



MAR 5 wins big at the 2019 Environmental Excellence Awards *GRIC wins top honors of all project submissions for Interpretive Trail*



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis gives an acceptance speech with tribal leadership and GRIC representatives from P-MIP and DEQ on Sept. 21. Courtesy of Tricia Covert/Arizona Forward

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Gila River Indian News

Recently, the Gila River Indian Community was presented a special award acknowledging its commitment to preserving the

natural habitat and history of the Community. The 39th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards & 50th Anniversary Gala, was held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort on Sept. 21.

The annual gala is hosted

by Arizona Forward, a valley organization established to bring business leaders and policymakers together to advocate, promote economic and environmental growth in a meaningful way.

Among 93 projects, that

were submitted by private and public-sector nominees, the Community received two awards, The President's Award and the Crescordia Award for Site Development and Landscape.

In an Arizona Forward press release, Lori Singleton, President and CEO of Arizona Forward said, "The gala was a special evening and we are proud to honor some very important projects." She said many of the nominations were related to water, with an emphasis on community centered projects.

In the press release, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Willard Antone III, Department of Environmental Quality Director, David De-Jong Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Director, representatives from Hunter Contracting Co., and Neil+Young Associates were present to receive the awards.

The President's Award, which is a new category for this year's Arizona Forward gala in honor of Arizona Forward's 50th Anniversary, highlighted the

Community's MAR 5 Gila River interpretive trail for its commitment toward the education and reintroduction of traditional practices to GRIC members.

The Crescordia Award, recognized the MAR 5 Gila River Interpretive Trail Project, for its purpose of preserving the natural landscape, traditional practices and history of the Community. Hunter Contracting, who built the MAR 5 Gila River interpretive trail, was recognized for their involvement in the site development and landscape of the facility.

According to an article about the awards in Arizona Big Media, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "I am proud that the Gila River Indian Community was recognized as the recipient of the Arizona Forward President's Award for our MAR 5 Gila River Interpretive Trail."

Lewis, said the MAR 5 interpretive trail promotes sustainability practices and focuses

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Families of victims find support at Day of Remembrance of Murdered Victims *Proclamation recognizes September 25 as Gila River Indian Community's Day of Remembrance*

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community in partnership with several Community departments held an event to commemorate the Community's first Day of Remembrance of Murdered Victims on Sept. 25, which has been recognized as "National Day of Remembrance for Murdered Victims" since 2007. Over a hundred family members and friends attended the event held in District 4, and hosted by Crime Victims

Services (CVS), which provides support services for domestic violence or violent crimes victims.

The event was intended to serve as support for those who have lost a loved one to homicide and recognize its impact on surviving family members and loved ones. The awareness color for the memory of murdered victims is black and red. Attendees received a red bracelet and ribbon to wear, and bags with information on CVS and other support services in the Community.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone be-

gan the event with a welcome and prayer. "Joining together, gives us more strength", said Lt. Gov. Stone who was grateful for the event, "It was really heartfelt with everyone here and sharing as a Community. Joining together

gives us more strength."

Gila River Police Department and Office of the Prosecutor, gave an overview of their jobs and how they can help. They were also taking any information on any unsolved cases. Ryan Mi-

guel sang two traditional songs. Families spoke of the loss of their loved ones and reminisced of their memories. A proclamation signed by Lt. Gov. Stone on Gov.

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Photos of loved ones were on display along with an official proclamation acknowledging the National Day of Remembrance. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Ribbons and bracelets were handed out for attendees to wear during the Day of Remembrance for Murdered Victims in District 4 on Sept. 25. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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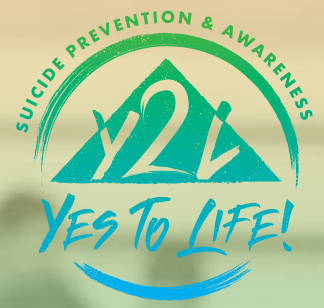
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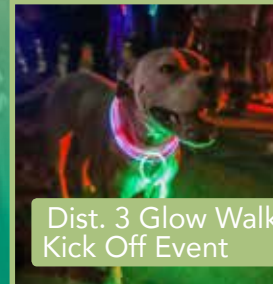
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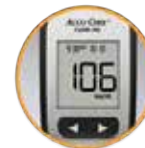
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Community provides input at public scoping meetings for the I-10 between Santan Loop 202 and SR-387



Lt. Gov. Stone offers remarks on the importance of the meeting and input from GRIC. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community hosted a series of public scoping meetings to inform the Community members about the planned Interstate 10 expansion project on Sept. 19, 25, 26 and the 28.

According to a Community press release, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Gila River Indian Community, and Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) invited the public to attend meetings as part of an environmental study and design concept report for Interstate 10 (I-10) between State Route Loop 202 (Santan) (Loop 202) and State Route 387 (SR-387).

At one of the scoping meetings, held at the Sacaton Boys & Girls Club, Community members and ADOT staff were on-hand to discuss the expansion project. It was an opportunity for attendees to share their thoughts and concerns through two forms of communication, an electronic survey or submit a paper form.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate the impacts of expanding the capacity of the I-10 from the Loop 202/Santan Freeway interchange to just south of the interchange at SR-387 to reduce traffic congestion in the study area.

"As you may be aware the Community has agreed to participate in a study, with study partners and their consultants on the expansion of Interstate 10," said David White, General Manager for the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority.

He said, "The purpose of tonight's meeting is to capture feedback about this important study." Being, open to the public, some of the meetings brought citizens from neighboring communities to talk and complete a survey.

"It is one of many we are having in the Community to look at the I-10 expansion project, within the Community," said Lt. Gov. Robert Stone. He encouraged Community members to offer feedback regarding the survey. "More importantly is you, the Community members, that we want to hear from, your participation is really important."

"My main concern is when somebody coming the opposite direction blows a tire, at 70 plus mile per hour, there's no time to react. I would like to see a cable barrier, maybe it will stop a car from going into on-coming traf-

fic," said Clement Harvey, District 3.

"Instead of two lanes, three would make sense, it gives you more room to pass and time to react, if something happens, like an accident," said Tasha Matthews, District 3.

"I was aware of the widening project they were proposing, but it was good to see they want to collect questions and comments from Community members," said Michael Morago, District 3. He said along with the widening project, the highway surface along that section of I-10 is really bad.

"The concerns that I had were congestion, I travel that highway all the time and it's always congested. I have safety concerns about that, because cars try and jockey for position on that highway," said Morago.

The Community feedback was across the board, some expressed concerns at the amount of traffic, that would come with the addition of lanes in the east and west directions. Other Community members said the addition of an extra lane could help reduce the amount of congestion, especially in the case of an accident, allowing more cars to navigate around the crash scene.

The public scoping meetings were held in District 1, 3, 5, and 6, which provided information on travel time outcomes, with maps, and study and evaluation processes on the expansion project.

Individuals can provide their



Visitors viewed maps and other materials regarding the study of the impacts regarding expanding the capacity of the I-10 freeway. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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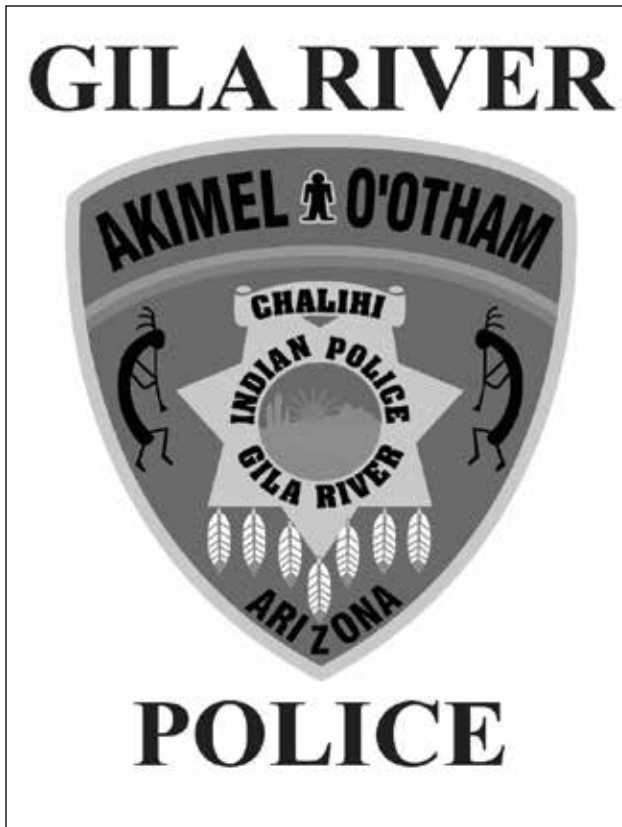
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Gila River Police Department Incident Logs



The Gila River Indian News would like to express our condolences to the family, friends and fellow officers of Commander John Harkness who recently passed away in September. Commander Harkness provided police reports to the GRIN and assisted in our efforts to communicate those activities to our readers. The GRIN will run his previously unpublished final submission from August in his memory along with the latest reports provided by the Gila River Police Department. GRPD Photo



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

August 25 - 31, 2019

Gila River Police officers responded to 625 calls for service and made 31 arrests.

Theft – Suspect(s) trespassed onto the victim's property and stole a twenty inch bicycle with a pink colored frame and white colored tires. Upon discovering the missing property the victim notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Burglary – Suspect(s) entered a fenced residential yard and stole the victim's air compressor. Upon discovering the missing property the victim notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Auto Theft – Suspect(s) trespassed onto the victim's residential property and stole the victim's 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe. Upon discovering the missing property the victim notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Auto Theft – Suspect(s) trespassed onto the victim's residential property and stole the victim's 1990 Nissan Maxima. Upon discovering the missing property the victim notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Two – (Saca-

ton Flats)

Theft – The suspect removed money from the victim's wallet without the victim's permission. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Charges forwarded

District Three- (Saca-

Aggravated Assault – Suspect threatened and approached the victim with scissors in a threatening manner placing him in fear of being stabbed. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Charges forwarded

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's tablet from her residence approximately three months prior to reporting. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect left the victim on side of the road and leaving the area with the victim's belongings in his vehicle. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident. The victim was not injured during this incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Four-

Stotonic Area –

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim(s) were involved in a verbal domestic altercation that escalated and became physical. The suspect assaulted two female family members by punching and kicking both females about the face area causing minor and major injuries. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Of-

ficers responded to investigate the incident. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded to treat the victims. Both victims were transported to a local trauma hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into the Gila River Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision.

Lone Butte Area
Shoplifting – The suspect was observed exiting the store bypassing the point of sale wearing a white shirt he had not paid for. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident. Suspect was gone prior to police arrival.

Status: Under investigation

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the store and stole 2 cases of beer and fled the scene in a vehicle. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the store, and stole two cans of beer without paying. The female refused to remain on scene and fled the scene on foot. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's rose gold iPhone 8+ while she was attending a function at Rawhide. Upon discovering her cell phone missing the victim notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect stole a purse belonging to the victim from a gaming machine while at Lone

Butte Casino and then fled the property on foot. Casino Security notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect fueled up at the Love's gas station and left without paying for the fuel. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

Theft – A juvenile suspect ran away from home and in the process took with him shoes and a stereo that belonged to the victim. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Charges forwarded

District Six – (Komat-

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim(s) were involved in a verbal domestic altercation that escalated and became physical. The suspect struck the victim with a metal object causing injury to her person. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Seven – (Mar-

icopa)

No Part 1 Incidents

Sept. 22 -28, 2019

Gila River Police officers responded to 626 calls for service and made 20 arrests.

District One- (Black-

water)

No Part 1 Incidents

District Two – (Saca-

ton Flats)

No Part 1 Incidents

District Three- (Saca-

ton)

Theft – Suspect(s) forced entry into the victim's vehicle by pushing down a car window. The suspect(s) stole a purse and cell phone, belonging to the victim, from the vehicle. Upon discovering the damage to her vehicle and

hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Suspect was arrested and custody handed over to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

Theft – Suspect(s) entered the victim's vehicle, while it was parked in a parking a garage, without permission and stole several items. Upon discovering the missing property the victim notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole two batteries from a construction site. Upon discovering the missing property, employees notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Auto Theft – The suspect used a key to enter the victim's vehicle, parked in a parking garage, and drive off casino property. Upon discovering her vehicle missing, the victim notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect forced entry into a parked vehicle, stole the car stereo and damaged the steering column. Casino security notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident. Status: Charges forwarded

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's firearm from his residence while they were staying at the residence. Upon discovering his property missing, the victim notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

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missing items' the victim notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Burglary – Suspect(s) broke into a storage shed and stole items from within belonging to the victim. Upon discovering the damage and missing items' the victim notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Four-
Stotonic Area –
No Part 1 Incidents
Lone Butte Area
Shoplifting – The sus-

pect entered a store, concealed merchandise and then fled past the point of sale without paying for the items. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect was gone prior to police arrival.

Status: Under investigation

Auto Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's 2002 White Ford F350 from the Wild Horse Pass Casino parking lot. Casino Security notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect was gone prior to police arrival.

Status: Under investigation

District Five – (Casa Blanca)

Robbery – Suspect entered the victim's home, assaulted him and stole his wallet. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded, medically evaluated and treated the victim's non-life threatening injuries.

Status: Under investigation

District Six – (Komat-

ke)

Burglary – Suspect(s) stole the victim's 2008 Chrysler 300 while vehicle was parked at the Vee Quiva Casino parking lot. Casino Security notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect was gone prior to police arrival.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole a television from the District 6 Service Center. Security notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect was gone prior

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GRIC will be represented by Autumn Cooper at the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program



Autumn Cooper as Miss Gila River during her farewell address to Council. GRIN Photo

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

In the last edition of the GRIN, former Miss Gila River, Autumn Cooper, shared her experiences following her 2018-2019 reign. We now catch up with her as she prepares for the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program. This year's 58th annual pageant will feature six young women competing for the pageant title on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Chandler Center for the Arts.

Cooper's platform for the pageant is "Love Yourself and Self Confidence," as she inspires young people to find comfort in their own skin. "No matter how we look, no matter what shape we are, we are all beautiful in our own way," Cooper said.

She's carried out her message through numerous presentations and workshops she's hosted as Miss Gila River. And even now she continues to host similar programs for youth she works with at her job with the Community's Employment & Training Department. "We all need the con-

fidence to build ourselves and to love ourselves," she said.

While preparing for the pageant, Cooper said that she's continuously meeting with elders, her family, and current Community Council representatives seeking advice and wisdom. Cooper also credits former Miss Indian Arizona 2017-2018 Mariah Sharpe as someone who's encouraged her to run. Sharpe built rapport with several young women and has supported Cooper during this process.

The other contestants are Kiara Goseyun, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Teya Johnson-Tiger, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Audriana Mitchell, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Ki-Ana Reina, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Amy Spotted Wolf, Tohono O'odham Nation.

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$7 for children and are available for purchase in advance at chandlercenter.org, and more information about the pageant is at missindianarizona.com.

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to police arrival. Security staff identified the alleged suspect to officers.

Status: Charges forwarded

Theft – Suspect took the victim's Samsung Galaxy Tablet without permission from the victim's home. The tablet was not returned and suspect admitted to leaving it in the vehicle of an unknown person. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Theft – Suspect(s) trespassed on a construction site and stole construction

equipment. Employees arrived to the site the following morning to find the items missing and notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect stole an inner tube belonging to the victim from in front of their residential carport. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate,

Status: Under investigation

District Seven – (Maricopa)

No Part 1 Incidents

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District 7 hosts family sports night with numerous activities for families



GRIC members play bingo for prizes in District 7 on Sept. 28. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

District 7 Service Center and Tribal Recreation hosted the inaugural Family Sports Night Saturday, Sept. 28, to encourage and recognize movement and activity in common sports as another form of wellness for Community members.

Tribal Recreation and Wellness Program Manager Angel Orque said, “the goal of the event is to highlight the activity that is involved with various sports most enjoy regularly.” Further saying, “We could have had a run, group aerobics session, lifted weights together, but we wanted a night for family fun through movement.”

In August, Tribal Recreation held a similar event in District 3, which featured more outdoor activities such as mud volleyball and mud tug-o-war. That event brought 150 people out, and they wanted to try and make this event more family-oriented with gym-

nasium tricycle races, a dodgeball tournament and basketball bump-out challenge.

Around 200 Community members attended and participated in numerous activities for all ages. And closing out the night was a “glow-in-the-dark” Zumba workout held outdoors on a basketball court to take advantage of the cooler temperatures.

District 7 recently

hired Jodie Mercado as the new recreation coordinator to help host events like Family Sports Night. Mercado is grateful for the collaboration with Tribal Recreation and thanks to the district’s recreation committee and volunteers.

District 6 and District 7 Public Health and Nursing had a booth set up to provide flu shots, blood pressure and sugar checks.



Around 200 attended the Family Sports Night, which included tricycles races in the gymnasium. Kyle Knox/GRIN



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Genesis Program encourages families to stay healthy at 8th annual Family Fun Fest

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The Tribal Health Department's Genesis Program held its 8th Annual Family Fun Fest at District 4 Multi-purpose Building

Thursday, Sept. 26, to encourage families to stay active during Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.

"We want to offer the Community more than one way to stay active and

healthy with your family," Kyrie Dukepoo, Program Manager of the Genesis Program.

Dukepoo mentioned Zumba as an activity that age groups can enjoy. "All

kids love to dance, not always on rhythm sometimes but it's fun, and Zumba is a great way to get everyone moving," Dukepoo said.

With eight years of the Family Fun Fest, the Genesis program hopes to grow in its programming of education and activities like this for years to come. In years past, Genesis only partnered with The Life Center and Wellness Center. What made this year stand out was the incorporation of physical activities instead of solely hosting informational booths.

Everyone in attendance enjoyed dinner, glow-in-the-dark Zumba, Fun Run/Walk, and 12 informational booths from

community programs and service providers. Booths provided family-friendly education, face painting, small games for toddlers, and many gave out promotional items for families to

enjoy. Elders and those with physical disabilities participated in the fun run/walk on the indoor track on the second floor of the building.



Family Fun Fest celebrates eight years at the District 4 Multi-Purpose Facility. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Children use fun activities to learn about health and wellness at the Family Fun Fest on Sept. 26. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Huhugam Heritage Center

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Huhugam Heritage Center (HHC) is holding a t-shirt design contest to commemorate the grand opening of our new gallery. We are looking for a design that captures the spirit of the occasion: **Celebrating a New Beginning.**



1st Prize: \$500
2nd Prize: \$300
3rd Prize: \$200

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FORM OF A GIFT CARD.

DESIGN CONTEST RULES:

1. Open to all enrolled Gila River Indian Community members (ages 14+) beginning September 1st.
2. One entry per person.
3. Design must be original. Please include description of how your entry reflects the theme of the event.
4. Email your entry to hhc.social.gric@gmail.com or deliver to the front office of HHC at 21359 S. Maricopa Road, Chandler, AZ 85226.
5. Entries must be no larger than 8 1/2" x 11".
6. Please include your full name, phone number, district, and Tribal Enrollment number.

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59 P.M. ON OCTOBER 18TH.

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION OF HHC'S NEW PERMANENT GALLERY ON JANUARY 24, 2020.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRIES DEEMED NOT APPROPRIATE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING. THE HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER IN AWARDED THE WINNING PRIZE WILL HAVE PURCHASED THE DESIGN THUS HOLDING THE COPYRIGHT FOR ALL USES BY THE HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER IN PERPETUITY.



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2019 Per Capita Schedule

Deadline	Payment
September 16 (Monday)	October 31 (Thursday)

HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR MAILING ADDRESS?

Remember you **MUST** update your information at the Enrollment Office as well as with the Per Capita Office as soon as you can. This is very critical in ordering new Pay-Cards, receiving statements, and most importantly receiving your payments! Please contact the Enrollment Office at (520)562-9790.

****Per Cap Checks have a printed RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED on the front, therefore checks will not be forwarded.**

KEEP STATEMENTS SAFE

Due to the high volume of statement requests the PCO would like to remind the community to keep track of all statements. Statements are used for income verification purposes, as the PCO does not verify to third party entities. The member must contact the PCO to request any documentation needed for verifications of any kind.

PAYCARD INFORMATION

PAY CARD LOT OR STOLEN:
Call (866) 213-8564 Press 1# for live operator; Please know your address, phone # and employee # (GRIC ID#) also they may ask for your card #; This is your chance to tell them what you need and ask any questions. Pay card orders take 7 to 10 business days

****Please check the expiration date on your pay card, as some will be expiring soon. Bank of America automatically ships new card to the last known address on file.**

*****If your pay card account is closed please submit a new payment method change form by the quarterly deadline.**

Providence First Trust 2019 Visits
September 27 and 30, 9am – 4pm

Minor Trust Early Distribution

Deadline	Payment
September 30 – Monday	October 15 (Tuesday)

This is a request for clothing, medical and educational needs. Early distribution is allowed twice a year and has a dollar limit.

- One packet is to be filled out per child.
- Please bring a photo ID (Tribal ID or State ID)

Trust Termination

Deadline	Payment
September 30 (Monday)	October 31 (Thursday)

Member must be at least 18 years old with a HS diploma/GED certificate or be at least 21 years old by payment date to terminate trust.

Please bring the following documents with you:

- High school diploma or GED certificate
- Photo ID (Tribal ID or State ID)
- Voided check or letter from bank, if selected direct deposit (name, routing number and account number)

Personnel recognized at Gila River Fire Department review meeting at WHP

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Fire Department hosted a review meeting at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino on Sept. 23., which was attended by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, and was the first one held during Chief Kathy Garcia's leadership of the department.

"It's been busy, coming in at very end of the fiscal year, approving all the budgets that we can, to make sure our trucks are running, equipment is ordered and hiring new personnel," said Garcia.

She emphasized the importance of the profession in taking care of one another, and the safety of the Community. Garcia said its making sure all personnel understand their role



Chief Kathy Garcia presents on the vision of GRFD at the review meeting. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

as firefighters and pointing out anything that needs adjustments, regarding performance.

At the overview meeting, Garcia recognized her personnel for their years of service and performance on the job. Lt. Gov. Robert Stone was on-hand to pres-

ent the awards to personnel, along with Garcia and Greg Mitchem GRFD Deputy Chief.

Here is the list of personnel recognized:

Outstanding Professional
Javier Hernandez
Adrian Hernandez



Gila River Fire Department handed out awards to long-serving employees such as Linda Leidecker. From left, Deputy Chief Greg Mitchem, Leidecker, Lt. Gov. Stone. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Five years of service
Ariana Flores
Gabriel Rubalcaba
10 years of service

Linda Leidecker
Miguel Reyes
15 years of service
Matt Regan

20 years of service
Jesse Zuniga
Michael Krout
Matthew Pierce

GRIC member working with fighters and promoting Iron Boy fights

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Carlos Munoz is a Gila River Indian Community member from District 5 and has lived in the Community until his teenage years before moving to Chandler, Ariz., where he currently lives and works.

Munoz has been working with Iron Boy Promotions, Arizona's leading boxing and mixed martial arts (MMA) event sponsor, and has been working to bring boxing and MMA programs to the Community with classes and programs for teens.

Tentatively, the programs will be held at the District 6 and District 3 Boys and Girls Clubs. Iron Boy Promotions will be bringing in trainers and full equipment to get the programs started for an introduction to MMA. Starting with a three day, weekly class, typically lasting an hour for ages 13-17. Munoz has discussed his goal for the programs; "Hopefully it sparks an interest and gives them [the teens] a drive so they'll seek opportunities themselves and maybe we can sponsor them", said Munoz.

Although Munoz doesn't have any personal experience in boxing or MMA, he discussed his childhood growing up in the Community, "For me, it's understanding the struggles and how do I utilize those tools around me" said Munoz, and feels others can relate, "My experience is just growing up in the Community and the hardships," said Mu-

noz, "I think we all have a background of a little bit of struggles."

In addition to the upcoming programs, Iron Boy Promotions has an upcoming fighting event, Oct.12, at the Rawhide Event Center. Tickets have been donated to each of the districts for giveaway to Community members who might be interested.

For more information on Iron Boy Promotions, you can visit their website at www.ironboyboxing.com



This will be a great evening for viewing the moon and Saturn. View star clusters, nebulae and galaxies through the telescopes. Take a close-up photograph of the moon with your Smartphone through the lens of a high-powered telescope! The "Traveling Stargazing Store" will offer many educational and stargazing items for sale such as books, bookmarks, planispheres, star charts, constellation mugs, "Glow-in-the-Dark" t-shirts, holographic images of astronomical objects, etc.



Transportation will be provided. Please contact Lori Wackett at 520-562-8600 Ext. 3043 by 10/8/19.

Annual Sacaton Elementary School District Stargazing Evening!



When: October 9, 2019

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. ~ Elementary School Cafeteria

Stargazing: 6:30-8:30 p.m. ~ Ramada Area (Elementary Campus)



VFSO adds staff to assist veterans and families in GRIC



The Veterans and Family Services Office introduces new staff as they continue their work with veterans in the Gila River Indian Community. L-R: Wesley Rhodes, Palmer Miller, Darrel Whitman, Andrew Antone, Samantha Jackson, Valerie Fagerberg and Eric White. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Veterans and Family Services Office has added new staff to increase their efforts to connect Veterans and their families with much needed services. Palmer Miller, VFSO Coordinator, Eric White, VFSO Veterans Service Officer, and Samantha Jackson, VFSO Administrative Assistant, have joined the VFSO and will be assisting Veterans in the Gila River Indian Community.

"It was really, good to have them there and to be able to respond to the issues," said Wesley Rhodes, Veterans Peer Support Specialist. At recent Veteran's round tables, Rhodes said the new staff have been helpful in answering questions veterans have presented on services.

Miller and White both have years of experience connecting Veterans and families with services and

want to educate vets about what services are available to them. They have a combined 48 years of services in the military. Miller served 23 years in the U.S. Army as a military policeman, while White spent 25 years in the United States Marine Corps in communications.

"This office understands, there are a lot of things, that can be made available to veterans," said Miller.

White said educating veterans on what benefits are available to them can be difficult, because some have had bad experiences with the [Veterans Administration]. "What I say to them, you served your country, these are the benefits, that you are entitled to, you earned them," said White.

With new staff on-board the VFSO will continue to gather information from Community veterans

and reach out to those, who need to be connected with services from the Veterans Affairs.

"I think it shows how far we have come in being a fully-staffed office," said Darrell Whitman, Veterans Peer Support Specialist. "You can ask two years ago, what our office would have looked like, now we have the staff to move forward, looking at our next journey in serving veterans and their families of the Community," said Whitman.

Getting the word out on what is available to veterans, also includes obtaining their feedback on what the VFSO can do for them. "They fill out a survey along with the intake they fill out as well. It helps our department determine what direction we need to go in order to fulfill veterans and their family's needs," said Jackson.

The VFSO staff



National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

End the Silence Begin the Healing

October 25, 2019
District 6 Service Center
4:30pm - Walk/Registration

thanked the Community for their support of the VFSO and the creation of key positions, that will help veterans and families with their questions and needs. "Right now, we are taking the next step, we are being

even more helpful, now that we have Samantha, Palmer and Eric on-board," said Whitman.

The VFSO is located at the Old Executive Ki building 1, in Sacaton. For more information contact VFSO

at (520)562-3389. There are also two satellite sites that are operating as of now one in Blackwater in the multi-purpose building and the other in Casa Blanca at the Veteran's Building.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY STUDENT SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE SPRING 2020 NOVEMBER 1ST, 2019

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ALL APPLICATIONS AND FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON [HTTPS://GRICRTO.MYLARIVER.COM/STUDENT-SERVICES.HTML](https://gricrtd.mylariver.com/student-services.html)
SEND ALL DOCUMENTS TO:
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PO BOX 97
SACATON, AZ 85147
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- Application (200 Word Essay)
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) (CURRENT - WITHIN 90 DAYS OF DEADLINE DATE)
- Acceptance Letter
- Enrollment Agreement (EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS ONLY)
- Program of Study
- Official Class Schedule (EX. LETTER FROM SCHOOL IF REGISTRATION OPENS AFTER NOV. 1ST)
- Student Aid Report - SAR (2019 - 2020)
- High School Diploma (HIGH SCHOOL OR GED DIPLOMA)
- Official College Transcripts (CALL PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED COLLEGES)

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The Smithsonian breaks ground on National Native American Veterans Memorial in D.C.

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

A delegation from the Gila River Indian Community, including Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Community Council Representatives Devin Redbird, Joey Whitman and Avery White attended the National Veterans Memorial Groundbreaking Ceremony at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 21.

Attended by Debra Haaland, U.S. Representative from New Mexico, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie, Provost of the Smithsonian Institute John Davis, Advisory Committee Co-Chair Jefferson Keel, Director of the National Museum of the American Indian Kevin Gover and Memorial Designer Harvey Pratt, among others, the event included a



Rep. Haaland with GRIC leadership. From left, Avery White, Haaland, Devin Redbird, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Joey Whitman. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

blessing, remarks, and the groundbreaking ceremony.

"I think all of us recognize that Native Americans serve in our armed forces at a higher rate than any group in this country because this is our land and we want to protect it," said Haaland.

For the ceremony, Haaland was wearing an Ira H. Hayes Post 84 pin, which was presented to her by Gov. Lewis.

"I'm very proud that

Gov. Lewis gave me the pin," said Haaland.

Gov. Lewis called the ceremony a "historic honoring," for Native veterans. "Today was very emotional and powerful," Gov. Lewis said.

The memorial will be an elevated stainless steel circle balanced on a carved stone drum. The designer, Pratt, who served in Vietnam from 1962 to 1965, was inspired by the sym-



The groundbreaking ceremony was held on Sept. 21 at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

bol of the circle and the meaning it holds for Native Americans.

A blessing was performed after remarks by Gover, Wilkie, Haaland, Davis, Pratt, and Keel and followed by the groundbreaking.

The Gila River Indian Community is a sponsor among numerous other tribal nations and groups including the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

"The community will

continue to support the veterans locally, at home, and nationally as well," said Redbird

The memorial will be dedicated on Veterans Day, 2020.

ASU'S American Indian Policy Institute announces merger with Watts College



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis acknowledges the new partnership with AIPI and Watts. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

One Arizona State University policy think tank on issues concerning American Indians, made an announcement on joining a college within the university. During an announcement at the Heard Museum Steele Auditorium in Phoenix, the ASU American Indian Policy Institute an-

nounced their merger into the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions on Sept. 26.

According to an AIPI press release, "We are thrilled to be joining forces with the Watts College," said, Traci Morris AIPI Director. She said the merger brings an added opportunity to combine the institutes expertise on tribal policy with the Watts College.

AIPI board president Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "It is a special collaboration between the American Indian Policy Institute and Watts College, that is being made to pay tribute and respect to Native nations that are still here."

He said the move acknowledges the tremendous opportunities for AIPI to connect with policy makers in Washington D.C. "There is a real com-

mitment to tribes across the nation, because for too long, federal policy has always been decided for them," said Lewis.

Lewis said, "That is why it is important to have policy drivers, like AIPI to come up with innovative solutions at the tribal level and bring them to the state and federal level."

Jonathan Koppell, Dean of Watts College, lauded the inclusion of AIPI into the college. "We are going to do fantastic work together," said Koppell in the press release. He said the colleges' values and foundation are a good fit for AIPI, because they strive to promote social justice among all walks of life.

After Gov. Lewis' keynote address, a discussion panel was held, narrated by Mark Trahan, who joined the Cronkite School

of Journalism this summer. The transition to ASU, also brought on-board Indian Country Today, which features stories from tribal communities across the na-

tion.

Guest panelist included, Geoff Blackwell of Amerid Risk, Patti Hibbeler from the Phoenix Indian Center, Matthew Rantanen

of the Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association and VaRene Martinez from the Native American Finance Officers Association.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

on the ongoing drought and climate change, but is also the vision of his late father, Rodney Lewis, to bring back the river through the recharge site.

"The MAR 5 interpretive trail will be a living tribute to our water right, our Huhugam and teaching our future generations, our historic and ongoing ties to the Gila River," said Lewis in the press release.



The awards GRIC was presented as part of the success of the MAR 5 Interpretive Trail project. Courtesy of Tricia Covert

Cardinals donates to GRFD apprenticeship program

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On, Sunday, Sept. 29, Arizona Cardinals President Michael Bidwill presented a check for \$5,000 to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, GRFD Captain Adrian Hernandez, and Javier Hernandez from the Gila River Fire Department prior to game between the Cardinals and the Seattle Seahawks.

The donation will sup-

port the GRFD's Crisis Response and Firefighters Apprenticeship Scholarship Programs.

Chief Kathy Garcia later stated that the donation, "will be used for necessary supplies and materials for both the apprentice program and crisis response team."

Manuel Hernandez, Public Relations Coordinator for Gila River Hotels & Casinos, said, "This

donation is made possible through the long-time partnership of the Gila River Hotels & Casinos and the Arizona Cardinals."

The presentation ceremony was aired during the game for everyone in attendance. During the pregame ceremony Teaya Vicente and Thomas Throssell, Public Relations at Gila River Hotels & Casinos, were present to accept the donation.

Last month, Gila River Hotels & Casinos became the official hotel and casino of the Arizona Cardinals. During the game, two lucky fans won a two-night stay at the new Cardinals Suite installed at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel. The partnership has started off on a strong foot and will continue through the remainder of the season and beyond.



The Arizona Cardinals donate \$5,000 to the Gila River Fire Department. From left, Arizona Cardinals President Michael Bidwill, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Teaya Vicente and Adrian Hernandez. Kyle Knox/GRIN

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • September 18, 2019

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, September 18, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:17 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Janice Stewart

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone (9:31), Delmar Jones, Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Thomas White; D6- Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Jennifer Allison; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 AND #3 THROUGH #9; TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #4 AND #6 THROUGH #21 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADD NEW BUSINESS #2, ACCEPT THE MATERIAL, TABLE REPORT #2 AND APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction – Laurie A. Thomas, Director of the Department of Community Housing

Presenter: Kathyleen Curley

MS. KATHYLEEN CURLEY INTRODUCED MS.

LAURIE THOMAS AND PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS.

2. Introduction – Willard W. Antone III, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality

Presenter: Kathyleen Curley

MS. KATHYLEEN CURLEY INTRODUCED MR.

WILLARD ANTONE III AND PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. MR. ANTONE III PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS.

REPORTS

*1. Ira H. Hayes Post 84 3rd Quarter Report 2019

Presenter: Bill Dixon

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Skyline Gila River FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report

Presenters: Vaughn Flannigan

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. K-12 Education Program Quarter 3 Manager's Report

Presenter: Trina Hart

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. K-12 Education Program Quarter 4 Manager's Report

Presenter: Trina Hart

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Head Start Monthly Report - May 2019

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Head Start Monthly Report – June 2019

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Head Start Monthly Report – July 2019

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. State Superintendent Of Public Instruction, Kathy

Hoffman Visit To Gila River Indian Community

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. Ira H. Hayes Auxiliary Unit 84 3rd Quarter Report

Presenter: Marianne Gonzales

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. FY 2019 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending August 31, 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Department Administration Office Of Grants And Federal Resources 9-1-1 Program Grant Agreement GFR-AZ911-20-005 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Teresa Villescaz

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*2. A Resolution Authorizing The Community Services Department To Conduct An Assessment Of The Needs Of Community Elders And To Apply For The U.S. Government Older Americans Act Title VI Grant (H&SSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Regina Antone-Smith

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*3. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Operating Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office As Required By The Arizona Department Of Administration Office Of Grants (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the consent agenda)

Presenter: Teresa Villescaz

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*4. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Operating Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Pinal County Sheriff's Office As Required By The Arizona Department Of Administration Of Grants (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the consent agenda)

Presenter: Teresa Villescaz

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. A Resolution Approving The Community Services Department To Apply For And Receive Grant Funding Through The United States Department Of Agriculture's Food Distribution Program On Indian Reservations (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections)

Presenter: Regina Antone-Smith

APPROVED

>6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Coolidge For The Nelson C. Lathan Counseling Center Attitudes For Athletes 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

>7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Coolidge For Sgt. J.D. Wadkins VFW Post 3713 Facility Upgrades (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

>8. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agree-

ment Between The Gila River Indian Community And DCI Group AZ, LLC For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Linus Everling

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Franzoy Consulting, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Linus Everling

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gookin Engineers, Ltd. For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Linus Everling

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Keller-Bliesner Engineering, LLC For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Linus Everling

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Peter Mock Groundwater Consulting, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Linus Everling

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Public Policy Partners For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Linus Everling

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Yoder & Langford, P.C. For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with additional material and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Linus Everling

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Linus Everling

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>16. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Dorsey & Whitney, LLP For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

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Day of Remembrance from Page 1

Stephen Roe Lewis' behalf, was announced and read during the event; which proclaimed September 25 as "Gila River Indian Community's Day of Remembrance."

Families shared their experiences coping with the loss of their loved ones. "It's been a difficult road but we got through it with family and love," said Cheryl Williams from District 2, who's nephew, Wesley Williams was murdered due to gang violence. She shared her appreciation for the event and the turn out, "we're all in this together, to support each other."

"Our main goal was to at least let the Community members know they can lean on each other and have that support with each other," said Faron Humeyumptewa, CVS Coordinator, who has been in the position for the past 2 years

and discussed the planning of the event. "Being there, seeing everyone gather or talk to each other was really inspiring," said Humeyumptewa on the outcome of the event, "Our goal was just finding that support for each other".

To conclude the event, attendees were given glow sticks in replacement of a candle for a vigil, due to the weather and had a moment of silence to remember those lost to homicide. The event will be planned again next year. For more information on the event or on Crime Victim Services, the number is (520) 562-4106.

The Crime Victims Services would like to thank the following: "The Office of Governor and Lt. Governor, GRPD, GRIC Office of the Prosecutor, Ryan Miguel, Elizabeth and Larry Antone, Waylon Soke, Bernadean



District 4 decorated the outside of the Multi-Purpose Facility with balloons to honor the victims on Sept. 25. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Lewis, Pam Vega and Anthony Stevens, Warriors for Christ Church, GRHC Behavioral Health, Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision, District Four Service Center, On Eagles Wings (Domestic Violence Shelter), GRFD Crisis Response Team, H.O.P.E. Group, GRIC Executive Office, Communications &

Public Affairs Office, Office of the General Counsel, and a special thanks to all immediate and extended family members, friends, neighbors and colleagues for your support and encouragement of one another and the whole Gila River Indian Community."

Action Sheets from 11

Presenter: Linus Everling
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman, LLP For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Linus Everling
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Osborn Maledon, P.A. For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Linus Everling
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Rothstein Law Firm For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Linus Everling
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Center For Applied Research, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenter: Linus Everling
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>21. A Resolution Approving A Gift Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Smithsonian Institution Wherein The Gila River Indian Community Shall Make A Donation To The National Museum Of The American Indian For Its National Native Americans Veterans Memorial (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Kathyleen Curley, Franklin Pablo, Sr.
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Sheraton Grand Renovation Project Phase 1 Update (Executive Session) (EDSC forwards to Council under New Business in executive session)

Presenter: David White
ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS FYI [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

2. Gila River Health Care Board of Directors Declaration of (2) Vacancies
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND to declare and advertise for 60-days
MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ Prayers requested for Joe Joaquin's family
~ Update for the Upper Valley visit

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:13 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
SACATON, AZ 85147

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Gila River Indian Community Council (the "Community Council") is the governing body of the Gila River Indian Community (the "Community"), a federally recognized and sovereign Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Community Council is authorized by Article XV, Section 1(a)(9) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Community (March 17, 1960) (the "Constitution") to promote and protect the health, peace, morals, education, and general welfare of the Community and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Community Council recognizes that the death of a loved one impacts their whole community, including immediate and extended family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, the Community Council supports the Community in honoring the memory of homicide victims and acknowledging the resulting long-term trauma for families and communities is an important way of promoting public awareness of the impact of violent crime; and

WHEREAS, the Community Council acknowledges that September 25th is established as the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims as a result of unanimously passed resolutions by the United States Senate on October 16, 2007 (S. Res. 326) and the United States House of Representatives on May 14, 2007 (H.Res 223); and

WHEREAS, Gila River Indian Community in partnership with several Community Departments will hold an event to commemorate the Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims on Wednesday, September 25; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, Arizona do hereby proclaim the day of September 25 as:

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY'S DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Gila River Indian Community, this 25th day of September in the year Two Thousand Nineteen.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Stephen Roe Lewis
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Shaun White
COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY





Griffin T. "KUSH" Lewis
8th Annual Memorial
Walk-Run
For
Mothers of Murdered Children
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Friday October 11, 2019
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The Late Bernard & Myra Lewis Residence
"KUSH" Grandparents.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 28th "Would Have" been my son Griffin T. "Kush" Lewis Birthday! He would have reached the age 43 years old. Eight years ago he walked out of my home on October 1, 2011 Walking away from his grandparents home "THE LATE BERNARD & MYRA LEWIS", never did I think this would be the last time. I would never see him again, as I am sure many of you who

have those last time memories of your "loved one". My son had no children but enjoyed the old family dinners with aunts uncles and cousins especially one uncle took "Kush" as his own unconditionally- "UNCLE JUDE" loved him.

I know one thing for sure these people have no conscience, they have a "seared conscience" no trouble taking a life. Shooting a person, and all the criminal activity that they are loyal too... Sickness, sleeplessness, guilt

etc...does not want to change what they have done. I never felt justice was served in my son's case or any of you who go thru this terrible pain. In my case only because more people should have been prosecuted, especially the one who gave direction where to dump my sons body. To rid themselves of a badly beaten soul who was eventually found in old sewer. MAY THEY NEVER HAVE TO FEEL SUCH LOSS OR PAIN AS I HAVE... AS WE ALL HAVE...

20 years and counting for valuable GRIC employees



Employees who attended the special luncheon gather with Lt. Gov. Robert Stone on Sept. 25. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes
 Gila River Indian News

On Sept. 25, the Gila River Indian Community recognized some of their employees with their annual "Twenty-year club" recognition luncheon, which honors long-serving employees.

The employees who attended were treated to a lunch at Geleto Brazilian Steakhouse, with musical trivia and games, prizes, and gifts provided by Human Resources Employee Assistance/Training Specialist, Richard Weschrob and Training Specialist Phillip Morris and Employee Development Manager Marsha Chischilly.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone

was in attendance and gave remarks, "We truly do try to support each other to get work done in the Community," said Lt. Gov. Stone who congratulated and presented the employees with certificates.

The following is a list of employees who were recognized:

- Harriet Allen
- Anthony Antone
- Agatha Apkaw
- Arturo Apodaca
- Alan Blackwater
- James Blair
- Corina Brown
- Domitila Budd
- Marlena Calabaza
- Melva Charles
- Flora Cheewing
- Catherine Deer
- Cornelia Eschief
- Michelle Eschief

- Roella Fragua
- Jimmy Garcia
- Dorothea Guy
- James Hamby
- Danielle Jackson
- Lorin Jackson
- Rena Johnson
- Valerie Johnson-Antone
- Felicia Juan
- Honey Karel
- Michael Krout
- Chris Loendorf
- Leon Manuel
- Kathleen Norris
- Cheryl Pablo
- Eloise Pedro
- Jairus Pierce
- Adolpho Robles
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- Karen White
- Jesse Zuniga

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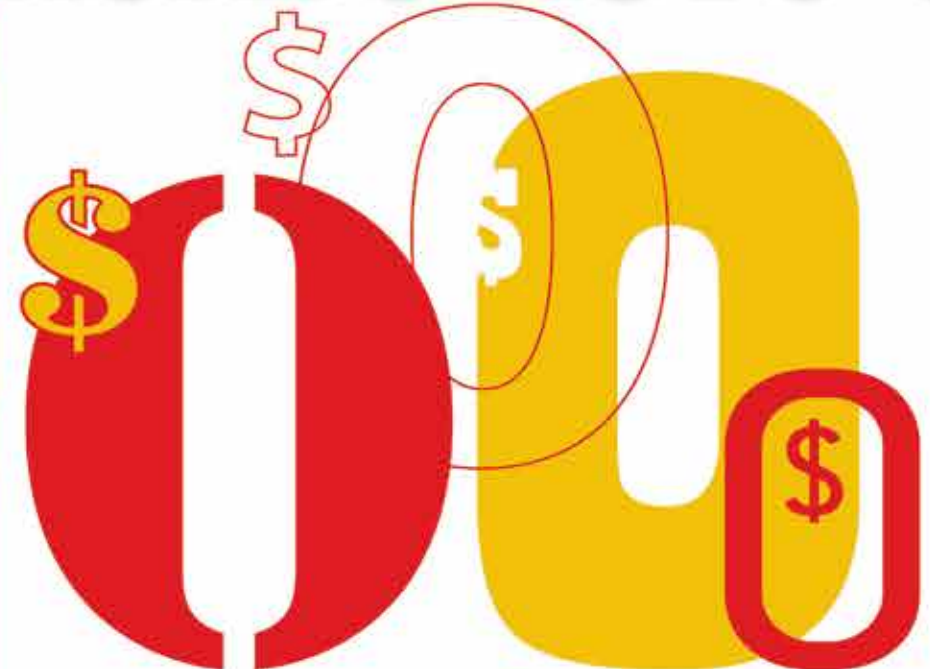


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