



## FOUR RECRUITS JOIN GILA RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Judge Jay Pedro (right) swears-in the new class of Gila River Fire Department graduates. Emma Hughes/GRIN

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Fire Department held a graduation ceremony for their recruit class of 2019-01. The graduation was held on Wednesday, Aug. 21. At the Anthony B. Shelde Building in Chandler.

The ceremony began with the posting of colors by the GRFD honor guard as family and friends were there in support of the four graduates: Collin Anderson, Todd Borner, Taylor Hawkins, and Steven Madril Jr. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone also attended the event to wel-

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### Community members promoted to director positions



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (second from right) at the Leadership Conference at Lone Butte where he recognized the promotion of two new directors as well as the new fire chief. From left, Willard Antone III, Director of Department of Environmental Quality, Laurie Thomas, Director of Department of Community Housing, Gov. Lewis, Kathy Garcia, GRFD Chief. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presents at the budget outreach meeting held in District 1 on Aug. 14. Emma Hughes/GRIN

## Gila River Indian Community presents proposed budget at a pair of outreach meetings in District 1 and District 7

*New budget includes increases for housing and public safety*

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community held a pair of meetings to present the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The FY2020 Budget Community Outreach meetings were held on Aug. 14 in District 1 at the Multi-Purpose Building and Aug. 15 at the District 7 Service Center. The meetings were hosted by the Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor, Office of the Treasurer and the Office of the Community Manager, where a preview of the upcoming operating budget was presented.

Community members listened to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, and

Treasurer Robert Keller as slides of the budget overview were presented. To open the discussions, Gov. Lewis pointed out two key increases to the FY2020 Budget, which included an increase for housing and public safety.

In addressing the increase to public safety, Gov. Lewis said there has been issues with crime and response time to the District 6 and District 7 areas, also with the new South Mountain 202 freeway there will be a significant increase in traffic through the area.

Gov. Lewis reiterated to the Community there is a commitment in the budget to build more homes in the years to come. A

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## Vets come together at third annual Veterans conference

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

The third annual Veterans Conference was held on Aug. 31, at the Sheraton Grand Resort at Wild Horse Pass. Hosted by the Veterans and Family Services Office, their focus for the conference was to bring together active duty military, veterans, and their families to inform them of the numerous services offered by their department. Over 100 veterans and family were in attendance.

Participants were treated to breakfast before breaking into sessions. The Veterans and Family Services Office gave recognition to Pamela Thompson, Leland Thomas, and Joseph Davis for

their continued work and support with the conference and VFSO.

The sessions offered information on the men's traditional games as part of their cultural session and a presentation by the Huhugam Heritage Center on their upcoming veteran's exhibit which will be opening next year in January.

The event had various informational booths geared to veterans and their families that included the Huhugam Heritage Center, Gila River Health Care, United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Haskell Osife-Antone Women's Auxiliary Unit 51, and more.

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Veterans offer input during sessions at the 3rd Annual Veterans Conference. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY



**FAMILY**

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**FEST**

**Foam Run/Walk**

**Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Rawhide Event Center**  
**Chandler, AZ**

- Zip Line • Photo Booth • Glow Yoga • Bungee Jump
- Lawn Games • Rock Climbing • Live DJ Music
- Mechanical Bull • Water Inflatables

Onsite registration times will be from  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - Elder Walk

7:00 p.m. - Non-competitive  
Foam Run/Walk

**GENESIS  
GLOW YOGA**  
for the first 100  
to sign up onsite

The first 800 participants who complete the foam run/walk will  
receive a light meal, snacks and incentives

**This is a free event for GRIC Members**



For more information email [Special.Events@gric.nsn.us](mailto:Special.Events@gric.nsn.us)  
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# Rawhide will play host to another Foam Fest on Sept. 19

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

The first day of autumn is Sept. 23, and you can expect more outdoor events with fall approaching. One of the Community's standout events is the annual Family Foam Fest Run/Walk. This year the event is set for Thursday, Sept. 19 at the Rawhide Event Center. The event will kick-off the three-day Indian Day Holiday weekend for the Gila River Indian Community.

"The goal of Foam Fest is to create an evening of fun outdoor physical activities for the whole family to enjoy. The event is a youth and elder-friendly event so bring everyone," said Alie Walking Badger, Special Events Coordinator for the Communications & Public Affairs Office.

There will be a significant number of activities for all to enjoy including glow yoga sponsored by the Genesis Program, informational booths, on-site food vendors, free family photo booths, a zip line, rock climbing,



Elders participate in the 2018 Foam Fest. GRIN Photo

lawn games, water slides, and a mechanical bull.

According to Walking Badger, 800 attended last year's Foam Fest, and due to its continued success, attendance is expected to

increase.

First-time participants should know that there will be foam stations throughout the course so you will get a little wet. The run/walk is a non-competitive event

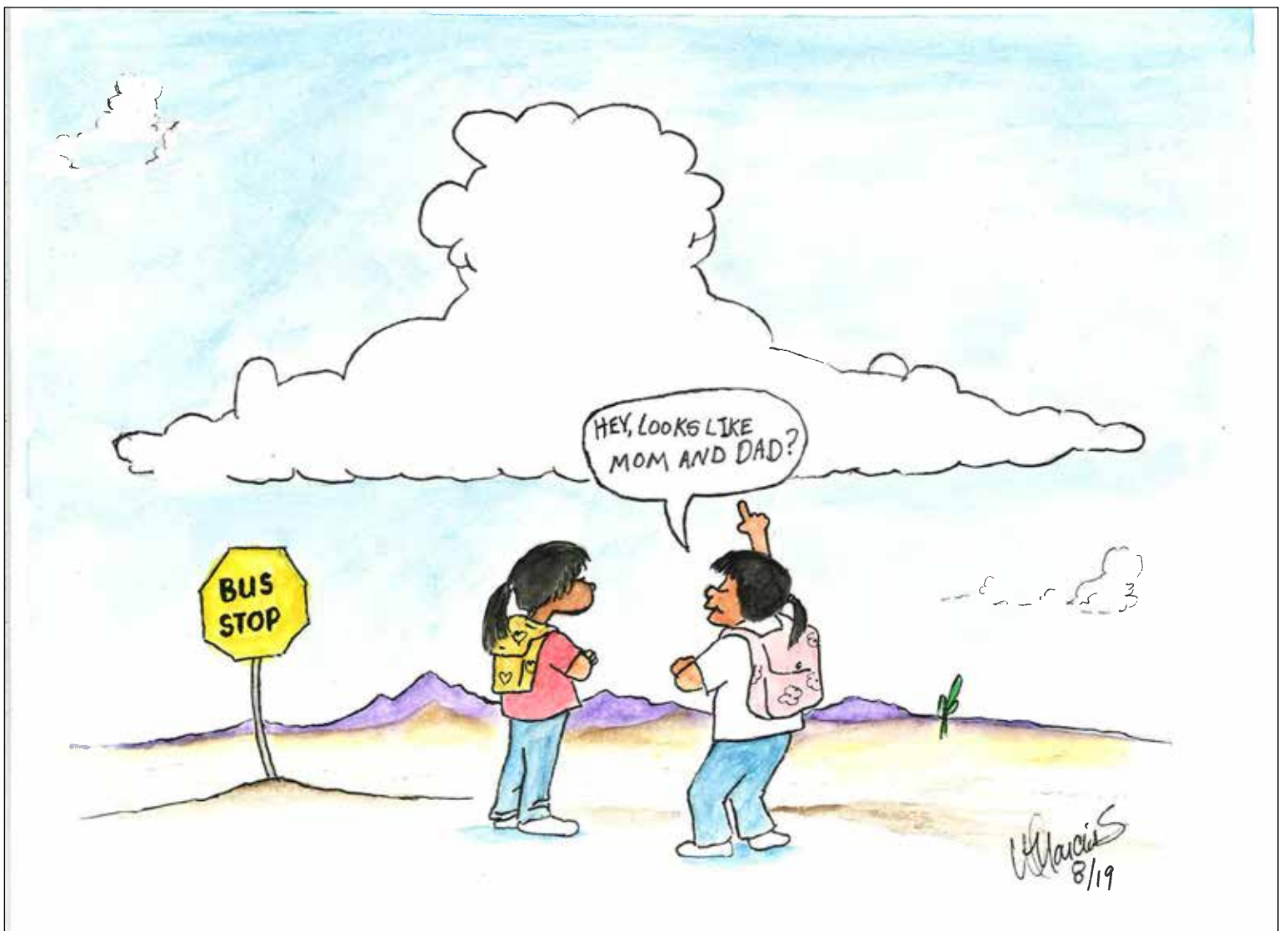
and is meant for all ages to enjoy. The first 800 participants will receive T-shirts, smoothies, snow cones, and a light meal. Participants that complete the walk/run will receive a finisher medal.

The event is made possible by the Gila River Health Initiative program and coordinated by the Community & Public Affairs Office, which will collaborate with numerous departments for this event including the Gila River Health Care Life Center and Genesis programs, Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council, District 2 Youth Group, Gila River Fire Department and numerous volunteers.

On-site registration will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the elder walk begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the non-competitive run/walk at 7 p.m. For more information, you can contact Alie Walking Badger at (520) 562-9713. Food vendor and informational booths please contact Shannon Redbird at (520) 562-9859.



Crowd's soak up the foam in last year's event at Rawhide. GRIN Photo





# 40 Under 40 presented at ceremony at Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass

*Impressive group of young leaders are recognized by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development*

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development hosted the annual 40 Under 40 Awards Gala and Scholarship at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass on Aug. 24, to honor a select group of American Indians for their contributions to economic development, leadership and community initiatives.

“It was wonderful to have occasions like [this] to welcome our guests and the recipients of the awards here tonight, we are happy to have you visit our Community,” said Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, who provided the blessing and opening remarks.

“This is a great celebration and we are super happy to have you here, because we are here to recognize the achievements of our scholarship recipients and 40 under 40 recipients, they are truly amazing individuals,” said Chris James President and CEO of NCAIED.

James said the center is a 50-year-old organization that focuses on economic development across 525

clients through seven offices nationwide.

According to the center’s press release, “The honorees represent diverse businesses and nonprofits from across the nation.” The event also recognizes the Native American Scholarship program recipients, who are students pursuing higher education.

“These are great leaders that will be bringing Indian Country into the future,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. He said GRIC owes much to its own members, who have led the way for the economic prosperity of the Community.

Lewis said, “[They] (40 under 40), are incredible individuals, they will be doing great things in their communities, because today as Native people we have the knowledge, we have history and we have the tenacity, despite the challenges we face in today’s world.”

At the gala, Urban Giff, NCAIED Board Member, was recognized by Gov. Lewis for his contributions to the Community. He said, “I want to recognize a Community member, Urban Giff, for

his work as a visionary to guiding the community to where we are at today.”

The 40 under 40 recipients ranged from educators, clinicians, business entrepreneurs and leaders of tribal communities from across the country including three based in Arizona. For a complete list of the 2019 Native American 40 under 40 Award Recipients log on to [www.ncaied.org](http://www.ncaied.org).



Lt. Gov. Stone provided remarks and the blessing for the ceremony. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development honored 40 outstanding recipients in the fields of economic development, leadership and community initiatives. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

## PER CAPITA INFORMATION

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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 LOST 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.

\*\*\*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)



# Provide Your Input!

## NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR STUDY DRAFT TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPEN HOUSE

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is conducting an environmental study in Pinal County, known as the North-South Corridor Study Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Tier 1 environmental review process considers a range of corridor alternatives and the No-Build (do nothing) Alternative. The proposed corridor spans approximately 55 miles between U.S. 60 in Apache Junction and Interstate 10 in Eloy, passing through the city of Coolidge, town of Florence, and portions of unincorporated Pinal County along the way.

The corridor alternatives studied include an Eastern Alternative with options, a Western Alternative with options, and a combination of both to avoid, mitigate, and minimize environmental impacts. While other alternatives were evaluated in the earlier stages of this study, they were eliminated from further study.

### REVIEW THE DRAFT TIER 1 EIS DOCUMENT

The Tier 1 Draft EIS will be published by ADOT and available for public comment **September 6, 2019 through October 29, 2019**. The Draft Tier 1 EIS recommends **Alternative 7, with the E1b and E3b Options, as the Preferred Corridor Alternative**.

The Draft Tier 1 EIS can be reviewed at the following repository locations or on the study website at [azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://azdot.gov/northsouthstudy).

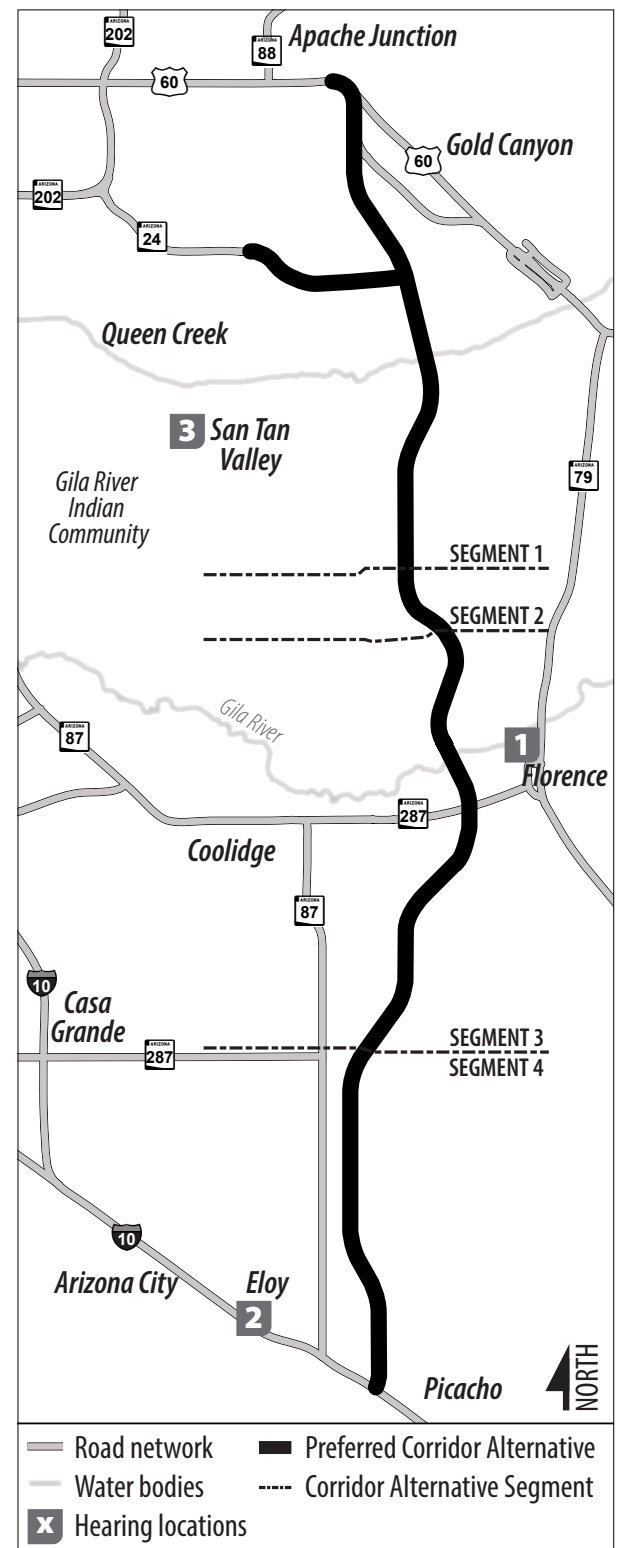
### REPOSITORY LOCATIONS

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- **Coolidge Public Library**  
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Coolidge, AZ 85128 | 520.723.6030
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Florence, AZ 85132 | 520.868.7500
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### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPEN HOUSES

Three public hearings and open houses will present information on the Draft Tier 1 EIS, Preferred Corridor Alternative and accept formal public comments. Attendees will be able to verbally submit comments (limited to three minutes) to a court reporter in front of a study team panel or in writing on a comment form or online at [azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://azdot.gov/northsouthstudy). All attendees signed up to speak in front of the hearing panel and court reporter before the close of the meeting will have the opportunity to do so. Project related questions will be answered by study team members during the open house portion of the meeting. The same information and opportunity for comment will be available at each public hearing.

- 1 Florence High School | Tuesday, October 1, 2019**  
1000 S. Main Street | Florence, AZ 85132
- 2 Eloy City Hall | Thursday, October 10, 2019**  
595 North C Street, Ste. 104 | Eloy, AZ 85131
- 3 Poston Butte High School | Tuesday, October 15, 2019**  
32375 N. Gantzel Road | San Tan Valley, AZ 85143



AGENDA	
5:30–6:00 PM	Open House
6:00–6:30 PM	Presentation
6:30–7:30 PM	Public Hearing & Open House

### FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT TIER 1 EIS

Submit your comments on the North-South Corridor Study Tier I EIS during the public review and comment period: **September 6 through October 29**. All comments received during the public comment period will be documented and responded to in the Final Tier 1 EIS. All comment methods are considered equal.

#### Submit your comments:

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 04/16/2019, and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

Las consultas, la revisión ambiental y otras acciones requeridas según las leyes ambientales federales correspondientes para este proyecto se están llevando a cabo, o se han llevado a cabo, por ADOT de acuerdo con 23 U.S.C 327 y un Memorandum de Acuerdo con fecha del 16 de abril de 2019, y se han realizado por FHWA y ADOT.



# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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

Incident Log  
August 04 - 10, 2019  
Calls for services this week: 757  
Arrest made: 39

District One- (Blackwater)

NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART ONE CRIME

District Two - (Sacaton Flats)

One Part One Crime - OPEN INVESTIGATION

District Three- (Sacaton)

**BURGLARY** - During a routine welfare check, officers were waved down by an employee stating a storage had been broken into. During contact with the reporting party, it was learned the storage was broken into by prying open the door and multiple tools were taken that are utilized to upkeep the grounds. There were no

cameras in the surrounding area; photos were taken and uploaded into evidence.

Status: Closed pending suspect identification

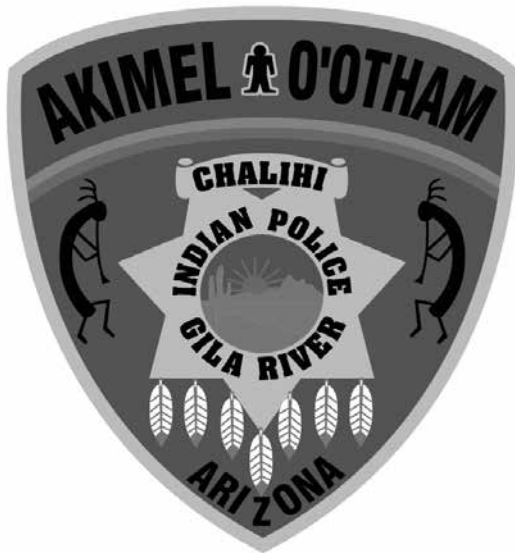
**WEAPON** - Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a subject with a weapon. Upon officer arrival, contact was made with the reporting party and it was stated that the suspect walking around the residence with a sword and would not give the sword to family members when requested.

The suspect then raised the sword above their head in a threatening manner causing the family members to be in fear for their lives. The suspect handed the sword to officers and complied with officer's orders. The suspect was detained and booked into jail; the suspect admitted to ingesting drugs the day prior. The sword was booked into evidence.

Status: Suspect was booked into DRS

**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** - Officers were

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dispatched to a shots fired call; a male subject was observed to be running from the residence. Witnesses were able to give officers the location where the suspect was last seen running with the weapon. The suspect was located and taken

into custody, where juvenile Miranda rights were read and the juvenile was booked into JDRS. The investigation revealed the suspect shot at a residence where a five-year-old male juvenile was standing outside at the time of the in-

cident. Photos were taken of the residence and the evidence taken at the scene as well as all physical evidence were booked into the police department evidence unit. An adult female victim as well as two other juveniles were in the home at the time of incident.

Status: Juvenile was arrested and booked into jail

**THEFT** - Officers were dispatched in reference to a theft of a debit card. The victim reported that a per capita debit card was mailed and was never received by the victim. It was later revealed the card was activated and money was withdrawn from the account. The person of interest will be contacted to see be contacted and questioned about the card and money that was withdrawn. A follow up will be conducted at a later date with the person of interest and the victim to see where the money was withdrawn from.

Status: Open Investi-

gation

**THEFT** - Officers were dispatched in reference to theft of money. Contact was made with the victim, who stated the residence was left for a period of time and upon returning the money that was left in a wallet was missing. The victim did not know who would have taken the money. Due to no suspects at this time, no charges are being filed.

Status: Closed pending suspect identification

**THREATENING** - The suspect was arrested at the residence after investigation revealed that the suspect threatened a family member bodily harm while under the influence of alcohol and drugs. A baggie of green leafy substance and a baggie of a crystalline substance was located on the suspects person after being detained. The two baggies with their contents were tested and showed positive for marijuana and metham-

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Complete guide at <a href="http://www.grbc.tv/schedule">www.grbc.tv/schedule</a>		GRBC TV GUIDE						*Schedule may be subject to change.
Sunday 9/8		Monday 9/9	Tuesday 9/10	Wednesday 9/11	Thursday 9/12	Friday 9/13	Saturday 9/14	
12:00pm	Native Planet - Louisiana Indigenous tribes adapting to rising sea levels, slowly sinking their communities.	Potlatch Keepers A journey of self discovery and cultural awakening documented.	Still Tibet Journey throughout the holy region to discover those fighting to preserve their spiritual and national	Reclaiming Sacred Tobacco	Vamizi Cradle of Coral Natural reserves of oil and gas are discovered, now this reef is a target for energy companies.	Touching The Past Joe Morris Sr. shares his experience working as a Navajo Code Talker during World War II.	Dust & Bones Examines issues, controversies and historic mysteries that threaten artifacts, burial sites, and remains.	
12:30pm	Storytellers In Motion Tracey Deer	Ravens and Eagles Paradox of Attribution	Samaqan Water Stories Without Running Water	Tears of Our Ancestors	Ravens and Eagles Stone Carver	Samaqan Water Stories W/o Running Water Pt.2	Champions of the North Mothers and Babies	
1:00pm	Vitality Gardening Gardening Therapy	Underexposed Let It Slide	Underexposed Down N Dirty	Underexposed Treks & Balances	Underexposed Take Down	Underexposed Bareback & Buckles	Vitality Gardening We're Berry Picking	
2:00pm	Wassaja Thunderbird Woman	Working It Out Together Shake It Up	Working It Out Together Feed The Soul	Working It Out Together Fighting for Happiness	Working It Out Together Pushed to the Limit	Working It Out Together Diving In	Wassaja Thunderbird Woman	
2:30pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	
3:00pm	Turquoise Rose Coming-of-age story about a Navajo girl from AZ. She has plans for summer vacation. But all that changes when her grandmother becomes ill.	Native Planet - Louisiana Indigenous tribes adapting to rising sea levels, slowly sinking their communities.	Native Voice TV Bridget Neconie-Acoma	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders - Sulphur City Soul A coffin-making midwife, good Samaritans, bush boys,	Storytellers In Motion Gail Maurice	Making Regalia Jingle Dress cont'd.	
3:30pm	Johnny Be Good	Behind The Brush	Indian Pride Health & Healing	Common Ground Rosemalist	People of the Pines Assimilation	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Children of the Desert	
4:00pm	Potlatch Keepers A journey of self discovery and cultural awakening documented.	First Talk Hopi Nation	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders - South of the South A singer, a swinger, and couple of straight-shooting cowboys.	
4:30pm	Still Tibet Journey throughout the holy region to discover those fighting to preserve their spiritual and national	Reclaiming Sacred Tobacco	Reclaiming Sacred Tobacco	Vamizi Cradle of Coral Natural reserves of oil and gas are discovered, now this reef is a target for energy companies.	Touching The Past Joe Morris Sr. shares his experience working as a Navajo Code Talker during World War II.	Dust & Bones Examines issues, controversies and historic mysteries that threaten artifacts, burial sites, and remains.	Indigenous Focus Resilience / The Reward	
5:00pm	Democracy Now! A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.	Democracy Now! A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.	Democracy Now! A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.	Democracy Now! A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.	Democracy Now! A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.	Democracy Now! A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.	Wapos Bay Wapos Falcon	
5:30pm	The Medicine Line Space	The Medicine Line Space	The Medicine Line Space	The Medicine Line Space	The Medicine Line Space	The Medicine Line Space	Wild Archaeology Little John	
6:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures Forest Foraging	Indigenous Focus Resilience /The Reward	Wild Archaeology Little John	<b>DOWNTIME w/ROB JACKSON</b>	Wassaja She Represents	Dabiyiyuu Where The Fish Are	Hit The Ice Measuring Up	
6:30pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	
7:00pm	Native Shorts The Grandfather Drum	Red Earth Uncover Earth & Balance: Part 2	Cashing In Sex, Lies & Video Lottery	Chaos & Courage Chance for Change	Native Shorts I Am Thy Weapon	The Aux Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World Indigenous cultures.	Cashing In Sex, Lies & Video Lottery	
7:30pm	The Aux Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World Indigenous cultures.	Indians and Aliens Mystery on the Highway	Studio 49 Wild Coyote & Badd Wolf	Tribal Police Files Intoxicated Male	Indigenous Day Live 2018	Reggae Got Soul New performances and interviews with Toots, rare archive from throughout his career, and more.	Mixed Blessings Missing Mijo	
8:00pm	Whaledreamers The return of an aboriginal whale dreaming tribe from the edge of extinction and the equally, long journey of the whales, surviving the slaughter by man.	The Invisible Nation Living in 10 communities, enduring abject poverty and human rights abuses, they suffer the threat to their very existence in silence.	Trail of Tears Explores America's darkest period: President Andrew Jackson's Indian Removal Act of 1830 and the forced removal of the Cherokee Nation to Oklahoma in 1838, where between 4,000 and 8,000 Cherokee died.	The Price of Peace Sent to prison for weapon offences, Tame's legal case is mired in a legacy of colonial animosity. This doc unravels a complex national identity crisis. This River	First Nations Comedy Experience Graham Elwood hosts Beef Archambault, Chuck Cease, Shishonia	Jr Red Water: Full Blooded Hilarious Devoted to healing pain through laughter.	Defenders of Life According to custom, she must marry off her only granddaughter, and 70 yr-old shaman lays his claim to the girl, who is only 12 and already pregnant.	
8:30pm	Gold Fever Goldcorp Inc arrives in a remote village in Guatemala. Soon follows blown up mountains, despoiled water supplies and broken promises over jobs.	The Other Story of the Forgotten Slaves The Atlantic slave trade lasted 3 centuries and affected millions of people.	Cecilia A young Indian girl is trafficked and found dead under mysterious circumstances.	Walela Open your heart to the marvelous and magical harmony of this very special experience.	Lighthouse Lesvos Battling bad weather and inadequate resources, a small team begins training with Lifeguard Hellas.	Landing: Stories from the Cultural Divide	Standing on Sacred Ground - Profit & Loss Exposes industrial threats to health, livelihood and cultural	
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phetamine. The victim was afraid of the suspect actually going through with the threats due to prior assaults that took place. Photos taken were later impounded into the evidence. com website.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Four- Stotonic Area –

**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a subject with a weapon. Investigation revealed the suspect was involved in a verbal altercation with the victim when the suspect grabbed a knife/machete and walked back to the victim and began waving the weapon in an aggressive manner causing the victim to become scared of the suspect and called police. The suspect was detained and taken into custody; the weapon was photographed and placed into evidence.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

**THEFT** – The victim called dispatch to report a theft that occurred six to nine months prior. Contact was made with the victim who explained that a tool box was left at their last job site and was later contacted to pick up the tool box or it would be disposed. Upon picking up the tool box, a couple of months past and the victim looked in the tool box noticing some items were missing. The victim stated that the tools were taken when the tool

box was left at the job site and requested a report be taken. There is no way of confirming the items were taken at the job site and the report was written for documentation purposes.

Status: Closed

Lone Butte Area

**SHOPLIFTING** – An unknown suspect stole items from gift shop at Aji Spa (clothes, jewelry and a purse)

Status:

**SHOPLIFTING** – Officers were dispatched to Tommy Hilfiger Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a shoplifting that took place. Upon officer arrival, contact was made with the store employees and stated that the previous night a female walked out of the store with two shirts that activated the soft tag that she had not paid for. Video surveillance shows the female placed two shirts in her bag and left the store past the point of sale. Leaving in an unknown direction.

Status: Closed pending suspect identification

**THEFT** – Officers were dispatched to the Wild Horse Pass Casino in reference to a theft of a wallet. Investigation revealed the wallet was picked up by an unknown male subject and he immediately left the casino out the valet entrance. The victim stated that upon moving slot machines is when it was learned the wallet was missing. Video surveillance was reviewed and it was observed that the male took the wallet. Identification is pending further review if a player's club card was used; if the sus-

pect is identified charges will be forwarded.

Status: Pending

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** – Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to unknown trouble. The reporting party stated that someone was yelling in the field for help; upon officer arrival contact was made with the reporting party who stated that they observed the victim running from the suspect and the suspect was carrying an axe following the victim. A search of the area and open field nearby for the suspect and victim yielded in negative results. A follow up will be conducted at a later date to gather more information and possibly speak to the victim and suspect.

Status: Open Investigation

District Six – (Komatke)

**THEFT** – Officers were dispatched to Vee Quiva Casino in reference to a theft. Upon arrival officers made contact with the victim. As the victim was playing the slot machines the wheelchair the victim utilizes was parked behind the chair the victim was sitting in; where her purse was left on the seat of the wheelchair. The suspect took the purse then left the casino in a white vehicle. No charges are being filed due to no suspect identification.

Status: Closed

**THEFT** – Officers were dispatched in reference to a surveillance camera that was taken from the

District Six Service Center. Investigation revealed that four juveniles were near the camera where two of the juveniles hit the camera with 2X4 pieces of wood that was near the area and then one of the juveniles pulled the camera down and took the camera throwing it in the bushes nearby. Contact was made with two of the four juveniles and admitted to being present during the incident. Two of the juveniles were previously excluded from the center and were trespassing. Charges were forwarded to law office for review.

Status: Charges Forwarded

**THEFT** – Officers were dispatched in reference to a stolen firearm. Contact was made with the reporting party and it was stated that the firearm was unsecured in the trailer when the reporting party left the residence. Upon returning the firearm was missing; the reporting party did not have an idea on who may have taken the item. The weapon will be entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status:

District Seven – (Maricopa)

No Incidents Involving Part I Crime

Incident Log

August 11 - 17, 2019

Gila River Police officers responded to 583 calls for service and made 44 arrests.

District One- (Blackwater)

No Part I Incidents

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

No Part I Incidents

District Three- (Sacaton)

Aggravated Assault – The suspect shot at the victim during a road rage

incident. The victim fled the area and notified law enforcement. Gila River Police officers responded to investigate. No persons or property were struck by the shots fired.

Status: The victim did not wish to pursue charges.

**Theft** – Suspect(s) stole the victim's wallet after he left it behind at the skate park. Upon discovering his property missing, the victim notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Four- Stotonic Area –

**Burglary** – Suspect(s) entered the victim's residence and stole a brand new stroller and car seat that were still in a box. Upon arriving home, the victim noticed the items were missing. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under investigation

**Theft** – The suspect stole several items from the victim's residence. The victim delayed reporting the incident to law enforcement for two weeks. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under investigation

**Auto Theft** – Suspect(s) stole the victim's vehicle after it had been left broken down on the side of the road. The vehicle was gone when the victim returned to pick it up. The victim notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Lone Butte Area  
**Shoplifting** – Suspects entered a clothing store, concealed merchandise and left past the point of sale without paying for the items. Employees notified law enforcement. Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

**Theft** – Suspect(s) stole the victim's cell phone from a free charging station at the Lone Butte Casino. Casino security notified law enforcement and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

**Theft** – Suspect(s) stole the victim's wallet after the victim dropped it inside a Gila River Casino. The suspect(s) then attempted to use the victim's bank card at the casino and then left the premises. The victim received a notice of the suspicious transactions and immediately realized she was missing her wallet. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under investigation

District Six – (Komatke)

**Theft** – Suspect(s) stole the victim's Samsung J7 Star cell phone from the victim's residence. The suspect(s) had been visiting her residence the previous evening. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River Police Officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under investigation

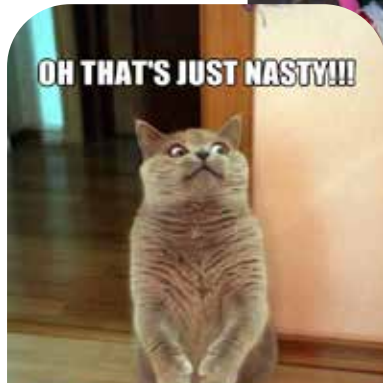
District Seven – (Maricopa)

No Part I Incidents

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#### WHAT HAPPENS IF MY RECYCLING ITEMS HAVE FOOD RESIDUE OR LIQUID LEFT IN CONTAINERS?

In short, you run the risk of ruining everything in your bin and contribute to diverting the whole recycling load – not just yours – to a landfill. GRIC's recycling is taken to a facility in Phoenix where it is sorted and shipped for processing. Contamination is the primary reason why China (formerly our largest buyer) now accepts only a fraction of recyclables from the U.S. Food residue also creates unsanitary & unsafe conditions for employees sorting the material!



For additional information on recycling and the Department of Environmental Quality programs, please visit our website: [GRICDEQ.ORG](http://GRICDEQ.ORG) (520) 562-2234



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# A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

Drove to Tucson/Cuk Son recently and saw an ad for the August 28 "Library Night Out" free showing (co-hosted by the Pascua Yaqui/Yakim) of the film "Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World." It's won a lot of awards, and if you missed it when PBS showed it for free, maybe you can use some per cap to catch it online via iTunes, Amazon, Google Play, or Vudu. This documentary film released in 2017 looks at the largely ignored or forgotten Native American influences upon music in America. Cuk Son trips mean KOHN is on the radio. What an eclectic mix we heard one morning! First was old time "rockabilly," then a kind of unknown Aretha Franklin tune (we think it was the Queen of Soul), next was Richie Valens "La Bamba." Thinking of KOHN's wide-ranging playlist, it is obvious their staff understands "knowing your audience" is a key to success. O'otham music tastes don't fit just a couple of genres. We have vaila – some favoring chote, others cumbia. There is Powwow music, Christian, metal, country, reggae, rock, oldies—O'otham and music are all over the place. O'otham love all kinds of music. The Native American Music Awards and Association website has a photo gallery called, "Did You Know They Are Native." As I looked at the various artists, it hit me that I had been listening to Native music since I was a

child/ali. "You do you" is the latest Gila River Casinos slogan. In O'otham, it could be one word: a:pi. This is what O'otham musicians have been doing for decades. Doing you – a:pi. O'otham social gatherings are like any other cultures, having a good time and vaila dances are still going strong, now with influences from Banda, Norteño, Tejano and Country. Gospel singers deliver an ageless message, but so do the rockers whose metal message is heavy.

GRICster jazz man, Russell Moore, is a prime example of "a:pi." Moore was a West End/Kuiva trombone player who toured the USA and Europe with Louis Armstrong and His All Star band. Mr. Moore's New York Times obituary states from 1944 to 1947 he was a member of the All Star band. Russell then toured Europe with his own band before re-joining Louis Armstrong's All-Stars for the years of 1964-65. In 1964, Louis Armstrong and his All Star band had the number one record in America. "Hello Dolly" interrupted the Beatles' string of hits. (My dad wasn't a fan of those long-haired "heepies.")

O'otham borrowing, melding, adapting to new sounds goes on today. Andrew Pedro is a young GRIC man involved with bands and other projects. His music is an energetic mix: punk, political, abstract. One project – Ceremented -- is a metal band with an "obscure sound." Like Russell, he wants no

## 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.**



**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](mailto: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.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$500  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$300  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$200

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

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.**

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limits placed upon his abilities and creativity. (And like the Beatles, my dad probably wouldn't have been a fan – no offense.)

September now, but I'm going to step back to August one more time. August 16 was the death anniversary of "The King."

Many Internet sites say Elvis Presley had Native ancestry going back to his Cherokee great-great-great grandmother. He might have been regarded as an honorary O'otham by many GRIC elders, some of my relatives included.

I forgot to mention "the

blues." O'otham do get the blues sometimes, so much so the Walkers of Goodyear had a band named "Inner Blues." Music helps us get through challenging times. Music makes good times gooder. (Poetic license)

If you would like to read more about Russell

Moore, ASU professor and GRIC member David Martinez has an excellent article in *The Journal of Arizona History*, Summer 2014, volume 55, number 2. "Living Large in the Jazz Age"



Gila River Health Care assisted veterans at the annual conference. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Haskell Osife-Antone Womens Auxiliary Unit 51 at the conference. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE

One of the goals for the conference was to learn what the Community wants from the Veterans and Family Services Office. After

the breakout sessions and lunch, participants of the conference were given a background overview of the VFSO and were asked

what more can be done and what they would like to see in the future.

Participants were then grouped together to come up with a list and present to others for discussion. The information gathered will help to improve their

services for the VFSO as they plan to keep everyone informed of what they have to offer as they implement the ideas provided. Some of the service suggestions included: transportation, classes and family programs, ceremonies, and a

veterans building.

The VFSO continues to reach out to the Community and will be hosting a roundtable on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at the District 7 Services Center (Community Room). Topics will include: outreach, Native

American income tax settlement, Four Rivers will packet questionnaire, and Huhugam Heritage Center veteran and family outreach. For more information, you can call the VFSO at (520) 562-6221.



# Mud Dash returns to Sacaton for third year in a row, Community is encouraged to attend

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

Community members will have the opportunity for a unique workout at this year's 3rd Annual Mud Dash, Friday, Sept. 6, brought to you by the Trib-

al Recreation and Wellness Center at the Mul-Cha-Tha Fairgrounds in Sacaton.

Brenalae Sakiestewa, Tribal Wellness Center Fitness Instructor, shared that the mud dash is actually a one-mile long obstacle course.

"Participants will be climbing, army-style crawling, jumping, and running through water and mud pits," she said.

She encourages all to try something different since these style events don't happen regular-

ly. Last year's Mud Dash brought out 120 participants to take the challenge. This year they are expecting 200 participants. Though youth 13 and older can participate with parent/guardian consent, the intensity level of the workout is more suited for adults.

Participants will be challenged from the design of the course but the event is non-competitive. Tribal Recreation and Wellness Center staff have taken all safety precautions; however, participants should also be aware that all obstacles are voluntary so you can

opt out of anything you don't feel comfortable with. Sakiestewa mentioned that in the future they hope to make it competitive, longer, with more obstacles.

If you plan to attend, expect to get wet and caked with mud from your shoulders and below, wear clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting muddy. Towels are recommended to dry off at the areas designated for rinsing.

Aside from water, sweat, mud, and maybe tears, there will be incentives for all those that complete the challenge.

"We have a good team working here and we're all coming together to plan this event and encourage the community to get out of their comfort zone," said Sakiestewa.

Some of the key partners that have made this possible including District 3 Special Project, District 6, Gila River Fire Department, and Gila River Sand and Gravel, and GRIC Department of Transportation.

For more information please contact Tribal Recreation and Wellness Center.



Last year's mud dash featured a muddy obstacle course for participants. GRIC Photo

## GRIC youth plays on championship team

Lorenzo Ruvalcaba and the Central Arizona Coyotes played in the USSSA World Series from July 27 to Aug. 1 in San Diego, Calif. Ruvalcaba and the Central AZ Coyotes took home top honors as the 2019 USSSA World Series Champions in the 13U AAA Silver Division. During tournament play, the Central Arizona Coyotes secured their way to the championship, beating the Hensley BBC 3-2. Raloz Ruvalcaba, Lorenzo's father said, to have Lorenzo play in the USSSA is a blessing, being that he played very well during the tournament, while representing the Community.

-GRIN Staff



Lorenzo Ruvalcaba holds up the official GRIC flag at a baseball tournament in California. Courtesy of Ruvalcaba



DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING  
FLOOD CONTROL ENGINEERING

### Public Notification

## Komatke Flood Control Construction Project



Rummel Construction, Inc.

The Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning Flood Control Engineering in partnership with Rummel Construction are conducting flood control construction activity in District 6 at locations below:

- a. Between the 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue Subdivision and Vee Quiva Casino
- b. A portion of Komatke Lane
- c. South of Pecos Road on the east side of 51 Avenue

Construction activity is from August 16, 2019 to January 8, 2020. Please obey all traffic control signage during construction. For more information, please contact Seaver Fields, LUPZ Project Coordinator at (520) 610-1935 or Elvis Estrada with Rummel Construction at (602) 615-3570







# HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE

*"Putting Our People First"*



**Stephen Roe Lewis**  
Governor



**Robert Stone**  
Lt. Governor

## Two employees receive Governor's Employee of the Month award for June and July



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presents the Employee of the Month awards for June and July. From left, GRPD Chief Timothy Chavez, Gov. Lewis., and DEQ's Manuel Fontes. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Police Department Chief Timothy Chavez and Department of Environmental Quality Engineer Manuel Fontes were recently recognized by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis for their service to the Gila River Indian Community during an award presentation for the June and July 2019 Governor's Employee of the Month.

"I started here in 2001, basically half my life has been here, I've been here almost 20 years and I am happy and humbled by this honor," said Chief Chavez on getting the nod as the June Governor's Employee

of the Month.

"Your adherence to demonstrating all the principles of leadership have shown, especially as a professional working in law enforcement, among your officers and personnel, by holding them accountable," said Gov. Lewis.

Fontes' work with the Community's environmental regulatory department earned him the award for July. He was also caught a little off-guard by the ceremony.

"I was surprised, I thought maybe I was going to answer a whole bunch of questions," said Fontes.

Lewis congratulated Fontes on the award.

"You go above and

beyond, that is a hallmark that we want to recognize with your efforts at the Department of Environmental Quality," said Lewis.

"It's a pleasant surprise, it's really an honor to work for the Community, I have been here a number of years and consider myself an honorary member of the Community," said Fontes.

Willard Antone, DEQ Director, also praised Fontes.

"He's been our go-to-guy, when we are short-staffed to keep the program running. We rely on his technical expertise in all that we do and it is in good hands, because Manny is part of it," said Antone.

### FROM THE FRONT PAGE



Gov. Lewis, Lt. Gov. Stone and GRPD Chief Garcia pose with the class. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone presents at the budget meeting in District 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN

### GRFD from Page 1

come in the new recruits, "Myself and all of our leadership are so proud of you and we're proud of how far the department has come

and we're excited to see how far we're going to take this," said Gov. Lewis.

The class introduction and recognition was given by Captain RTO Adrian Hernandez from the Gila

River Fire Department, a photo presentation was shared of their time during training and the four graduates were sworn in by Judge Jay Pedro.

## Gov. Lewis joins panel with state and tribal leaders at congressional conference

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

Arizona State University hosted the 2019 Congressional Conference on Water for Resilient and Healthy Arid Communities on Aug. 26. The conference brought many stakeholders, policymakers, government officials, congressional delegates, and tribal leaders who focused on integrating water resilience and security into infrastructure and economic development across the Valley and the broader Southwestern region.

Gov. Steven Roe Lewis served on the conference's Tribal Leaders Water Panel. The panel also consisted

of Kristine Fire Thunder, Governor's Office of Tribal Relations, Jane Russell-Winiecki, Chairwoman of the Yavapai Apache Tribe, and Dennis Patch, Chairman of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

"We must all be vigilant, especially in regards to our "shudug" or water," said Gov. Lewis in his remarks.

The discussions on water at the state level are vital to the state's health and the economy as Russell-Winiecki shared, "People can survive a long time without food, but you can't go long without water."

One attendee was Community Member Mikhail Sundust, Communications Policy Program

Coordinator for ASU's American Indian Policy Institute. Sundust was glad to see this panel as part of the conference stating, "I think it's important that tribes are present in state discussions on water issues. And it's good that we have a voice and platform to talk about their perspectives on water issues."

Gov. Lewis highlighted the importance of sharing the history of the Community's role in the state's water policies and management. "Since our history, back to the Huhugam, we've been using innovative water management practices, not only for Arizona tribes but throughout Indian Country," said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis also cited GRIC's implementation

of water delivery systems and management and the

Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) sites.



Gov. Lewis, (second from left) is joined by tribal leaders as well as Congressmen Tom O'Halleran (center) and Sen. Martha McSally (third from right). Kyle Knox/GRIN



## INTRODUCING

# THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY RISE UP PROGRAM

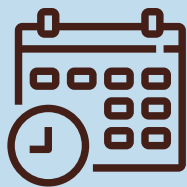
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# RISE UP



# Get ready to shred at skating event honoring Mustering-In Day

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

The 154th Annual Mustering-In Day Celebration is set for Saturday, Sept. 7, in District 7. You can expect much of what makes the celebration great such as the parade, food, music, games. And returning this year is the skateboard competition that is sure to bring in talent from all over the region.

The name for this year's competition is "United We Shred" and will take place in conjunction with Mustering-In Day activities starting at 4 p.m. and will be hosted by Seven Layer

Army. "Skateboarding kept me out of trouble and we're trying keep the youth motivated to continue skating through these events," Co-owner of Seven Layer Army Reuben Ringlero said.

"United We Shred" will wrap up skate competitions hosted by Seven Layer Army for the summer. Seven Layer Army Co-owner Paul Molina is excited to see how much progress is made by the skaters that he's watched over the summer and from year-to-year.

Additionally, Ringlero

and Molina look forward to this specific skateboard competition. Throughout the year they host numerous skateboard competitions that are closed and only for GRIC members to participate in. That rule doesn't apply for this particular competition because of the history that Mustering-In Day holds in the

Community.

Keeping true to the history of Mustering-In Day, an event that honors the establishment of America's "First National Guard," where tribes—including the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh- united for a common purpose, America's defense.

In addition to the invi-

tation to non-GRIC members, there's another level of unity woven into the event with many other Native owned skateboard companies providing promotional items and swag for participants. Some of those companies are Apache Skateboards, Maize Skateboards, Naqwatsveni Skateboards, and Oddity Skateboards.

This year's skateboard competition is also made possible through support of District 7 Recreation and Cowtown Skateboards. The competition is open for male and females starting as young as 7-years-old. You can find more information about the competition and Seven Layer Army at [sevenlayerarmy.com](http://sevenlayerarmy.com).



This year's skate competition during the Mustering-In Day celebrations will feature promotional items for participants. Courtesy of Seven Layer Army

## PRESS RELEASE

St. Peter Indian Mission Catholic School will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of the Community eligibility Provision, St. Peter Indian Mission Catholic School

offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$0; lunch costs \$0. For more information, you may call Sister Carol Mathe at 520483 -2864 or email at [sister.carolm@gmail.com](mailto:sister.carolm@gmail.com)

## NOTIFICATION

The Natural Resources Standing Committee passed the Interim Water Use Permitting Policies and Procedures under the authority of Title 15, Chapter 7, Section 15.709 of the Gila River Indian Community Code at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 27, 2019. A copy of the Interim Water Use Permitting Policies and Procedures in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office. Per Title 15, Chapter 7 of the Community Code, the Community will hold one public meeting for all interested persons to review and

comment on the Interim Water Use Permitting Policies and Procedures. The Community will hold one public meeting regarding the Interim Water Use Permitting Policies and Procedures at the District 5 Service Center on October 1, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in providing comments to the Interim Water Use Permitting Policies and Procedures, please attend the public meeting. You may submit written comments to the Office of the General Counsel, Post Office Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85147.



## Thank You

I would like to thank Brother Michael Lewis, Lt. Governor Robert Stone, District 5 Councilman Thomas White Det. C. Johnson, Officer D. Diaz along with Officer M. Lerma, and friends for attending and helping for Johns' Community Prayer/Cross Blessing Gathering at my home.

Also Brother in Christ-Clarence & company who took time to bring uplifting words and songs of encouragement to the surrounding community.

The Prayer service that was brought forth was in remembrance of my son JOHN K. LEWIS who was slain on 8-24-18, the gathering was to pray for ALL our community members 1 through 7 and those living off the Community, Missing loved ones and Unsolved cases and our Murdered loved ones. To bring a strong awareness that we must keep seeking justice through prayer and faith as well as standing behind our leaders and all departments; government and judicial, speaking for those who no longer have a voice.

A special thank you to Shawna & Hector Rocha, Johnny Valenzuela for the touching songs for the in home service.

But mostly a special thank you to the parents of John; Eric & Jennie Manuel who gave strong prayer for our Lt. Gov., Det. Johnson and

Councilman White and our Council members 1-7, police department, investigating team and Legislative Standing Committee.

It has been a very hard year for us all but now the healing has begun.

Thank you once again, and may God keep us all safe

Respectfully, Joanna Mattia



## TODAY A READER

## TOMORROW A LEADER



Sienna Whittington, Project Manager  
Charlotte Forte', Literacy Coordinator

Contact Us: 520-562-3662  
Tribal Education Department

## GROWING READERS

### LITERACY TIPS

**Read together every day.** Read to your child every day. Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can enjoy the experience.

**Read with fun in your voice.** Read to your child with humor and expression. Use different voices for different characters. Your child will enjoy hearing the many voices of their favorite characters.

**Read a child's favorite book over and over again.** Most children love to hear their favorite stories over and over again. Rereading books provides an opportunity to hear or see something that may have been missed the first time, and provides another chance to hear a favorite part.

**Read from day one.** Start a reading routine in those very first days with a newborn. Even very young babies respond to the warmth of a lap and the soothing sound of a book being read aloud.





# MAR5 Interpretive Trail garners awards for innovative design and infrastructure



The APRA awards ceremony. From left to right: Christian Williams (Hunter Contracting Co., Project Manager) David Holliefield (Hunter Contracting Co., Project Manager), Dig Karki (Hunter Contracting Co., Project Sponsor), Larry Gene (PMIP, Civil Engineer), Mark Bryant (Hunter Contracting Co., Superintendent), Todd Neill (Neill + Young Associates, President), David DeJong (PMIP, Director), Amara Boesch (Hunter Contracting Co., Director of Marketing and Communications), Steven Brinkerhoff (Hunter Contracting Co., Preconstruction Manager), Chuck English (Hunter Contracting Co., President) JD Fitzgerald Photography Oro Valley

## Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

The Community's interpretive trail received awards for their unique approach to building a location dedicated to the history of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh. The Managed Aquifer Recharge Site 5 Gila River Interpretive Trail was recognized by Arizona State University and the Arizona Parks & Recreation Association for two awards this year.

The ASU School of Sustainable and the Built Environment Metis Center for Infrastructure and Sustainable Engineering award the Community a first of its kind Sustainable Infrastructure Award, earlier in the year on May 22. "The award is intended to highlight cutting edge infrastructure practices that drive sustainability, including those that address environmental, social, or emerging technology challenges," said Hunter Contracting in a press release.

"Everything out there from the color and type of material was determined by a cultural committee of elders," said DeJong Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Director. "We had Yolanda Elias, Aaron Sabori, Robert Johnson, Huhugam Heritage Center Language Specialist, Billy Allen and so many more, who did a lot of work, meeting every week, for months at a time," said DeJong.

He said others such as Willard Antone III, Department of Environmental Quality Director, Henrietta Lopez, Charles Enos, DEQ Aquatic Specialist, Althea Walker, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone contributed to the projects

DeJong said the reuse of old electric poles was

implemented, based on the ideas of individuals from the cultural committee to serve an aesthetic purpose and as roosting poles for birds. He said, "It was a great way of recycling, which in keeping with the ASU award, which is based on sustainability and reuse."

The Arizona Parks & Recreation Association announced on July 24, of the Community's notification of the Outstanding Natural Resource Facility award. During an APRA awards reception on Aug. 21, the Community was recognized for the MAR 5 Gila River Interpretive Trail for, "The facilities' incorporation of resource management and innovative approaches to delivering superb park and recreation services," said Hunter Contracting.

Hunter Contracting, was the principal builder of the interpretive trail, in collaboration with Neill + Young Associates, LLC, who designed the facility based on input from the Community. "The design was really instrumental because of the Community elders and the cultural committee," Todd Neill, Neill+Young Associates, LLC Designer.

He said, "The number of individuals and departments involved and drawing upon cultural aspects of the project, made sure to use the indigenous plant material within the wetland and plateau with indigenous plant material."

Incorporated into the design were mesquite benches, vatos, which are located within the public and private area of the interpretive trail, which can be used by the elders, which could serve as a place of teaching about harvesting for materials for basket weaving.

"In the water recharge area, we incorporated a trail system that has plant identification symbols along the way, we also have signage for animal species that are both riparian and non-riparian animals, with signage of the different native plants, including photos that document the history of the area," said Neill.

DeJong said long-term



## Veteran & Family Round Table

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Date: Wed. September 18, 2019

Location: District 7 Service Center (Community Room)

### CONTACT

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Andrew Antone,  
Valerie Fagerberg

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520-562-6221

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Sacaton, AZ

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- Veteran & Family Services Office overview

- Outreach

- Native American Income Tax Settlement

- Four Rivers Will packet questionnaire

- Huhugam Heritage Center veteran and family outreach

care of the interpretive trail will be transferred to DEQ ant the Gila River Drainage District. He said when

it is formally transferred to the Community, DEQ will oversee the upkeep of the facility, managing the

plants, GRIDD is responsible to the water deliveries and the irrigation system of the facility.



## O'odham Veterans Celebration "2019"

Gila River Indian Community  
Maricopa Colony  
District 7 Multipurpose Building  
8035 South 83rd Ave.  
Laveen Village, AZ 85339

Traditional Blessing - 6 am

Registration 7am

Program Starts 9am

**September 14, 2019**

# Save The Date



- Traditional Blessing
- Continental Breakfast
- Door Prizes
- Guest Speakers



- Lunch to be Served
- Services Providers
- Entertainment
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DOD Gear Will Be Given To All Veterans

For More Information Please Contact Doug Juan (602) 327-5973

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## Experts discuss Native Cosmology at "Native Cosmos" presentation at the Heard Museum

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Looking up at the starry night sky has been the guiding compass Native people have used to explain their origin stories, the changing of seasons and to mark the start of traditional practices. The Explore Native Cosmos is a presentation from the perspective of Native individuals, on cosmology that was hosted by the Heard Museum in Phoenix on Aug. 23.

Panelist at the presentation were Dr. Henry Fowler (Dine), Wanda Dalla Costa (Saddle Lake First Nation) and Michael Connolly (Kumeyaay), who spoke about their knowledge of the cosmos in relation to indigenous people.

Connolly has written about the culture of his people to raise awareness for a healthier environment.

"Astronomy is very important across a wide range of Kumeyaay society," said Connolly.

He said, "In the past, it was central to so many different things, it was a thing that was targeted, it started by the coming of the Spanish in 1769 and the

founding of the mission in San Diego and the coming of the U.S. government, which threatened traditional religions."

According to Connolly ancient astronomy was used as a calendar for stories and ceremonies.

"It was in the celestial harmony with the expectation, anticipation and the realization of the solstices and equinoxes, knowing that when you got the winter solstice you saw daylight shortening and then turning to the summer solstice, as the days got longer."

Costa, ASU Design School and School of Construction Institute Professor and Associate Professor, said when working with tribal communities and First Nations the cosmos play an important role in the construction of contemporary buildings.

Costa said, what piqued her interest, was to look at how in the Southwest, the architecture of tribal communities, both past and present connections to cosmology. Last year, Costa took her class on a five-day journey through the Navajo Na-

tion, Chaco Canyon and the Hopi Tribe to understand the significance of the cosmos from the people they visited.

"How can I teach them through a book, or can we actually go out to this beautiful area of the Southwest and learn from the people and from the place," said Costa.

She said there are many relations to architecture, landforms and the horizon, Indigenous people use to signify the intersection of the cosmos with their lives.

Fowler a professor in the Math Department, Dine College, said in Navajo tradition and the cosmos goes hand in hand, and is part of their way of understanding the uniqueness of their

ancestors in relation to the heavens.

"The Navajo cosmos is very practical, when we talk about it, it's not just verbally, but has to be done through a hands-on practice," said Fowler. He said it is about the individual and how they fit within the context of the cosmos, seeing one's self as a sacred person, and in a metaphorical sense, discovering beyond our own horizons.

Fowler added, to talk about the cosmos is to talk about the K'ê (Kinship System), a relationship it has to everything that we do, our founding principles, a fundamental law to Navajo people is a causal relationship with the people, clans and is maternal in nature.



Wanda Dalla Costa presents on the importance of the indigenous interpretation of the cosmos in constructing contemporary buildings. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING

Environmental Assessment for the Pima Commerce Center, Proposed in District 4 of the Gila River Indian Community

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Pima Agency and the Gila River Indian Community (Community) are releasing this notice in support of an environmental assessment for the proposed Pima Commerce Center in District 4 of the Community. The Pima Commerce Center would be a new business park that would support growth in a variety of commercial sectors throughout the Community for the foreseeable future. This notice is intended to provide details about the proposed project, and to request your input.

#### Proposed Action

The project proponent, MainSpring Capital Group (MainSpring), has submitted a commercial master lease application to the BIA for the development of a new business park on approximately 270 acres of Community land. The proposed project would be located at the southwest corner of Old Price Road and Queen Creek Road. The business park would be developed to support multiple business uses that could include multistory offices and/or hospitality buildings, suburban offices, and flex space for retail and light commercial development. Final site design would be dependent on prevailing commercial needs; however, key project components would include the following:

- Two new signalized intersections would be constructed, as well as six right-in-right-out access points off Queen Creek Road.
- A new center left-turn lane would be constructed on Queen Creek Road fronting the project area.
- Maximum building height of four stories (about 60 feet), with the tallest buildings located along Queen Creek Road. Average building height would be two stories.
- A new well and water treatment facility would be developed on-site to provide all water needs for the business park.
- A fully fenced wastewater treatment facility would be constructed on-site to treat wastewater, which would be used for on-site irrigation.
- MainSpring would connect all required utilities to the business park, including electrical service, communications, etc., through coordination with local service providers.
- Street lighting and parking-level lighting would be down-facing, and lighted

signage would be backlit, following a "dark sky" development practice.

- Stormwater would be detained in basins or swales and allowed to percolate on-site, instead of being discharged.

Early site development would begin in mid-2021, with construction expected to be complete by late 2022. Vehicle access along Queen Creek Road would be maintained throughout construction; however, vehicle traffic along Queen Creek Road could experience occasional short-term temporary delays. No transportation detours or changes in transportation access are anticipated.

#### Purpose and Need

Development of the proposed business park on allotted land requires issuance of a new master lease by the BIA, which is considered a federal action subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the proposed project is to build a 270-acre business park on Community land to support multiple new commercial uses. The project would provide needed commercial business opportunities within the Community that would facilitate economic growth, as well as providing needed goods and services, and employment opportunities. The project would also increase lease revenues paid to allottees over those paid for the existing agricultural uses of the land, a direct quality of life improvement for the allottees.

#### Scoping Period

As part of NEPA, federal agencies are required to consider the potential social and environmental impacts of proposed actions. This letter serves as the BIA's invitation to you or your agency to submit comments, concerns, or suggestions regarding the proposed action. All comments received become part of the public record associated with this proposed action. Accordingly, your comments (including your name and address) will be available for review by any person that wishes to view the record. At your request, we will withhold your contact information to the extent allowed by the Freedom of Information Act. Please submit your comments by September 15, 2019.

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## NOTICE OF CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

Parents & Guardians:



The Casa Blanca Community School is pleased to announce that it will be holding an election on Thursday, September 19, 2019 to fill two (2) seats on its Board of Trustees. The polling station will be held at **Casa Blanca Community School**, during Grandparents Day. The polls will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

CBCS's Board meets at least once (sometimes twice) per month and attends periodic work sessions (usually held over a two day period on the weekend); attend various out-of-state trainings and conferences; must have reliable transportation; be available to reach by phone; and be available to meet when given short notice.

If you are interested in running in the election, you **must** meet the following member qualifications:

- ❖ **Write-In's not accepted on Voting Day.**
- ❖ Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age as of September 20, 2019 (the date of election);
- ❖ Be an enrolled Community Member.
- ❖ Reside in District 3, 4, or 5 and have lived in the District in which you are running for at least one year prior to September 20, 2019;
- ❖ Have a high school diploma, or GED;
- ❖ Successfully undergo a background check and drug/alcohol screen;
- ❖ Obtain an Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card;
- ❖ Eligible candidates shall have no prior felony convictions, and shall not have any prior misdemeanor convictions involving sex offenses or offenses against children; and
- ❖ Submit a timely petition signed by seven (7) eligible voters from your District.

To obtain a petition to get on the ballot, please contact Flo Long at CBCS, (520) 315-3489 or stop by Casa Blanca Community School.

**Petitions must be returned to Casa Blanca Community School no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2019.**

The following persons are *eligible to vote* in the election (and sign petitions for Board candidates):

- (1) Enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community who are at least eighteen (18) and who reside within District 3, 4, or 5 as of September 20, 2018, **OR**
- (2) Any parent or legal guardian of a student currently enrolled at CBCS and listed as the authorized party to make decisions for that student in the School's records.

Any questions regarding the election should be directed to Flo Long at the above number.





**CIVIL SUMMONS**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL  
Lori Pomeranz  
Plaintiff(s),  
V.  
Cecilio Duncan Osuna, et al.  
Defendant(s).  
Case No. S1 100CV201900660  
SUMMONS  
To: Cecilio Duncan Osuna

WARNING: THIS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE COURT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. READ THIS SUMMONS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE.  
1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other court papers were served on you with this Summons.  
2. If you do not want a judgment taken against you without your input, you must file an Answer in writing with the

Court, and you must pay the required filing fee. To file your Answer, take or send the papers to Clerk of the Superior Court, 971 Jason Lopez Circle Building A, Florence, Arizona 85132 or electronically file your Answer through one of Arizona's approved electronic filing systems at <http://www.azcourts.gov/efilinginformation>. Mail a copy of the Answer to the other party, the Plaintiff, at the address listed on the top of this Summons.  
Note: If you do not file electronically you will not have electronic access to

the documents in this case.  
3. If this Summons and the other court papers were served on you within the State of Arizona, your Answer must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date of service, not counting the day of service. If this Summons and the other court papers were served on you outside the State of Arizona, your Answer must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date of service, not counting the day of service.  
Requests for reasonable accommoda-

tion for persons with disabilities must be made to the court by parties at least 3 working days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding.  
GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Superior Court of the State of Arizona in and for the County

1:30 p.m. COURTROOM #3, 1ST FLOOR  
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS  
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
ADDRESS: 10040 E. OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256  
CONTACT: (480)362-6315

**CIVIL SUMMONS**

Wahpeta, April  
Initial Appearance  
Case: JT-19-0006  
Court Date: September 26, 2019 at

**DEQ monitors cultural significant locations during Verde Fire near Ft. McDowell reservation**

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

When a wildfire breaks out, the objective is to extinguish the flames before life and home are threatened, but so is protecting the cultural lands of Native people. When the Verde Fire broke out on Aug. 3, near the Fort McDowell Yavapai Apache Nation, fire crews from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Nations crew from the Gila River Indian Community were on-station to fight the blaze, but so were representatives from Community departments to mitigate the cultural preservation of the threatened land.

"It's a real credit to the agencies, who recognize the Community as a stakeholder, to have resource advisors from here to be present on the fire," said Russell Benford, Department of Environmental Quality - Environmental

Program Manager.

He said having resource advisors on wildfires, brings an added layer of awareness about cultural sites, that are at risk of being destroyed by fires. "It allows us (The Community) to have a voice in how the incident is managed during the actual incident and after the fire is put out," said Benford.

"I was brought in as a resource manager to provide information regarding the ecological assets that may be threatened by the Verde Fire," said Benford. He said his job had two parts, to identify wildlife and vegetation that are of cultural importance to the Community and that may be impacted by the fire, and to help incident commanders better understand the possible effects of suppression actions such as fire retardant (slurry), fuels breaks, heavy vehicle use, etc. on the environment.

He said on the Woodbury Fire, cultural resource advisors were able to help wildland fire personnel protect traditional sites in the Tonto National Monument. He said, "Little details, like you can't put staples on the structures. They wanted to put up a reflective blanket to keep heat away from the wooden beams, but the Community's advisors said you can't use staples on them, so they used rope to secure the blankets to the structures." Resource advisors also provided perspective on a centuries-old mesquite tree and thousands of saguaro cacti that had potential to be impacted by the fire.

Additionally, Emery Manuel from the Cultural Resource Management Department was enlisted to help with advisement on the fire. "Their [Mr. Manuel's and other resource advisors'] participation was critical to ensuring that the

Cultural and Ecological values as identified by Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (FMYN) would be taken into consideration if the fire moved onto their lands," said Alan Sinclair, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fire Management Officer.

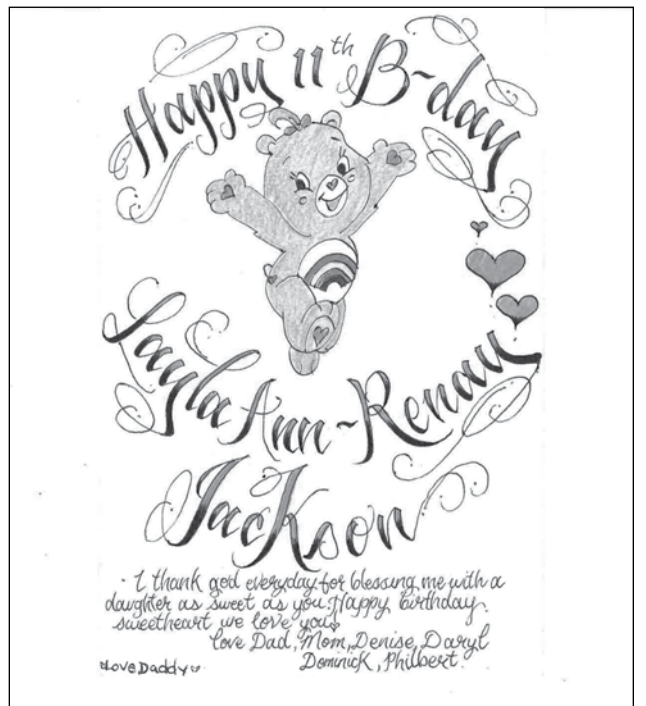
Other personnel, who responded to the Verde Fire, were a Pima Agency Type II Interagency Crew and Geronimo Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC). The crews worked to prevent a section of the fire from reaching Fort McDowell Yavapai Apache Nation.

The Pima Agency Type II crew consisted of Community members and individuals from other tribal communities, while on the Geronimo IHC, Julian Murgia, a Community member, who was hired to join the hot shot crew this fire season.

Community members and staff play meaningful roles on the initial attack,

suppression and cleanup of wildfires in the region. Forward-thinking leaders of the Community encourage and facilitate the participation of these technical experts by maintaining productive relationships with interagency partners,

including the Bureau of Indian Affairs and United States Forest Service. Because these individuals are involved, the Community's interests and ancestral resources are better considered and protected.



Your input is needed!

STATE ROUTE LOOP 202 (SANTAN FREEWAY) TO STATE ROUTE 387

**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS**

The Gila River Indian Community, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), and Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) invite you to attend a public scoping meeting 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). The purpose of the study is to evaluate the impacts of widening I-10 from the Loop 202/Santan Freeway interchange to just south of the interchange at SR-387 to reduce traffic congestion of I-10 in the study area.

Public scoping is the first step of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental study process. The public scoping process provides the opportunity for the community to educate the study team about the corridor itself, as well as share issues or concerns the public may have about modifying I-10. The public scoping meetings will:

- Provide an overview of the I-10 corridor, the study's objectives, and the study's schedule to the public
- Obtain community feedback on opportunities, issues, or concerns related to the study area
- Solicit public input on potential corridor improvement alternatives

This public input will help ADOT, the Gila River Indian Community, and MAG select a Preferred Alternative, either a Build Alternative or No-Build ("do nothing") Alternative, for this section of I-10.

Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other nondiscrimination laws and authorities, ADOT does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Persons that require a reasonable accommodation based on language or disability should contact Laura Douglas at 602.712.7683 or LDouglas@azdot.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to ensure the State has an opportunity to address the accommodation.

De acuerdo con el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA por sus siglas en inglés) y otras normas y leyes antidiscriminatorias, el Departamento de Transporte de Arizona (ADOT) no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad o discapacidad. Las personas que requieran asistencia (dentro de lo razonable) ya sea por el idioma o discapacidad deben ponerse en contacto con la Laura Douglas a 602.712.7683 o LDouglas@azdot.gov. Las solicitudes deben hacerse lo más antes posible para asegurar que el Estado tenga la oportunidad de hacer los arreglos necesarios.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 04/16/2019, and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

Las consultas, la revisión ambiental y otras acciones requeridas según las leyes ambientales federales correspondientes para este proyecto se están llevando a cabo, o se han llevado a cabo, por ADOT de acuerdo con 23 U.S.C 327 y un Memorandum de Acuerdo con fecha del 16 de abril de 2019, y se han realizado por FHWA y ADOT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE: PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 1

**Public Scoping Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 19, 2019 | 6 pm–8 pm**  
 Sacaton Boys and Girls Club  
 116 S. Holly Street, Sacaton, AZ
- 2

**District 6 Scoping Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2019 | 6 pm–8 pm**  
 Komatke Boys and Girls Club  
 5047 W. Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ
- 3

**District 1 Scoping Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 26, 2019 | 6 pm–8 pm**  
 Uhks Kehk Multi-Purpose Bldg.  
 15747 N. Shegoi Road, Coolidge, AZ
- 4

**District 5 Scoping Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 28, 2019 | 9 am–11 am**  
 3456 W. Casa Blanca Road, Bapchule, AZ

CAN'T MAKE IT TO A MEETING?

Comments provided by October 3, 2019 will be included in the study record.

Visit the website and leave a comment:  
[i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com](http://i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com)

Call the toll-free bilingual study line:  
**602-522-7777**

Email: [i10wildhorsepasscorridor@hdrinc.com](mailto:i10wildhorsepasscorridor@hdrinc.com)

USPS Mail: I-10 Wild Horse Pass Corridor Study Team c/o HDR, Inc.  
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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

## Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • August 21, 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, August 21, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:07 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Pamela Johnson

### ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Delmar Jones, Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:26), Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Jennifer Allison

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTION #1; REPORTS #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, AND #8; RESOLUTION #11; AND NEW BUSINESS #2; AND DISPENSE NEW BUSINESS #1

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS ##7, #10, #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, AND #18; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, AND #8 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction Of Joshua Billison, First Things First Regional Director Gila River Indian Community

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Joshua Billison

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### REPORTS

>1. Sacaton Elementary School District #18 FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report

Presenters: Wanda Burton, Andre Gillespie

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Casa Blanca Community School FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report

Presenter: Kim Franklin

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Blackwater Community School FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Saint Peter Indian Mission School FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report

Presenter: Sister Martha

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Maricopa Village Christian School FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report

Presenter: Al Chatman

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Gila Crossing Community School FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report

Presenter: Jim Mosley

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Community Technology Center 3rd Quarter Report FY19

Presenter: Connie Jackson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. FY 2018- 2019 2nd Qtr. Report Ira H. Hayes Auxiliary Unit 84

Presenter: Carletta McDaniel

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Franzoy Consulting, Inc. – Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report

Presenter: C. Eugene Franzoy

### REPORT HEARD

>10. Peter Mock Groundwater Consulting, Inc. – Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report

Presenter: Peter A. Mock

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11. Akimel O'Odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council Review Report

Presenter: Michael Preston

REPORT HEARD

>12. GRTI 2Q 2019 Update

Presenters: James Meyers, Jennifer Burkhalter

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. Dorsey & Whitney, LLP – Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Mary J. Streitz

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. Lippes Mathias Wexler & Friedman, LLP – Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Ian Shavitz

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. Osborn Maledon, P.A. – Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: David Rosenbaurn, Mary O'Grady, J. Molina

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>16. Public Policy Partners – Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Meghaen Dell'Artino

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. The Center for Applied Research, Inc. Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Chad B. Linse

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. Rothstein Law Firm – Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Eric Dahlstrom, Denton Robinson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community's 2019-2020 Tribal Membership And Designating Delegates In The National Congress Of American Indians (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Shannon White

APPROVED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DELEGATE GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AS THE DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE, COUNCILMAN AVERY WHITE, COUNCILMAN DELMAR JONES, COUNCILMAN DEVIN REDBIRD, AND COUNCILMAN CHARLES GOLDTOOTH

2. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community's Department Of Environmental Quality To Submit Grant Applications For Security External Funding To Aid Current Programs As Well As New Programs And Activities For A Period of 5 Years (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Willard Antone III

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation To Apply For Fiscal Year 2019 Road Maintenance Funds From The Bureau Of Indian Affairs Western Regional Office Division Of Transportation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Gregory McDowell

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Modifying The Use And Distribution Of Monies From The Gila River Indian Community Permanent Water Fund And Water Settlement Fund For The Operations Of The Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District And For The Purchase Of Central Arizona Project Water In Fiscal Year 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Operating Budget And Capital Projects Budget

For Fiscal Year 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda) Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Revenue Internal Audit's Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Gaming Internal Audit's Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. A Resolution Designating Protective Services Office Attorneys As The Gila River Indian Community's Indian Child Welfare Act Representatives For All State Child Custody Proceedings Involving The Indian Child Welfare Act (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda; H&SSC concurs)

Presenters: Mandy Cisneros, Robin Commanda

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 46 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2020 Through 2024 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED

>11. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And Tempe Union High School District No. 213 (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### ORDINANCES

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

\*1. Letter Request for a Council Orientation 8-15-19 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of August 15, 2019)

Presenters: Dale Enos, Courtney Moyah

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. First Things First Early Childhood Summit August 26-27, 2019-Phoenix Convention Center (ESC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend under Dues and Delegations)

Presenter: Joshua Billison

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GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS SUSPENDED THE RULES TO ADD NEW BUSINESS #3 NCAI CONFERENCE DELEGATION

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

3. NCAI Conference Delegation

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO ANY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS

### MINUTES

1. August 7, 2019 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:24 AM

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM





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**Monitoring** - Monitoring blood sugar helps you know when your levels are on target and it helps you make food and activity adjustments so that your body can perform at its best.

**Taking Medications** - There are several types of medications that are often recommended for people with diabetes, high blood pressure or high cholesterol. It may seem overwhelming, but you need the help of medicines to improve your health as you keep up your lifestyle changes

**Problem Solving** - You can't plan for every situation you may face. However, there are some problem-solving skills that can help you prepare for the unexpected

**Reducing Risks** - If you understand the risks, you can take steps now to lower your chance of diabetes-related complications.

**Healthy Coping** - Diabetes can affect your physically and emotionally. It's natural to have mixed feelings about your diabetes management and experience highs and lows. Take steps to reduce the negative impact they can have on your self-care

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