Giants of The Asian Realm,' elephant viewing experience."

In addition, through the zoo's capital fundraising campaign, they were able to construct a new elephant viewing experience, exhibit remodels and improvements and the Doornbos Discovery Amphitheater, where educational programs will take place.

The one's that benefited most from the recent improvements are three female Asian elephants, Indu,

Reba and Sheena, who have a little bit more space to move around the expanded viewing area.

The campaign draws on the philanthropic support of charitable donations



A sign commemorates the contribution by the Gila River Indian Community. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

to fund capital campaigns that will expand and provide additional capacity for wildlife in care of the Phoenix Zoo.

Phillip Peterson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Phoenix Zoo and Arizona Center for Nature Conservation opened the event with a speech. "It's a momentous day for the zoo, we keep adding things to the zoo and it is a really special one, it's another result of the pride funding campaign that we have going on," said Peterson.

He said there are a lot of people, that were involved with the campaign, "There are many neat things, that will be made possible, through the generous contributions, like the Community, it's unbelievable," said Peterson.

A proclamation was

made to acknowledge the Phoenix Zoo's efforts to educate the public about wildlife conservation and preservation.

The zoo, as a whole has a mission to educate and preserve the welfare of the world's most endan-

gered species. Part of that mission, includes the Namibian Village and Trail, which will provide an immersive experience of the animals of West Africa and Tropical Rainforest, featuring animals found near the equator.

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