



Huhugam Heritage Center unveils newly renovated museum building *Community members and guests attend ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of improvements*



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis cuts the ribbon for the Huhugam Heritage Center's tenant improvement project. From left, Leland Thomas, Miss Gila River Tyler Owens, Gov. Lewis, Jr. Miss Gila River Susanna Osife, former governor Richard Narcia and former governor Donald Antone. Edit Box Photo



New cases and exhibits were unveiled at the grand opening. Edit Box Photo

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The Huhugam Heritage Center held its Museum Grand Opening to the public on Friday, Jan 24. Community members and guests celebrated the museum's opening with blessings, remarks, a ribbon cutting ceremony and entertainment. Guest speakers,

former GRIC leaders, and Heritage Center administrators provided remarks to honor the occasion. O'otham and Pee Posh singers and dancers from across the Community also presented throughout the day.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis recalled the early days of the Center's development.

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nity to build a repository, not in Phoenix, not in Flagstaff, but here on the Gila River Indian Community and bring our sacred artifacts home."

Gov. Lewis later cut the ribbon accompanied by Huhugam Heritage Center staff, Gila River Royalty and former governors Richard Narcia and Donald Antone. With the doors officially open, the public walked through the new space, which included the collections, displays, and exhibits on the history and culture of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh.

Shirley Jackson, District 5, Huhugam Heritage Center Director, said, "It's been a long time coming, and I'm very grateful for it's completion, to the Community, and it's past leadership."

Former governor Donald Antone recalled the repatriation of remains and other cultural objects during his speech and also said

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- Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

for digital learning. Video footage of the community waterways is showcased on a 20-foot display, and a touchscreen "game" provides lessons on the O'otham gender roles, and a video provided a brief history of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh.

Breaking ground on the original site in 1999, the Huhugam Heritage Center served initially as a repository for artifacts and items that were returned to the Community over time.

Plans for the Center include the addition of a museum gift shop along with developing the surrounding grounds outside the Center.

Jackson shared that starting in March, the museum will open full time with regular hours for the general public. Until then, the Center will continue its First Friday events every month, elders day event, and veterans activities.



Opening ceremonies at the grand opening included the posting of colors and other activities. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Senate candidate Mark Kelly visits Community, tours MAR5

Christopher Lomahquahu
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Mark Kelly, a retired astronaut and the identical twin brother of Scott Kelly (also a retired astronaut from NASA), is on the campaign trail running for the U.S. Senate. Kelly visited with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and tribal leadership at the Governance Center and toured the Managed Aquifer Recharge 5 Interpretive trail on Jan. 22.

"I'm spending a lot of time trying to learn all [these] issues," said Kelly. Kelly a year ago, officially announced his bid to run for the 2020 United State Special Election in Arizona. From his

time visiting communities across the state, Kelly said there are different issues within different communities on what Washington D.C. needs to hear.

Kelly had questions about the population of the Community, culture, education and how GRIC is managing its water rights. Among Kelly's questions, was the issue of crimes committed on tribal lands by non-members, which Lewis said is taken very seriously through a coordinated system of law enforcement and judicial system.

"We're very rural, but we appreciate how we are very close to the land, a humble people, even though we've have been success-

ful with gaming, we cannot forget our duty as stewards over the land," said Lewis. He said GRIC has been very innovative in water conservation and preservation.

Lewis said, "We plan for the future, that's where our mind set is at working together as seven districts, with a 17-member council."

Kelly was also interested in education in the Community and Gov. Lewis highlighted the new Gila Crossing Community School in District 6 as well as the teacher cohort program through Arizona State University.

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Mark Kelly during his visit to the MAR5 Interpretive trail with DEQ Director Willard Antone (foreground). Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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Youth inspired at Nike N7 Jr. Golf Experience at the Whirlwind Golf Club



The golf event featured golfer Gabby Lemieux (center). Photo courtesy of Reuben Ringlero

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Native youth teed off at a golf clinic at the Nike N7 Jr. Golf Experience, which was held at the Whirlwind Golf Club at Wild Horse Pass on Jan. 25.

The event was organized in partnership with the Gila River Indian Community, Notah Begay III (NB3) Foundation, Nike N7 and the First Tee of Phoenix for an interactive day of golf and education for 197 youth, ranging from seven to 18-years-old.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomed the group of Native youth, who also participated in the clinic.

“The Notah Begay III Foundation is a great organization that encourages the youth to be active in the game of golf,” said Gov. Lewis.

Lewis thanked the NB3 Foundation and Nike N7 for providing the event to Native youth,

which promotes physical activity, healthy nutrition and teaches important life skills on top of teaching golf.

“We are a proud partner, to bring an inspirational day of learning about the game of golf to a world class facility, like [this],” said Gov. Lewis. He said the Community was proud to host the golf clinic that contributes to positive and motivating experiences for Native youth.

“It all started with Sam McCracken, the founder of Nike N7 to expose kids to the game of golf, being that the Waste Management [Phoenix Open] is coming-up and [we] have Native communities around the Valley, we partnered with several organizations to host [this] event,” said Clint Begay, Director of NB3 Fit, brother of Notah.

“Gov. Lewis is a great partner and advocate for youth development and it allowed us to do what we set out to accomplish



Young golfers learn fundamentals. Photo courtesy of Reuben Ringlero

in reaching the Native youth on a tribal community,” said Begay.

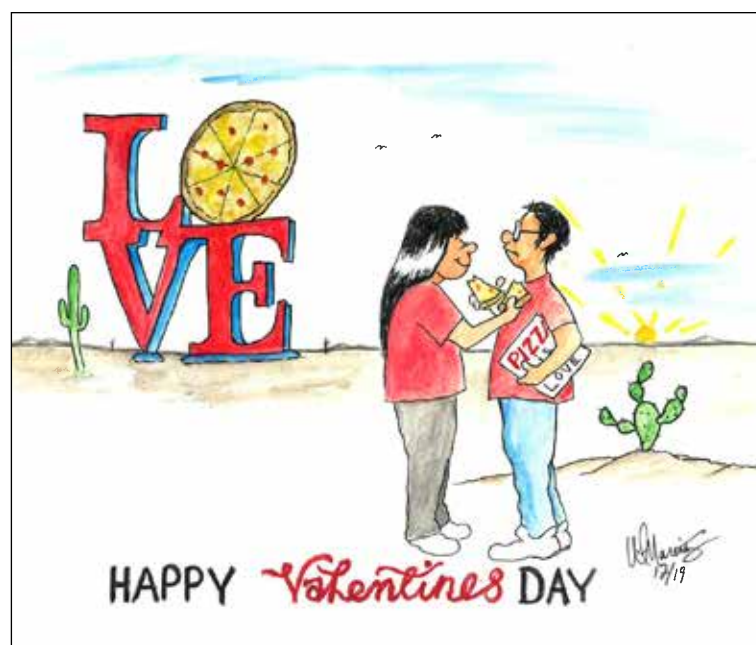
Begay added, “The goal was for the kids to go out there and feel like they are accomplishing something new they can experience and they come away with an

understanding about how to play golf.”

He said their organization works with Native owned golfing facilities to get Native youth interested in golf. Begay said the clinic included workshops on life lessons, leadership games and health nutrition.

Gabby Lemieux, Nike N7 ambassador, professional golfer on the Symetra Tour and a member of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe was present to share her passion for the game of golf with the youth participants.

Sam McCracken, N7 General Manager, said, it’s their second year hosting the Jr. Golf Tournament in the state of Arizona. “We’d really like to thank our sponsors and recognize the Gila River Indian Community and the land, we are hosting this event on today.”



Parade and activities all set for 75th Anniversary of Iwo Jima flag raising

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The 75th Anniversary of the Iwo Jima flag raising will be on Saturday, Feb. 22 in Sacaton. Many veteran groups throughout the country participate in the Community’s parade which starts from Skill Center Road down to the Matthew B. Juan - Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park. As in previous years, a fly-over is set to kick off the parade.

This year the Wellness Center will be hosting an Iwo Jima Memorial 10k/2mile run at the Sacaton Fairgrounds. Registration is now open until Feb. 19. The run begins at 6 a.m. with on-site registration open until 7:15 a.m. on the day of. The parade is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by ceremonies at Matthew B. Juan - Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park.

For more information about the event sponsored by American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post No. 84 & Auxiliary Unit No. 84 phone: (520) 562-8484 or email: ihpost84@gila.net website: irahayespost84.org.

75th Anniversary

Iwo Jima Flag Raising

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All Public and Veterans Groups are welcome

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Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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Incident reports from Jan. 19 - Jan. 25

Gila River Police officers responded to 689 calls for service and made 33 arrests.

District One- (Blackwater)

No Part I incidents

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

No Part I incidents

District Three- (Sacaton)

Aggravated Assault – Suspect and victim were involved in a verbal altercation that escalated and became physical when the suspect swung a machete at the victim. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to the incident in progress. The suspect was detained and then released to emergency medical services for transportation to a local hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Charges forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

District Four- Stotonic Area –

Burglary – Suspect(s) forced entry into an abandoned residence and subsequently removed a washing

machine and dryer. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Lone Butte Area

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered a clothing store, concealed several items and left the premises without paying for the merchandise. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect(s) fled prior to officers' arrival.

Status: Under investigation.

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Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) forcefully accessed the victim's vehicle while it was parked in the casino parking lot and stole items belonging to the victim. Upon discovering the damage and stolen items, the victim alerted casino security. Ca-

sino security notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect stole the victim's cell phone from a slot machine while inside the casino. Casino security notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation

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Status: Under Investigation

District Five – (Casa Blanca)

Auto Theft – The suspect stole the victim's vehicle keys and then took the victim's vehicle without the victim's knowledge or permission. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: The vehicle was recovered and returned to the victim.

District Six – (Komatke)

Robbery – Suspect(s) assaulted the victim and forcefully stole the victim's

wrist watch using a knife to threaten his life. The victim fled to safety and notified law enforcement. Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded and treated the victim's non-life threatening injuries.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) forcefully accessed the victim's vehicle while it was parked in the casino parking lot and stole items belonging to the victim. Upon discovering the damage and stolen items, the victim alerted casino security. Casino security notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect stole the victim's winning ticket and attempted to cash it. Casino security was alerted by staff and law enforcement was notified. Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Suspect was cited and released.

Theft – The suspect stole the victim's cell phone from a slot machine while inside the casino. Casino security notified law enforcement and Gila River

police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Charges forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

District Seven – (Maricopa)

Auto Theft – Suspect(s) took the victim's vehicle from her residence without her permission in the late evening hours. The victim woke the next morning to find their vehicle missing. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: The victim's vehicle was later recovered in the city of Phoenix

Incident Reports from Jan. 26 to Feb. 1

Gila River Police officers responded to 683 calls for service and made 27 arrests.

District One- (Blackwater)

No Part I incidents

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

No Part I incidents

District Three- (Sacaton)

Theft – The suspect stole the victim's laptop from his vehicle when he dropped him off at his residence. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investi-

gation

Theft – Suspect's stole the victim's wheelbarrow from his property while the victim was away from the residence. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Four-

Stotonic Area –

No Part I incidents

Lone Butte Area

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the gas station, concealed several items and then left past the point of sale without paying for the merchandise. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the outlet store, concealed several items and then left past the point of sale without paying for the merchandise. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the outlet store, concealed several items and then left past the point of sale without paying for the merchandise. Employees identified the theft occurred via security footage after the fact. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) forced entry into a motel room and stole several items belonging to the victim. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) entered the victim's vehicle and stole several of the victim's belongings while the vehicle was parked in the casino parking lot. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under investigation

District Five – (Casa Blanca)

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic altercation that escalated when the suspect attempted to run over the victim with her vehicle. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to the

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12:30pm	Fit First	First Talk <i>Thriving vs. Survival</i>	First Talk <i>10 Pow Wows</i>	First Talk <i>Balance</i>	First Talk <i>Model Secrets</i>	First Talk <i>On The Spot</i>	Fit First	
1:00pm	Native Planet - Namibia <i>Why the oldest culture on the planet created a vast conservation area to protect from the outside</i>	Sharing Water <i>Exclusive interviews w/top actors of the water conflict such as high level scientists, activists,</i>	Havana Curveball <i>13yo Mica takes to heart to help "heal the world" and launches a grand plan to send baseballs to Cuba.</i>	Wisdom of the Grandmothers <i>Voices of elder women today; love, community, family, faith, respect and caring for our</i>	Carriers of Culture	The Huunam of Paakuma <i>Tribal educators from San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and others in the Southern</i>	Ollie & Emma <i>A heartwarming sitcom about two awkward, shy young adults navigating an intercultural relationship in</i>	
1:30pm					Utility Baskets: Henry Arquette			
2:00pm	Storytellers In Motion <i>Bert Crowfoot</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Giah! Galang Stories</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Landing and Protocol</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Defining Haida Art</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Every</i>	Ravens and Eagles	Children of the Desert	
2:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Underexposed <i>Treks & Balances</i>	Underexposed <i>Take Down</i>	Underexposed <i>Bareback & Buckles</i>	Underexposed <i>Hot Shots</i>	Underexposed <i>Phat Bikes</i>	Vitality Gardening	
3:00pm	Tales of Wonder - 1 <i>Enchanting collection of Indian stories and legends.</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Taking the Challenge</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Medical</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Nutrition</i>	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together <i>Self Esteem</i>	Urban Native Girl <i>Clock's Ticking</i>	
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4:00pm	Tales of Wonder - 2 <i>Entertains children and adults with Gregg's traditional way of Native American storytelling.</i>	Native Planet - Namibia <i>Why the oldest culture on the planet created a vast conservation area to protect from the outside world.</i>	Rez Rides <i>Masters Humble King</i>	On Native Ground: <i>Youth Report</i>	The New Zealanders: <i>a coffin-making midwife, some souped-up good Samaritans, big-hearted bush boys, and a cop with</i>	Storytellers in Motion <i>Shirley Cheechoo</i>	Making Regalia <i>Jingle Dress (concl.)</i>	
4:30pm			Aboriginal Adventures <i>Prawn Opening</i>	Common Ground <i>Stained Glass Artists</i>		On Native Ground: <i>Youth Report</i>	Future History <i>Cultural Appropriation</i>	
5:00pm	William and the Windmill <i>With only a library book as his guide, he uses junk parts and a lot of imagination, to harnesses enough energy to resuscitate his dying farming community, saving his family from</i>	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders: <i>Introducing us to some of the quirkiest locations and heart-warming characters throughout New Zealand.</i>	
5:30pm		Behind The Brush	Indian Pride <i>Culture, Traditions</i>	Making Regalia <i>Jingle Dress (concl.)</i>	People of the Pines <i>Assimilation</i>	Sivummut	Indigenous Focus <i>Maria's Dictionary</i>	
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7:00pm	Red Earth Uncovered <i>A Small World: Part 1</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Dance, Monkey, Dance</i>	
7:30pm	The Medicine Line <i>Icons of Oppression</i>						Wild Archaeology <i>Inuit of Rigolet, Part 1</i>	
8:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Klemtu</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Living Service</i>	Wild Archaeology <i>Inuit of Rigolet, Part 1</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	Future History <i>Cultural Appropriation</i>	Dabiyiyuu <i>Seal Hunter</i>	Hit The Ice <i>High Wire</i>	
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9:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Green Bush</i>	Red Earth Uncovered <i>A Small World: Part 2</i>	Cashing In <i>Royal Flush</i>	Chaos & Courage <i>Critical Incident</i>	Native Shorts <i>Mud/Mobilize</i>	The Aux <i>A rotating compilation of music videos f/ diverse talents of Native American & World Indigenous</i>	Cashing In <i>Royal Flush</i>	
9:30pm	The Aux <i>A rotating compilation of music videos f/ diverse talents of Native American & World Indigenous</i>	Indians and Aliens <i>Sasq'ets</i>	Studio 49 <i>Cody Coyote</i>	Tribal Police Files <i>Sudden Death</i>	Kvcarts <i>Def-I</i>		Mixed Blessings <i>Tazz Is Chicken</i>	
10:00pm		Marichiweu <i>Compadre</i>	Reggae Got Soul <i>New performances and interviews with Toots, rare archive from his career, and interviews w/well-known</i>	The Hazda: Last of the First <i>Explores humanity's origins in Africa's Rift Valley.</i>	Black Indians: An American History <i>A forgotten part of Americans past - the cultural and racial fusion of</i>	Maina <i>In order to fulfill a promise made to her friend Matsii as she lay on her deathbed, MAINA has to follow the trail of her enemies to retrieve Nipki, Matsii's 11-year-old son who has been captured by the Inuits.</i>	Wapos Bay: Long Goodbyes <i>With their whole world being turned upside down, Talon and Raven must join forces to keep the family together before it's too late.</i>	
10:30pm	Songcatchers: The Gathering <i>Native American Music Special</i>	Fighting Indigenous Imprisonment						
11:00pm		Beggars Oasis <i>Follows a ban on begging that will force the Roma out of the Swiss town. Placing a spotlight on a people shunned by respectable society.</i>	Skeletons of New Zealand - Under The Carpet <i>Our planet's oldest people: their origins and their incredible voyages across oceans and seas.</i>	Box 25 - Caja 25	The Child of the Sahara <i>A French teenager is informed he's actually adopted, and his biological parents are Moroccan couple whom he had been led to believe were his aunt</i>		More Than Frybread	
11:30pm	Walela							

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Crisis Response Team is looking for volunteers to assist individuals and families

Christopher Lomahquahu
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A Community initiative to recruit volunteers is currently open to those who have an interest in helping those in need of support. The Gila River Fire Department Crisis Response Team looks to hire volunteers to assist individuals or families during traumatic events.

“It was put into place to help our Community members at their worst, such as house fires, homicides, suicide, car accidents and other traumatic events,” said GRFD Fire Chief Kathy Garcia.

Volunteers will have a list of resources for people to contact, such as service centers, Red Cross, hospitals, and food banks.

The resources offer a way of allowing individuals and families to contact people when they’re in need of resources and referrals to help them through their difficult times.

“There are some Community members that may not need it, but we also know there are others that might need to utilize the crisis team on what to do or where to go to,” said Garcia.

She said, “[We’ve] had people thank us for the Crisis Response Team member staying with them at the hospital, bringing food to their family or bringing other items they needed at the time.”

The program is hiring individuals for all-volunteer positions that requires



Crisis Response Team members who assist individuals and families during traumatic events. From left, Javier Hernandez, program manager, volunteer Mocha Santos, volunteer Sal Pulido, and volunteer Morgan Jaecks. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

them to fulfill on-duty time and maintain training requirements to stay in good standing as a volunteer.

The hours are flexible for individuals who work

or go to school full-time, and for those with families according to Garcia.

“They will receive crisis intervention training, attend a Gila River specific

training on cultural awareness, radio communication, incident reporting and area familiarization to GRIC,” said Garcia.

They also have to undergo a 15-passenger response van training, psychological first aid training and CPR/Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training and ride along with emergency crews, to prepare them for their roles as crisis response volunteers.

Garcia stressed the importance of professionalism, confidentiality and the ability handle traumatic events.

She said it is also important that volunteers know their limits and have patience when they are working with individuals in times of crisis.

To volunteer you must be 21-years-of-age, have high school diploma or GED, able to stand for two-plus hours, ability to carry 50 pounds, have a valid driver’s license, and undergo a panel interview. Additional requirements are fingerprinting/criminal background check, and mandatory drug testing.

The position is not a pipeline to becoming a firefighter, but offers volunteers a chance to speak, see and understand what the job demands. Individuals interested in becoming a volunteer, can go to gilariver.org job opportunities page to apply. For questions, contact the Crisis Response Team Program Manager at (520) 610-0769.

Police Reports From Page 4

incident in progress. The suspect was located and taken into custody.

Status: The suspect was arrested.

District Six – (Komatke)

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic altercation that escalated and became physical. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to the incident in progress. The suspect was located and taken into custody. Gila

River Emergency Medical Services responded and transported the victim to a local trauma hospital for her severe injuries.

Status: The suspect was arrested.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the license plate off the victim’s vehicle while it was parked in front of his residence. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole victim’s vehicle while it was parked in the casino parking lot. Law enforce-

ment was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate.

Status: Vehicle located and returned to registered owner.

District Seven – (Maricopa)

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) assaulted the victim while he was walking home from work. The victim received several lacerations from an unknown weapon used by the suspects. Upon escaping his attackers, the victim was able to notify law enforcement. Gila River police officers responded to render aid and investigate the

incident. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded and transported

the victim to a local trauma hospital for further medical attention.

Status: Under investigation

What the Colors of our Fruits and Vegetables are Telling Us

As the year begins and we start our new year’s resolutions, having a healthier diet is at the top of almost everyone’s list. Today’s my plate recommendations suggest consuming fruits and vegetables that resemble the colors of the rainbow. The more color our meals are representing tells us that we are getting a healthier diet and consuming the vitamins and minerals our body needs on a daily basis. But how often do we think about what the colors of our fruits and

vegetables are telling us. What antioxidants, phytonutrients, and nutrients are we getting and more importantly where do we get them from? Although some of the vitamins and minerals are clear and have no color, fruits and vegetables of a certain color are known to have more amounts of specific vitamins or minerals in them. Fruits and vegetable of one color still have multiple nutrients that provide us with “disease reducing” results. A good rule of thumb to go

by when looking at the color is the darker the color the higher the concentration of the nutrients they contain. Below, test your knowledge by drawing a line from the fruit and vegetable to the main nutrient(s) they are most known for (the answers are found below):

If you have any questions regarding a healthy plate or diet, the GRIC Tribal Health Department Community Health Nutrition will gladly assist you by calling (520) 562-5126.

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|--|---|
| 1. Blue/Purple
(Plums, prunes black berries, etc.) | (a) Vitamin A, Retinol, Beta carotenes |
| 2. Green
(Broccoli, cabbage, dark leafy lettuces, etc.) | (b) Vitamins K & B, Manganese, Anthocyanins |
| 3. Green/Yellow
(Avocado, spinach, kiwi, etc.) | (c) Vitamin C, Lycopene, Flavonoids |
| 4. Red
(Cranberries, tomatoes, pink grapefruit, etc.) | (d) Vitamin K, folic acid, potassium |
| 5. Yellow/Orange
(Carrots, pumpkins, squashes, apricots, Peaches, etc.) | (e) Vitamin C, Luteins |

Answers are: 1. line to (b), 2. line to (d), 3. line to (e), 4. line to (c), 5. Line to (a)

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Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

I've got my Medicare card, so now I am officially an elder. My days of running fast are long gone. I was gone from the GRIN for a while—maybe some of you noticed.

Well, “long-story-short” I had to take care of my health. In early December 2018, I got a Saturday morning call from my primary doctor saying he suspected I had a cancer. Whoa! A bone marrow biopsy and PET scan confirmed it. I have an incurable — but treatable— blood cancer called multiple myeloma. Multiple myeloma affects plasma cells in the bone marrow making them grow out of control. This growth damages bones, the immune system, kidneys, and red blood cell count. Treatments can slow down the effects, and relieve some of the symptoms. After getting over the initial shock, with help of Alliance Cancer Care Arizona and Gila River Health Care, I followed a regimen of pill chemotherapy, steroid injections, and Protea-

some inhibitors. The cancer growth was slowed down, and the next step was a stem cell transplant. I'm still recovering from that.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death among Natives according to a 2019 bulletin by the Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention. (The Indian Health Service listed heart disease as the number one cause of death in a 2019 report.) Numbers show roughly 160 GRIC members dealing with cancer in 2019. The largest group has kidney or liver cancer. Over thirty women are dealing with various cancers. For blood cancers, eight GRIC members have lymphoma and five have multiple myeloma. We are not alone, nor does it mean an “end of the trail” scenario. Tom Brokaw was the longtime anchor of “NBC Nightly News” and author of “The Greatest Generation,” about the American experience in World War II. When he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2013, he followed through with chemotherapy and treatment. He is now in remission.

Teresa Choyguha is an O'odham who's given us a lot of great laughs, and is also recuperating from a stem cell transplant for multiple myeloma. Teresa told me that the MM diagnosis was a shock to her too, but she followed through with the medications, injections, stem cell transplant, and long drives to see her doctor. She hasn't lost her sense of humor, and remains upbeat. It won't be long before Teresa is back in the spotlight. Another survivor.

Getting old -- we do our best not to ignore symptoms and be proactive. However at times, some wait too long and that lowers the chances of getting better. Strong, silent types think they can “tough it out.” Caregivers may ignore their own symptoms to continue providing care for others.


“Why?” is a common reaction with cancer patients. What we were exposed to growing up may have affected our future health. We used to swim in unlined irrigation canals, worked in fields sprayed with weed killer and defoliant, and our cars burned leaded fuel! When I used to run among the tribal fields around Casa Blanca, I felt I was breathing the fresh clean desert, but now I wonder. Many homes began to use propane stoves,

and benzene – a known cancer-causer—is a common element in propane. If you smell leaking propane, please fix it. I used to enjoy taking care of my “iron horse” truck, playing backyard mechanic. I'd reach for gasoline to clean

various parts. Benzene is in gasoline. If you are in an occupation that exposes you to propane and gas, keep warning signs in mind. Some of mine were loss of appetite, fatigue, numbing feet, and back pain. Take the time to

learn about symptoms from various tribal agencies like GRHC or DEQ. As our bodies age, symptoms come and go. Don't ignore the ones that persist.

“Getting old is tough, but it beats the alternative.”



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Early Packet Pick Up available
Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Onsite registration starts at 6:30am
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 Route will be closed at 7:15am no exceptions.

All competitive runs begin at 7:00am
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Relay teams must have 1 female and 1 male
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Students and staff pose with their underwater robots with assistance from Honeywell and the Si Se Puede Foundation. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Mentors assist St. Peter Indian Mission school students with underwater robots

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community students gained a hands-on perspective on building underwater machines. Fourth grade through eighth grade students from the St. Peter Indian Mission School in District 5, Bapchule, built underwater robots on Feb 1.

Mentors and professionals from Honeywell and Si Se Puede Foundation, assisted the students with their underwater robots through a program called SeaPerch. SeaPerch is a robotics program, that tests student's skills in the building of Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV).

According to the Si Se Puede website, "Students build the ROV from a kit comprised of low-cost, easily accessible parts, following a curriculum that teaches basic engineering and science concepts with a marine engineering theme."

"We want to get more of these programs out into the Community," said Alberto Esparza, President and CEO of Si Se Puede. He said Si Se Puede organizes robotics programs, that serve 150 students, which includes students at the college level.

"It's a relationship, that we hope to have for several years with the Community," said Esparza, "[We] would like to introduce them to more robotics programs through Si Se Puede." One of those is the potential to compete in a national robotics competition in March, held in Boston, Mass.

The students cut, drilled and assembled the underwater robots, which require a base, to house the fan, motors, and other essential accessories for control and navigation underwater.

"Right now, they're learning how to fabricate, put together the motors and work as a team. It's great, because they're picking it up so quickly," said Esparza.

"This is my first time being out in the Community," said Vice President of STEM Diversity Kari Rosas. "I recently graduated last May with a Master's degree in Biomedical Engineering," said Rosas.

"It's important for them to have the support," said Rosas. "I grew up in Mexico City, I never had that support when I was younger. I think this is great that they have support system here," she said.

Esparza added, "It's understandable these kids have a role model, we know it's important to have someone they can relate to that can mentor and inspire them."

Two brothers, with experience in building robots of all types, were brought in to help the students, "When I was in fifth grade, [we] got started in drones, it was fun, because we got to get out all the time," said Josiah Ochoa a freshman at Casa Grande Union High School.

Josiah and his twin brother Jacob, helped the younger students construct their underwater robots. "We are acting as teachers for the kids today, we wanted to help the students with their robots," said Jacob. His main interest is in programming, "I want to learn how to do it, it's something that has interested me since I was in sixth grade."

"Today I'm a mentor, we have them cutting PVC pipe and putting them together," said David Bluestein Honeywell Technical Manager. He said the goal is to get the students thinking about how they can problem solve, work as a team and use critical thinking skills to complete each task.

"When I was a kid, we were poor and we had to make due with what we had, it took one person to get me into engineering and so I like to give back," said Bluestein.

He said it's his fifth year helping the students out in the Community, it's

a part of his interest to promote STEM based activities outside of the confines of his normal workplace.

After completing parts of the building their ROV's, the twin brothers placed a fully constructed vehicle in a pool, where they demonstrated how the finished ROV's will perform, once they are completed. The students also, had a chance to control the ROV, which could be submerged to lower depth of water and move like a submarine.

TWO JIMA MEMORIAL RUN

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Registration Closes: February 19, 2020

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Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The year 2020 is the start of a new decade, which also means it's time for a new Census Counting for the United States Census Bureau. Every ten years, the U.S. population is counted, which includes the Gila River Indian Community. This year the Community launched the "We All Count" campaign to encourage participation in the Census.

To assist with the 2020 Census Count, the U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting people to be census takers in their local communities.

It allows the federal government to understand the needs of the varied regions of the country based on demographic make-up. Those needs include planning for schools, funding for community initiatives, legislative districting/mapping, and federal programs based on population sizes, to name a few.

Joshua Manning, Media Specialist for the Unit-

ed States Census Bureau, offered some insights as to why the Census is important and how to assist the Census by serving as Census workers in the Gila River Indian Community.

"The Census determines funding for the next ten years and whether the areas should have additional (or less) representation in Congress. So, whether a school gets tax dollars back into the Community for the next decade depends on how everyone there responds to the Census," said Manning.

That means that an accurate accounting of residents in any given area is essential to understand what's needed.

Many efforts promoting the Census have already begun. Another initiative includes the hiring of Census workers throughout the country to support the collection of residential data.

To acquire a position as a census worker, Manning said, "applicants must Be 18. Answer a short assessment or two. Be able to pass a simple background investigation for a criminal record. Have a car or have access to a car." In Arizona alone, he reported that they receive "just over 40,000 applicants," though only a quarter of that acquires a position.

Pay rates vary based on the county, but locally for Pinal and Maricopa Counties, one could earn anywhere between \$16-19.50/ hr. Though there are

several positions to apply for, the majority of the positions are for census takers or enumerators. Enumerators go door-to-door in areas to make sure people have accurately filled out their census forms. If selected as an enumerator, you have an option to pick the times you work and can work as much as 40 hours/week or half of that based on your availability. And mileage is reimbursed for the use of your vehicle.

Manning expressed how crucial it is for communities to hire locally because "People from Gila River will be less trusting of someone from [Washington] D.C., in a suit and tie than they would be toward someone three houses away."

Whether serving as a census worker or participating this year, it is vital to join, because the Census only occurs every ten years, the accounting of this year will determine a lot of the decisions that will affect the Community in the future.

The US Census officially starts April 1, 2020, with many enumerators going door-to-door beginning their work from May through July.

If you are interested in a job with the Census Bureau, you can get more information at 2020census.gov/jobs, calling 1-855-562-2020, or e-mailing Pattie King at pattie.m.king@2020census.gov.

Student wins Citizenship award

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, Azumi Murphy received the Gilbert Town Council Citizenship Award. The award was presented to Azumi at the Gilbert Council Chambers by Gilbert Mayor Jenn Daniels. Azumi is from District 7 and resides in Gilbert, and her parents are Tyrone, and Vika Murphy.

Azumi currently attends Greenfield Middle School and was nominated by three of her teachers for consideration of the award from December 2019. Ms. Morris, Ms. Banuelos, and Ms. Krick nominated her for the award. At school, Azumi actively participates in several clubs and extracurricular activities, including H.E.R. (Heartfelt+ Equally Respected) Story Club and S.H.O. (Students



Azumi Murphy. Photo Courtesy of Tyrone Murphy

Helping Others) Club, where students plan fun activities with children with special needs.

Outside of school, Azumi also volunteers with the Caring House, Feed My Starving Children, and St. Mary's Food Bank. Azumi is planning to attend Arizona State University and pursuing a career field where she can help others in the future.

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Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law hosts "Wiring the Rez" conference

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Law and policy makers visited the Gila River Indian Community for a conference on e-commerce in Indian Country. The ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law hosted the 6th Annual "Wiring the Rez" conference at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino on Jan 30.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone opened the conference with a traditional prayer and welcome address for the attendees. "It's really good to host this conference in



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis addresses the Wiring the Rez conference at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

our community, we know e-commerce is important for communities here and elsewhere in the modern

world," said Lt. Gov. Stone.

The conference focused on economic opportunities for tribal communities and businesses particular for tribes in rural areas. It also explored the challenges of regulation, jurisdiction and compliance, cybersecurity, data privacy and creating private sector economies in Native communities.

"Connectivity is important to our community, as it is throughout Indian Country," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. He said within Indian Country, ac-

cess to internet service for members of tribal communities lags behind the rest of the nation.

"Throughout Indian Country, the digital divide, as we all know is very real. The latest data shows, that 35 percent of Indian Country lacks access to broadband," said Gov. Lewis.

Robert Miller, ASU Professor of Law at Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, said that economic development will help tribes for generations.

"Why focus on economic development? Cre-

ating economies in Indian Country, to build communities to stay together, help people who want to live on the rez, have adequate paying jobs, housing and schools for their kids," said Miller.

Lewis later added, "When we host conferences like [this], we are looking at the technological solutions, that are going to present new opportunities for solving problems, in our community and across Indian Country."

FROM THE FRONT PAGE



Mark Kelly observes GRIC's progress at MAR5. From left, Willard Antone, Mark Kelly and Gov. Lewis. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Education Standing Committee member and District 1 Community Council Representative Arzie Hogg informed Kelly of GRIC's approach to revitalizing O'otham and Pee Posh language.

"We are bringing it back, it's a community effort to work with our elders on programs to bring classes out to the Community," said Hogg.

Kelly understood the idea of language immersion from a young age and referenced his experience with language immersion as an astronaut learning new languages to communicate with others while in space.

The conversation also included GRIC's agricultural activities in relation to the water.

"Some of our own small farmers as well, we want to encourage them,-

such as Ramona Farms, who have literally brought back some of our heirloom crops, or traditional crops," said Lewis.

Lewis said the return of the Community's access to water allows GRIC to build a state of the art water delivery system for farming purposes, while preserving the surface and underground water levels.

"We have CAP water, which can be costly, but we are also building our other sources of water, which will help us in times of drought conditions," said Lewis. He said the Managed Aquifer Recharge 5 site is one step the Community is taking to recharging underground aquifers, while bringing back native plants, which are used for traditional arts and crafts.

The group also discussed House Bill 2570,

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March 6-8, 2020

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which was established to collect data on the severity of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. "I sit with Peshlakai on the MMI committee, right now, we are push-

ing to have law enforcement and federal agencies to present the data," said Monica Antone, District 4 Council Representative.

She said other measures, such as the Violence

Against Women Act, are under revision to include children as victims of domestic violence. Other provisions, that are on the table were to prevent offenders from owning a firearm or

having access to them. "I think there has to be provisions there in some way, shape or form, we need to support to push those things forward," said Antone.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • January 15, 2020

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, January 15, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:16 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Pamela Johnson

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Executive Officers Absent:

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, , Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villarreal, Sr., Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird (10:09)

Council Members Absent:

D3-Rodney Jackson; D5-Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Charles Goldtooth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #4 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2, #3, #5 THROUGH #9 AND #11 THROUGH #14; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #1 AND NEW BUSINESS #4 ON THE CONSENT AGENDAS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE REPORT #1 AND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS

AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS

*1. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services FY 19 Year-End Summary 4th Quarter Report

Presenter: Diana Lopez-Jones

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*2. THPO FY2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Barnaby Lewis

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*3. Facility Maintenance Department – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Steve Mendoza

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*4. St. Anthony's Church 3rd and 4th Quarter Report
Presenters: Donald Antone, Sr., Regina Antone-Smith

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. K-12 Education Program Quarter 1 Manager's Report

Presenter: Trina Hart

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Native Youth Community Project Growing Readers And Developing Leader's Annual Report

Presenter: Sienna Whittington

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Head Start Monthly Report – September 2019

Presenter: Carolina Kelly

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. Head Start Monthly Report – October 2019

Presenter: Carolina Kelly

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. Head Start Monthly Report – November 2019

Presenter: Carolina Kelly

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. Housing Owner's Team Status, Pre-Development and Construction Report

Presenters: Avery White, Housing Owner's Team
REPORT HEARD

>11. Enrollment/Census Department –FY2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. Tribal Elections Program FY2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. Fire Department FY2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Kathy Garcia

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. Office Of Emergency Management FY2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Adam Sainz

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15. No Trespassing Signage Report

Presenter: Kimberly Antone

REPORT HEARD

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving A Cooperative Learning Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Fire Department And The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; LSC and ESC concur)

Presenters: Kathy Garcia, Leon Manuel

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Establishing The Police Department Construction Owner's Team For The Purpose Of Overseeing The Planning, Financing And Construction Of A New Facility For The Gila River Police Department (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with changes and additional material; NRSC and LSC concur)

Presenters: Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Michael Carter

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2019 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Center For Applied Research, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving The Relinquishment Of Shane Thomas Knox From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving A Mutual Aid Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The City Of Coolidge For Emergency Police Services (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: William Morago, Michael Carter

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Arizona Medical Marijuana Act On The Gila River Indian Reservation (H&SSC forwards to Council under New Business; LSC and CRSC concur)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO PROCEED WITH THE SURVEY AND A PLANNED COMMUNITY EDUCATION OUTREACH

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:03 P.M.]

2. Proposed Special Election (LSC forwards to Council to declare the vacancy)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY AND TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION ON MARCH 14, 2020

3. Request For Support To Host A TOCC Class In Hashan Kehk (ESC motioned to forward to Council a recommended a motion to support the TOCC American Indian Studies class being held in District 2, in coordination with Administration and Community Services Department; CRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jiivik Siiki

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUPPORT THE TOCC AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES CLASS

>4. Head Start Monthly Report Old Template And New Template (ESC motioned to forward the item to Council under New Business and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Carolina Kelly

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority's Board of Director's Declaration of Two (2) Vacancies (EDSC forwards to Council to declare the vacancies and advertise for 60 days subject to the code of conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCIES AND ADVERTISE FOR 60-DAYS

6. RES Economic Summit – March 2-5, 2020 Las Vegas, Nevada (EDSC forwards to Council to allow any interested Council to attend under Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE FOR ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL TO ATTEND

7. Solar Project Announcement (Motion to forward the revised Community's Clenera Solar Project Announcement to the Community Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE MINUTES

1. November 21, 2019 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. December 19, 2019 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ Prayers requested for Xavier Robi's family

~Prayers requested for Cecil Allison, Jr.'s family

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:34 p.m.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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Gila River Indian Community partners with Clēnera for 50 MW Solar Project

Sacaton, Arizona – The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC or Community), along with the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA), today announced they are working on forming a relationship with Clēnera, a leading solar development and asset management service provider, to create a 50 MW solar project within the Gila River Indian Community Reservation. The relationship will provide the Gila River Indian Community its first utility scale solar resource and is set to create additional operational and energy management jobs.

"In 2018, GRICUA began to explore the potential of creating a sustainable energy facility and in May of that year we issued a request for proposals for the development of a solar photovoltaic energy facility," said GRICUA General Manager Leonard Gold. "In September of 2018 the GRICUA review team interviewed 6 companies that specialize in solar development. In October of 2018, the review team selected Clēnera because of its expertise and experience in the solar industry and the review team felt it would be a good fit. This new facility will create a clean, sustainable source of jobs,

solar power and revenue to the Community. GRICUA looks forward to the completion of this project and to continue the relationship with Clēnera." In addition to the creation of infrastructure, GRICUA will enter into a power purchase agreement with Clēnera for a minimum of 10 MWs of solar power generated from the new facility and will also perform the overall maintenance of the facility. The project is expected to reach commercial operations by the end of 2022.

"Clēnera was established in Arizona and has been involved in local Arizona communities working on other solar projects," said Clēnera Director of Business Development Jared McKee. "Our team understands the opportunities and challenges this project presents. Clēnera is excited to apply its experience to become a valuable long-term partner with the Gila River Indian Community to help them achieve their solar energy goals."

About the Gila River Indian Community The Gila River Indian Community is located on 372,000 acres in south-central Arizona and home to the indigenous O'odham (Pima) and Pee Posh (Maricopa) people. The

Community is comprised of seven districts, the administrative offices and departments are located in Sacaton, and serve the Community members throughout these seven community districts.

About Clēnera
Headquartered in Boise, Idaho, Clēnera (pronounced "clean-era") is a privately-held, renewable energy company that provides clean, affordable solar energy and storage to utilities throughout the United States. Clēnera has created industry-leading systems and technology to develop and engineer power systems that deliver and store clean energy to the nation's largest and most respected utilities helping them become clean energy leaders in their communities while maintaining affordable, reliable energy. Clēnera's current portfolio exceeds 1.4 GWdc of utility-scale solar projects in construction and operation, and more than 12 GWdc in its development pipeline. Clēnera is one of the top ten solar developers in the United States.

Public Notice

The Gila River Indian Community is excited to announce the new Wild Horse Pass Tower just starting construction. This beautifully designed space will need artwork from Pima (Akimel O'otham) and Maricopa (Pee-Posh) artisans. We are looking for artists from the Gila River Indian Community working in all styles and media, including paintings on paper and canvas, tile mosaics, murals, drawings, photography, sculpture, basketry, pottery, carvings, and weavings. Our design team is looking for artwork that will reflect the cultural themes that will be incorporated into the facility. We will host an open house for artists on February 15, 2020 from 12pm to 5pm, at the Shelde Building (5710 W. North Loop Rd. Chandler AZ 85226). Come take a look at the project and

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opportunities for artwork! Please bring photos/examples of your work to share with us. We will not be purchasing anything at the open house. For more information, and to request an application form, please call Laurie Post at 602-243-4300, email Laurie at LPost@TelaArt.com or call Ginger Martin at 480-689-2087 or email Ginger at GMartin@WildHorsePass.com

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Groups venture into GRIC for 21st Annual Winter Bird Count



Participants in the bird count at one of the sites including DEQ, public safety and Audubon Arizona. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

GRIN Staff

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The Department of Environmental Quality carried on a tradition that started over two decades ago when they hosted the 21st Annual Winter Birdcount on Jan. 25. With Gila River Indian Community members paired with experts and volunteers, the Winter Birdcount is a way to learn about the bird population while visiting their habitats across the Community.

"It's always a wonderful event, every year," said Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

Groups met at three locations at 7 a.m. and were assigned to different areas to document the birds. Bird-watchers met in District 5, 6, and 7 then proceeded to outlying areas frequented by hawks, ducks, eagles, woodpeckers and the diverse multitude of bird species found in GRIC.

Cynthia Brown, was among the Community

members to attend at the District 6 site, and said that she would encourage others to take advantage of next year's birdcount, especially for families.

"It's just something that's outside of our own element. It's time to pause and take a breath and look around and be appreciative."

Brown's group was escorted by a staff member from DEQ and rangers from the Gila River Police

Department to all the assigned sites before lunch and cultural activities held at the MAR5 Interpretive Trail.

Audubon and other bird watchers followed the groups as well including Steven Prager who has participated in this event for several years. Prager, who is the Important Bird Areas Program Associate for Audubon Arizona, said the bird count is a way to connect the Community with the birds and the places that support the bird population. According to Prager, the presence of birds can reveal a lot about the places they inhabit.

"They let you know what's here in the environment," said Prager.

The presence of a certain species will let you know what else is in the area based on the dietary and environmental needs of the birds.

Woodrow Crumbo, DEQ, served as the group leader, guiding everyone to the Pee-Posh Wetlands in the District 7. Crumbo said, "the goal is not only to count the birds we find there but also monitor any



Nicole Villegas, 7, observes ducks and water fowl in District 6. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

new species that are present in the region."

Once all the groups convened at MAR5, they heard remarks from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Stone, Miss Gila River Tyler Owens and DEQ Director Willard Antone.

Gov. Lewis remarked on the significance of hosting the activities following the bird count at MAR5. "This is a special place," said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis used

MAR5 as an example of the environmental work the Community is doing especially with the bird population; 121 birds have documented at the MAR5 site alone.

Representatives from each group also shared their results and what they saw in the field including mourning doves, ravens, cactus wrens, herons and black phoebes, among others.

BHS Family Night features storytelling

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

During January and February, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is hosting "Family Nights" throughout the Community, which feature traditional O'otham and Pee Posh storytelling. On Jan. 23, BHS staff hosted the third event at District 2 Hashan Kehk Service Center, where families were treated to stories, songs, and dinner.

These events bring families together throughout the Community to learn about O'otham and Pee Posh history. The stories provide context to songs as well as landmarks and their

significance.

Anthony Gray, from District 4 San Tan and is the Tribal Educations Cultural Coordinator, served as the guest to share those stories. Gray has been providing storytelling throughout the Community for the last five years, and this is the second year partnering with BHS.

Gray said that his goal is to help instill a better understanding of one's O'otham identity through the stories shared. "In every story, whether new or old, you find some knowledge and teaching there for us all, and I want the people to walk away having learned why we look at things the way we do," said Gray of

his story sharing.

Examples of these stories can concern the Red Sky's Arizona is famous for and why it isn't just pretty to view but serves as a gift and "good sign" to the O'otham.

Gray shared the story about the departure of the Pronged Horn Antelope from the O'otham areas heading West. According to the stories, the antelope once roamed throughout the region, today they are less common due to the result of a race near the Arizona/Mexico border translated as "Where the Roadrunner Runs."

The story offers lessons of humility as well

as the teachings about the burden that arrogance can bring.

Then in another story, Gray shared the origins of the "Rock People" we see today on the Superstition Mountains in the eastern part of Arizona. Throughout the story, Gray sang the songs associated with the events that led to the creation of the "Rock People."

These are just some of the stories that will be shared that provide meaning to landmarks, place names, songs, and their significance.

Gray used the O'otham names for places and animals, which helps understand their place in tra-



Anthony Gray during a cultural presentation for Family Night. Kyle Knox/GRIN

ditional teachings.

The events rotate throughout the districts and will feature various storytellers at each site concluding at District 3 on Feb. 12.

Understanding the uniqueness of the Community BHS will also feature a Pee Posh Community member to share stories during the District 7 event on Feb 7.



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