



## Jr. Miss Gila River Brings Together GRIC Youth and Elders

*Susanna Osife uses platform to encourage interaction and communication among elders and youth*



Jr. Miss Gila River Susanna Osife, standing during the youth/elder gathering she hosted in District 2 on Dec. 28, 2019. CPAO Photo

### Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

Jr. Miss Gila River Susanna Osife rounded out 2019 by hosting an elder and youth gathering centered around the theme of "Sharing Our Past and Our

Future." The Saturday, Dec. 28, event focused on the two generations, and is in keeping with an important part of her platform, which is to bring youth and elders together. The event took place at the District 2 Hashan-Kehk Service Center from 3 to 8 p.m.

The elders and youth engaged in several activities that encouraged conversation and communication between the two generations. Those activities consisted of O'otham Bingo, a conversational roundtable, and social dancing.

Of those activities, the main focus and goal of the event was the elder and youth roundtable

discussion. Osife viewed this as the most important because, "it gave the two groups a chance to come together and converse about the Community, culture, and learn about each other." Walking among the tables and listening in, it was apparent that both groups were connecting and interested in the conversations taking place.

Osife said the event was successful and she accomplished an important goal during her reign.

"I feel like, for young people, it's important to know who we are and where we come from, and I feel like that it can help our young people grow as it's helped me for sure."

Upon closing out the event, Osife said, "I received a lot of gratitude and thank you's from all parties in attendance." Many of the youth left excited, having learned new O'otham words and vocabulary from the O'otham Bingo. Those sentiments further encouraged Osife to know she did a job well done and that she met her intended goal of sharing and learning.

Osife attributes many to the success of her event and would like to acknowledge her parents, Miss Gila River Tyler Owens, Daryl Lynn Jay, June Shorthair, and the Hashan-Kehk Orioles Basket Dancers.



Signage displays the theme for the gathering. CPAO Photo



Learning activities were part of the agenda for youth to learn from the elders. CPAO Photo



Inflatable rides and games were set up for families to enjoy during the holiday. Emma Hughes/GRIN

## The Gila River Indian Community joins in the holiday cheer with events

### Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

The holidays were well celebrated around the Community with the annual River of Lights parade held in Sacaton on Friday, Dec. 6., but the districts also hosted their own holiday events, which included plenty of fun, music, games, food and gifts for the whole family to enjoy.

On Saturday, Dec. 21, District 1 held their Christmas event at the District 1 Multipurpose Building. Community members

got to enjoy a lunch, Santa Claus, gifts and even a talent show hosted by the District 1 Recreation.

District 3 held a Christmas event at the Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley, where families enjoyed food, music, inflatable jumpers, gifts for kids and even a wagon ride. District 6 celebrated the season with a "Winter Bash" at Kalka Park. Games, live music, food and gifts brought together plenty of Community members for the event.



Children made the most of their winter break by celebrating the holidays in District 3. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Kids hopped on for some fun wagon rides. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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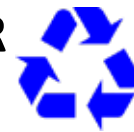
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**LEGEND:**  
 HOLIDAY  
 DISTRICT 3  
 ALL OTHER DISTRICTS

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# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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

Gila River Police Department Incident Log  
November 11 - 18

Gila River Police officers responded to 654 calls for service and made 34 arrests.

District One- (Blackwater)

**Aggravated Assault** – The suspect and victim were involved in a physical altercation when the suspect struck the victim with a wooden stick causing injury. A third party notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded but the victim refused medical attention. The suspect fled prior to police arrival and was not located.

Status: Charges forwarded to the office of the Prosecutor.

**Aggravated Assault** – The suspect and victim were involved in a physical altercation when the altercation escalated and the suspect and victim stabbed one another. Law enforcement was notified and Gila

River police officers responded to investigate the incident. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded and transported both subjects to a local trauma hospital for treatment of their severe injuries.

Status: Charges have been forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

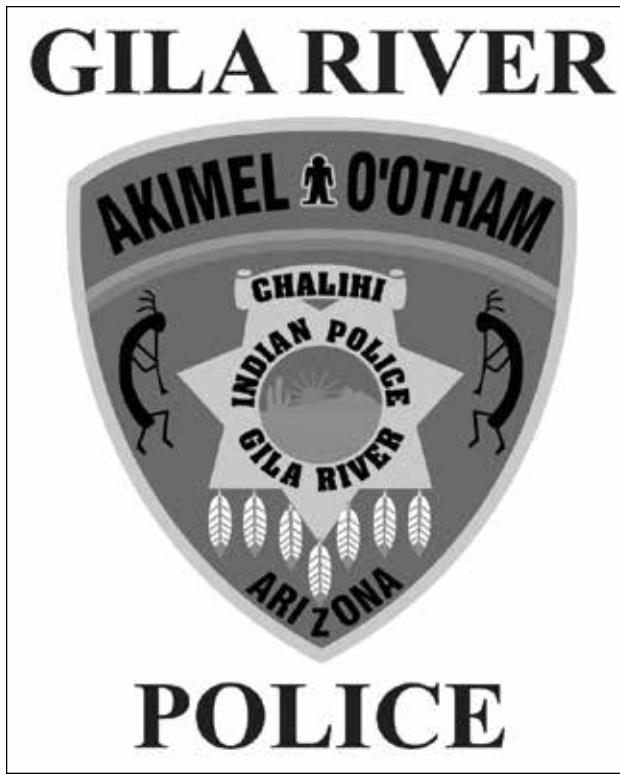
District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

**Aggravated Assault** – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal altercation when the altercation escalated and the suspect stabbed the victim with a screwdriver. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect fled on foot prior to police arrival. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded and provided medical treatment to the victim's injury. The victim was not transported to a hospital.

Status: Charges have been forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

District Three- (Sacaton)

**Aggravated Assault** – The suspect shot the victim with a BB gun from several feet away striking him in the abdomen. Law enforcement was notified and Gila



River police officers responded to investigate the incident. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded and transported the victim to a local trauma hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Charges have been forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

**Burglary - Suspect(s)** entered the victim's residence by by-passing the locking mechanism on the sliding glass door and removing his wallet and cash. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

**Burglary - Suspect(s)** forced entry into the victim's residence while she was not home. The victim returned home and realized items were missing from the residence during the time she was gone. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. Contact was made with nearby neighbors, who stated they had not seen anyone or anything during the time of the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

**Shoplifting** – The suspect was caught shoplifting from the Love's Truck Stop. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect admitted to having stolen multiple items from the business in previous incidents. Status: Suspect was arrested.

Status: Under investigation.

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

**Theft - Suspect(s)** stole a Honda 2000I red and black generator from the victim's vehicle while parked at the Wild Horse Pass Casino. Casino security notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

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District Five – (Casa Blanca)

**Aggravated Assault** – The suspect used a rock to strike the victim, his brother, during a fight while outside of their residence. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The victim suffered minor injuries and refused any medical treatment.

Status: Charges have been forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

District Six – (Komatke)

**Robbery** – The suspect used a firearm to assault the victims, his mother and brother. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect fled from law enforcement, was located and subsequently arrested. No injuries were reported.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

**Burglary - Suspect(s)** forced entry into the victim's residence and laundry room. Several items were taken and noted missing when the victim returned home. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

**Shoplifting** – The juvenile suspect entered the gas station, concealed merchandise and then fled the store without paying for the item. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

**Auto Theft - Suspect(s)** stole the victim's 2014 Chevy Impala from a residence in District 6. When the victim realized his vehicle was missing he notified law enforcement. Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: The victim's vehicle was recovered.

District Seven – (Maricopa)

**Auto Theft - Suspect(s)** committed theft of a motor vehicle against the victim. The suspect(s) unlawfully drove her white Ford F-150 off her property without her permission. When the victim realized her vehicle was missing she notified law enforcement. Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: The vehicle was located and recovered

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12:00pm	Travel & Delights <i>Poulet Boucane</i>	YOUTH COUNCIL - O'ODHAM BINGO	Creative Native <i>Collectible Dolls</i>	Creative Native <i>Home Sweet Home</i>	Creative Native <i>Walk A Mile In My</i>	Untamed Gourmet <i>Mule Deer</i>	Cooking Hawaiian Style	
12:30pm	Fit First	Fit Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Fit First	
1:00pm	Native Planet-Hawaii <i>Examine the growing native sovereignty movement.</i>	Tending The Wild <i>How humans are necessary to live in balance w/ nature.</i>	Inukshuk <i>The Inuits face new challenges every day to survive.</i>	Standing On Sacred Ground <i>Pilgrims &amp; Tourists</i>	Crying Earth Rise Up <i>Exposes the human cost of uranium mining</i>	California Indian Voices	Havana Curveball <i>13 yo launches a plan to send baseballs to Cuba.</i>	
1:30pm						Ancestral Languages Heard Again		
2:00pm	Storytellers in Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>To Pay Respect</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>Eagle of the Dawn</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>Eagle of the Dawn</i>	Champions of the North	
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	A New Island: Marshallese In	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Urban Native Girl <i>Stay or Go?</i>	
3:30pm	Arkansas	From The Spirit	From The Spirit	From The Spirit <i>Fred McDonald</i>	From The Spirit	From The Spirit	People of the Pines <i>Gaining Legitimacy</i>	
4:00pm	Carriers of Culture	Native Planet-Hawaii <i>Examine the growing native sovereignty movement.</i>	Rez Rides <i>Long Live The King</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders <i>South of the South</i>	Storytellers In Motion	Making Regalia	
4:30pm	Arkansas' First People <i>Unique perspective on American Indian cultural legacy and archaeological data.</i>		Aboriginal Adventures	Common Ground <i>Wood Sculptor</i>		On Native Ground: Youth Report	Future History <i>The Arts</i>	
5:00pm		First Talk <i>First Nations</i>	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders <i>South of the North</i>	
5:30pm		Behind The Brush	Indian Pride <i>Gaming &amp; Casinos</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines	Sivummut		
6:00pm	Tending The Wild <i>How humans are necessary to live in balance with nature.</i>	Inukshuk <i>The Inuits face new challenges every day to survive.</i>	Standing On Sacred Ground <i>Pilgrims &amp; Tourists</i>	Crying Earth Rise Up <i>Exposes the human cost of uranium mining</i>	California Indian Voices	Havana Curveball <i>13 yo launches a plan to send baseballs to Cuba.</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Yukon Kings</i>	
6:30pm					Ancestral Languages Heard Again		Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	
7:00pm	Red Earth Uncovered	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news</i>	Democracy Now! <i>A national, daily, independent, award-winning news</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Raven Power</i>	
7:30pm	The Medicine Line <i>Dance Art</i>						Wild Archaeology <i>Turtle Island</i>	
8:00pm	Tao Hunter Gatherer	Indigenous Focus <i>Barrio de Paz</i>	Wild Archaeology <i>Turtle Island</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	Future History <i>The Arts</i>	Dabiyiyuu <i>Charlie Makes A Drum</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Bull's Eyes</i>	
8:30pm	<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>	
9:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Wakening</i>	Red Earth Uncovered	Cashing In	Chaos & Courage <i>Coastal Queens</i>	Native Shorts <i>Tama Tu</i>	The Aux <i>Diverse talents of Indigenous. Hip hop, rap, dance, rock, etc.</i>	Cashing In	
9:30pm	The Aux <i>Diverse talents of Indigenous. Hip hop, rap, dance, rock, etc.</i>	Indians and Aliens	Studio 49 <i>Atson</i>	Tribal Police Files <i>Identity</i>	Indigenous Day Live 2018		Mixed Blessings <i>Hockey Dads</i>	
10:00pm		N.A. Now <i>D.Ortiz,R.Hernandez</i>	Back to Pikangikum <i>Suicide has dwindled the happiness and cast a grief.</i>	Borderland Blues <i>Follows people on all sides of the political divide.</i>	Buffy St. Marie <i>One of the most influential Aboriginal figures in recent historic times</i>	Fighting for Peace <i>This powerful doc shows the struggles of Rio's poorest citizens.</i>	Defenders of Life <i>According to custom, she must marry off her only granddaughter, who is only 12 and already pregnant.</i>	
10:30pm	Injunuity: Live at the McSwain Theater	Fighting for the Soul of Native America						
11:00pm	Unshackled <i>Important message about our planet, and how we can respect and take care of it.</i>	Florence Benedict Akwesasne Mohawk Elder	The Tundra Book <i>A community determined to preserve ancient cultures/ traditions.</i>	Aztec: Pyramids of War Part 1 of 2	The Sacred Sundance: The Transfer of a Ceremony	Reggae Got Soul <i>Features intimate new performances and interviews with Toots.</i>	Legends from the Sky	
11:30pm								
O: 520.796.8848		WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!				info@grbc.tv		

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**Gila River Police Department incident logs from Page 4**

by Phoenix Police

December 15 – 21, 2019

Calls for services this week: 859; Arrest made: 40

District One- (Blackwater)

NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART 1 CRIME

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART 1 CRIME

District Three- (Sacaton)

BURGLARY – 191221-06506

Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a burglary. Contact was made with the victim/reporting party; it was reported that the unknown suspect(s) attempted to take a television from the residence but left due to the victim returning to the home. A cell phone was taken from the residence belonging to the victim; attempts were made to locate the cell phone but were unsuccessful. Photos were taken of the television and damages sustained as the suspect(s) attempted to take but were not able to carry outside the home. Charges are pending fur-

ther information regarding the suspects.

Status: Open Investigation

District Four- Stotonic Area –

THEFT – 191219-06462 Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a theft. The victims stated an unidentified person took their spare house key and stole a black Samsung cell phone and a filing cabinet drawer that contained an envelope with cash in it had scratches on it similar to be being pried open. There were no suspects identified at the time of the investigation.

Status: Closed Pending Suspect Identification

Lone Butte Area BURGLARY –

191220-06483 Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to two vehicles that were broken into. Contact was made with the victim, who was reporting that a purse containing a Ruger 9 mm handgun was taken from their vehicle. The victim advised a co-worker's vehicle was also damaged and sustained three cracked windows. Video surveillance was reviewed in attempts to identify the suspect; latent prints were attempted to be pulled yielding in negative results.

There is no investigative lead in identifying the suspect; the weapon was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Open Investigation

THEFT (SHOPLIFTING) – 191219-06471 Officers were dispatched to the Michael Kors Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet Mall in reference to a shoplifting. Contact was made with the reporting party; two males took three handbags and ran out of the store past the point of sales. Video surveillance was reviewed to assist in identifying the suspects; at this time there is no suspect information.

Status: Closed Pending Suspect Identification

THEFT– 191215-06386

Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to theft of a wallet. Investigation revealed the victim was playing the slot machine when getting up to move to another machine, the wallet was dropped on the floor. The suspect gets up from their machine to walk away when stepping on the wallet and picking it up. The suspect sits for a while then proceeds to walk out of the casino leaving in a SUV in an unknown direction. The suspect was able to be iden-

tified by their player's club card and charges will be forwarded to prosecutor's office for review.

Status: Charges Forwarded

THEFT – 191217-06422 ~CAD~ Officers were dispatched to Love's Travel Center in reference to a missing phone from Wild Horse Pass Casino. The updated tracker was showing near Sundust Rd; location provided was showing in a middle of a field. The cell phone was not located.

Status: District Five- (Casa Blanca)

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – 191217-06423 Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to shots fired at a residence. The victim stated his vehicle was possibly hit but no one sustained injuries. The victim stated they woke up to gunfire outside the residence and were able to give officers a description of the vehicle passing by the residence at a high rate of speed. Casings were located in the front area of the victim's property; the victim denied having any enemies or issues that would cause someone to shoot at the residence. The vehicle was not located and still remains outstanding. Photos

were taken and later impounded into evidence.

Status: Closed pending further suspect identification

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – 191216-06413 Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to an aggravated assault. The reporting party stated the suspect had stabbed the victim in the neck during a dispute. The victim sustained non-life threatening injuries and the victim's daughter was also injured when the suspect began to assault the daughter while calling the police. Both victims wished to press charges and were photographed along with the knife the suspect was found in possession of once officers located the suspect. The suspect resisted arrest and did not comply with officer's commands and refused to cooperate during the investigative portion of the incident. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

THEFT – 191219-06463 Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to theft of a cell phone. Investigation revealed the victim allowed the suspect to use the

phone but gave limitation on the time usage. The suspect returned the phone to the victim and was placed on a stand in the living room. The suspect became irate with the victim and grabbed the phone before running out the door. The victim chased the suspect but was not able to retrieve the cell phone. The suspect was not located and a follow up will be conducted to interview the to retrieve a statement.

Status: Open Investigation

District Six – (Komatke)

THEFT – 191220-06480 Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a theft. The victim reported unknown suspect(s) had broken into the vehicle sometime during the night. The vehicle was parked in the carport with the hood, driver's door and trunk open. No damages were observed by the victim; only item taken was the battery from the engine bay. There are no suspects identified at this time.


Status: Closed pending suspect identification

District Seven – (Maricopa)

NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART 1 CRIME


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**BURIAL ASSISTANCE**  
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**Who is eligible?**

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**Please contact the main CSD office with any questions 520-562-9691**





# DEQ prepares for winter bird count

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News



Annual bird count monitors birds that inhabit the Gila River Indian Community like Red Tail Hawks. Kyle Knox/GRIN

On Saturday, Jan. 25, the Gila River Indian Community's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will host the 21st Annual Winter Bird Count. The event tasks Community members of all ages to venture out to lesser-known areas, observe habitats of birds that reside in the Community, and assist DEQ with the counting of those birds.

Tison Gill, Environmental Education & Outreach Specialist at DEQ, said, "The bird count is a multifaceted activity that brings together the Community (youth and elders), promotes cultural awareness, teaches environmental science, and monitors the environmental health of the Community."

The annual event is a chance to learn about the environment and species of birds that inhabit the Community. Community members of all ages are welcome, though a parent or guardian must accompany children. Participants can expect to view numerous birds of varied species, including Bald Eagles, Red Tail Hawks, sparrows, doves, ducks, and more.

The event starts at 7 a.m. at various staging areas to meet and receive "assignments." Those staging areas are at District 5 Casa Blanca Chevron Station, District 6 Komatke Chevron Station, and the District 7 Service Center. From

there, teams spread out to designated counting sites to observe and count birds in the area. DEQ employees and volunteers from Audubon's around the valley will lead the groups.

It's important to know that DEQ will not provide transportation for the outings, so plan to transport yourself to and from the various sites. Also, if you decide to attend, Mr. Gill suggests bringing binoculars if you have them, wear comfortable walking shoes, wear cold-weather attire, and a learning attitude.

By 10 a.m., the bird count will conclude, and participants can attend the closing at the MAR-5 Interpretive Trail for a meal, guest speaker presentations, and cultural activities.

If you are interested in participating this year, please contact the GRIC DEQ at (520) 562-2234.

## \*\* NEW EVENT DATE \*\*

# WINTER BIRD COUNT JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2020



**7 AM: Meet at the location nearest you to receive your field assignment**

District 5: Casa Blanca Chevron Station  
(Casa Blanca Rd. & I-10)

District 6: Komatke Chevron Station  
(51st Ave. & Pecos Rd.)

District 7: Service Center  
(83rd Ave. & Baseline Rd.)



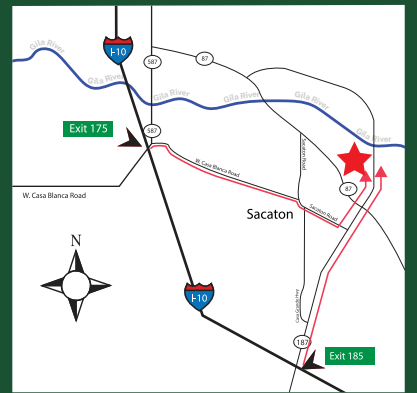
## MAR-5

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**11 AM: Cultural Activities**

**1 PM: 2019 Bird Count Concludes**

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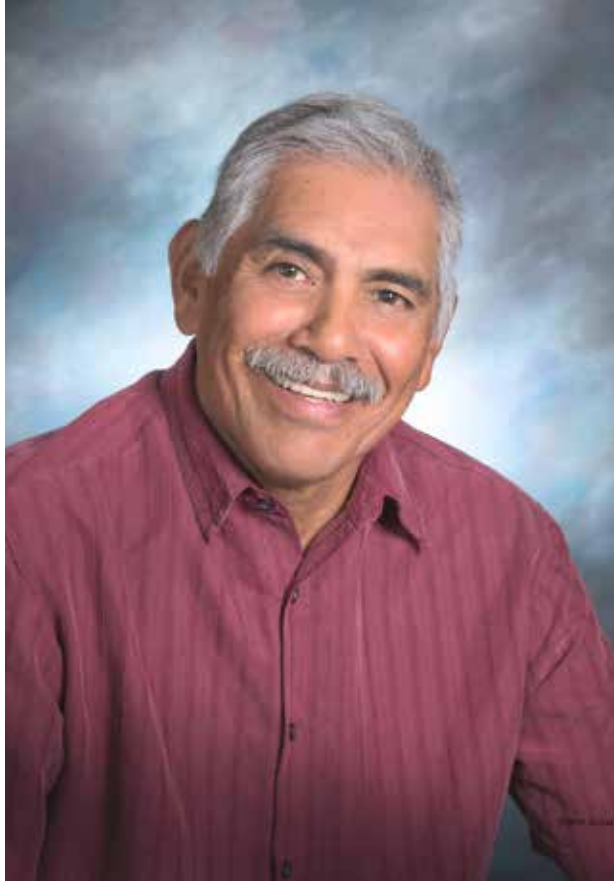
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# A'AGA

## Something to be told or talked about



By Billy Allen

We are fortunate to reside on and near our ancient lands. We can see landmarks which haven't

changed in many lifetimes. We are rooted here. Our historical experience was/is centered on agriculture, and winter is our time for thanksgiving, and time to tell stories. Most origins

stories require a trust, a belief the story is accurate, i.e. landmarks and locations. Our stories differ according to location and storyteller, use of proper names and sequence. This occurs both on reservation and within our four brother tribes. (No disrespect, but there are more than 60 English-language versions of the Bible available.) The following small sampling of stories is taken from Juan Smith who recited them in O'otham with William Smith Allison writing the English translation for Julian Hayden. Hayden was part of the group excavating Snaketown in 1935. In 1994, Don Bahr put these stories and others into a book, *The Short Swift Time of Gods on Earth: The Hohokam Chronicles*. These condensed versions of Juan Smith's stories were usually presented on the third night since it took four nights to complete all of the stories. The stories come following the destructions and creation

of previous worlds and attempt to bridge the era of the Huhugam and present day Natives.

Se'ehe/Elder Brother had been driven underground, but decided to return to chase out the Huhugam—the builders of great houses. He asked Earth Doctor and O'otham who were underground for help. As the O'otham emerged, they became known as the Vooshkum or "coming out." While marching to this land, the Vooshkum split into two groups while preparing for battle and becoming familiar with two new weapons: lightning and thunder.

When reaching this land of the great houses, one day before dawn a Vooshkum medicine man/makai placed a bright stone on the sun which sent out different colored sunlight. That unusual sunlight alarmed the leader of the Mesquite Vahki/great house. He sent a runner to Casa Blanca to ask that leader if he was also worried. The runner returned with word that the Casa Blanca leader thought it was a good.

A Vooshkum makai used his power and saw a red painted man who was tracked down and killed. Next stop was a mountain near Snaketown called Hat. Another makai felt the power of a Huhugam leader

who had two bright stones. Earth Doctor who stayed underground destroyed the power of the two bright stones.

The Vooshkum marched on and came upon the Casa Grande, the home of brothers Feather Running and Soft Down Feather Running. The brothers created two whales in an attempt to slow down the Vooshkum, but Vooshkum warriors killed the whales. The Casa Grande people ran from the great house, the Vooshkum chased and destroyed these Huhugam people at Curled Up Mountain.

A small mound east of Casa Blanca was the next stop, but a sharp shooter (bow and arrow) shot many Vooshkum during an attack. A Vooshkum makai called upon thunder to kill the sharp shooter.

Then the Vooshkum marched onto Casa Blanca, but four different kinds of fog surrounded this great house making it hard to see. After four days of fighting, the Vooshkum selected an orphan child within their camp. They had the child pull a hair from his head and throw it against the great house. The great dirt house crumbled. The Vooshkum camped and looked westward, but saw nothing but water. Vooshkum medicine men realized

it was a Huhugam mirage. A western great house revealed itself which had been built upon a foundation of ocotillo, and soon the Ocotillo people were defeated.

A Vooshkum bluebird man used his power and saw a great house south of the Salt River (Near present day Guadalupe). The Vooshkum went and conquered these people. The bluebird man then saw another great house north of the Salt River. This great house looked impenetrable because it seemed to be solid rock. Another makai who could harness thunder asked if he could "look." When he saw that only the foundation was rock, he destroyed it with the power of thunder.

The march and saga of the Vooshkum continued westward until a big body of water halted their march. The people turned around but some decided to branch off to the north, south, east and west. We have relatives all over the land.

This time of the year provides many with a time for reflection as we struggle to understand this world. Our ancestors were no different. If the opportunity arises, listen to the stories but note there will be alternative versions.



## \*\*NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT\*\*

## NON-MEMBER RESIDENT REGISTRATION



The Community's Residency Ordinance requires all adults (18 years of age and older) who are not enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community, but who reside within the boundaries of the Community to register their residency.



The Residency Ordinance requires all non-members who reside within the reservation to register their residency with the Enrollment Department, and must update their registration by January 31st each year.



Registration Forms are available at the Enrollment Department, District Service Centers and the Department of Community Housing.



The Registration Form maybe submitted in person at the Enrollment Office. A valid Photo ID is required.

Physical Address:  
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Mailing address:  
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P.O. Box 97  
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Fax number:  
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**BIA PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Notice of Availability for the Pima Commerce Center Environmental Assessment / Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Statement SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Pima Agency is publishing a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed BIA grant/approval of a 65-year term master lease to MainSpring Capital Group (MainSpring) on 270 acres of allotted land within the Gila River Indian Community (Community/GRIC) for the development of a new commercial business park. The EA and FONSI have been prepared by the BIA to fulfill its responsibilities under, and comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The grant/approval of a master lease by the BIA (Federal action) would result in the development of:

- Maximum building height would be four stories (about 60 feet), with the tallest buildings located along Queen Creek Road. Average building height would be two stories.
- The business park would accommodate approximately 3 million square feet of new commercial space.
- A new on-site water well would produce an estimated maximum of 1.6 million gallons per day of drinking water, plus additional water storage for fire suppression.
- A 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.
- One signalized intersection and six right-in-right-out access points would be constructed within the lease area.
- MainSpring would coordinate the needed electrical service to the business park. If natural gas is required, MainSpring would coordinate connection to this utility service through the local provider.
- Following a "darksky" development practice, street lighting and parking-level lighting would be down-facing, and lighted signage would be backlit.
- Stormwater from hardened surfaces would be detained in basins or swales and allowed to percolate on-site.
- MainSpring would provide an easement on the north side of its proposed lease area, which would be available for the Gila River Irrigation and Drainage District to convey irrigation water to downstream customers.

above will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. The Proposed Action Alternative (Project) will result in negligible to moderate adverse effects to several resources and major beneficial effects to socioeconomics. The BIA will implement measures that are discussed in the Final EA and FONSI to mitigate the adverse effects. The environmental impacts of disapproving (the No Action Alternative) and approving (the Proposed Action Alternative) the Project were considered in the Final EA pursuant to NEPA and CEQ regulations implementing NEPA. The Final EA and FONSI will be available for review at the BIA Pima Agency for a period of 30 days upon posting of this notice. The decision has been made to grant/approve a master lease to MainSpring in accordance with 25 CFR Part 162, based on the content of the Final EA and issuance of the FONSI. The decision will become final 30 days after posting of this notice. Members of the public determined to have standing may appeal this decision pursuant to appeal procedures published at 25 CFR Part 2. For further information contact Ms. Cecilia Martinez-Baker, Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pima Agency 104 North Main Street, Building 1, Sacaton, Arizona 85147, Phone: 520.562.3326, Fax: 520.562.3543, E-mail: cecilia.baker@bia.gov

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Howard, Brennen  
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Case: P-20-0002  
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**Thank You**

A sincere thank you from the family of Tonya Pedro-Molina, to all the public

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**Court Date Notice**

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA COURT DATE NOTICE  
In Re Case: Kimberlee Ann Begays. Robert Jason\*\* CS Lewis Sr.

Docket Number: CV-20 1 |-0306-ZPT  
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Motion Hearing  
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**Probate Hearing**

Banashley, Shawna  
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Deadline	Payment
December 16 (Monday)	January 31 (Friday)
March 16 (Monday)	April 30 (Thursday)
June 15 (Monday)	July 31 (Friday)
September 15 (Tuesday)	November 2 (Monday)

**HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR MAILING ADDRESS?**

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**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**

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June 29 and 30, 9am – 4pm  
September 29 and 30, 9am – 4pm

**Minor Trust Early Distribution**

Deadline	Payment
December 31, 2019 – Tuesday	January 15, 2020 (Wednesday)
March 31 - Tuesday	April 15 (Wednesday)
June 30 - Tuesday	July 15 (Wednesday)
September 30 - Wednesday	October 15 (Thursday)

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
December 31, 2019 – Tuesday	January 31- (Friday)
March 31 - (Tuesday)	April 30 - (Thursday)
June 30 - (Tuesday)	July 31 - (Friday)
September 30 - (Wednesday)	November 2 - (Monday)

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)



# HUD Office of Native American Programs tours Gila River Health Care Dental Expansion

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development toured the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Dental unit on December 17, 2019, among the visitors were Robert Holden, Director for the Phoenix HUD Office of Native American Programs, Dr. Kimberly Corkin, HUD Grants Management Team Leader and Patrick Palmer, Grants Management Specialist. The purpose of the visit was to see how the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program benefits tribal communities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards Native American communities throughout the country to support a wide range of community development. The goal of the program is to develop viable Indian and Alaska Native communities.

“We actually reviewed the application for them to be funded in 2012, they were part of an Indian community block grant program,” said Holden. He said the Community had a seven-year window to complete the project in the grant, which GRHC accomplished in its seventh year.

“Thanks to those behind the scenes, we are happy the Community and GRHC were able to complete the grant,” said Corkin.

“We funded six to seven in the last ten years, many of them are expansion programs. The last two projects, the Gila River Community was awarded was over \$2 million, both of the projects are completed,” said Holden.

“I’ve been here for 20 years, and Josie Gaisthea, the Dental Assistant Supervisor, has been here for over 26 years. We are very excited that the new Dental clinic is completed,” said Dr. Jody Herschenhorn, Director for the dental department.

The patient rooms offer privacy and are more spacious. “The dental chairs and equipment are new,” said Herschenhorn. The renovation of approximately 8,750-square-foot showcases ten private individual dental exam and procedure rooms, of which two are Americans with Disabilities Act compliant and four pediatric exam rooms. The space increase created a much larger patient waiting area, private patient consultation room, and a centralized medical gas system eliminating portable tanks and hoses.



The Phoenix HUD Office for Native American programs visits Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital’s successful dental program. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Dr. Herschenhorn said the sterilization, processing, and sterile storage rooms are an improvement over the previous space. Josie Gaisthea added, “The sterilization workflow is more efficient.”

Other additions include upgraded monitors, allowing patients to review their treatment plan, x-ray and receive dental education “The new clinic was designed for efficiency and to provide a state of the art dental experience.” said Herschenhorn.



Patients enjoy state of the art facilities provided by Gila River Health Care. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

## Hunters show up for rabbit hunt on New Year’s Eve



Hunters in pickup trucks disperse during the annual rabbit hunt. Emma Hughes/GRIN

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

District 1 hosted their annual jackrabbit hunt coordinated by District 1 Recreation. The hunt is open to all Community members. As many recall, the hunt has been going on for as long as 40 years, at least and has brought out as many as 80 hunters. This time it brought out 31 hunters for their New Year’s Eve hunt.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone was among those at the District 1 jackrabbit hunt at 6 a.m., and signed the waiver and rules form. Lt. Gov. Stone also participated in the traditional blessing by Barnaby Lewis and joined

in the hunt until 10:30 a.m. Those participating met at the multipurpose building in the early morning, where they signed waivers and were given shirts and awaited further instructions for the hunt. A “head hunter” is designated for safety and to guide the rest of the hunters.

They began the hunt behind the Keli Akimel Ballpark and spread out towards the canal. Hunters are only allowed to use their own firearms, shotguns are preferred. No other weapons or modifications are allowed. Once the hunt is finished, everyone gathers back at the multipurpose

building where they prepare the rabbit into a stew for the District’s New Year celebration.



Hunters do their best to track rabbits on Dec. 31, 2019. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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