



Arizona State Legislature opens with ceremony and State of the State address

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis attends as Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey discusses issues impacting GRIC



Arizona's State Legislature opening day ceremony welcomes Arizona Governor Doug Ducey before his State of the State address. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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The Arizona's State Legislature opening day ceremony was held on Monday, Jan. 13 at the Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis attended as the guest of House Minority Leader, Charlene Fernandez, who currently serves Legislative District 4.

In addition to the ceremony, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey gave his State of the State address, outlining his top priorities for the new year, which included education, veterans, public safety, economy, among others more specific to the state and to the Gila River Indian Community.

The Drought Contingency Plan (DCP)

"Last year the Drought Contingency Plan was passed. It was the most significant water policy in 40 years. We will continue to protect Lake Mead, the Colorado River, groundwater, and our ag jobs," said Gov. Ducey.

The Community has the largest allocation from the Colorado River. The DCP was signed in May of last year and it is designed to help stabilize the river system and to help reduce risk of the system reservoirs falling to critical levels. "We have a water supply that is being protected and is being conserved through this plan and of course the Commu-

nity was key to that" said Gov. Lewis.

Gaming Compact

The Community along with Arizona's other 21 tribes, have been negotiating with the State over the last three years. "We hope that we have a compact that can be approved this year," said Gov. Lewis.

Interstate 10

Completion of the I-10 widening will include the construction of a six-lane bridge that crosses over the Gila River. "This replaces a 56-year-old bridge. 62,000 people drive over it every day. That's 23 million a year. So let's break ground ASAP," said Ducey.

The widening of I-10 has been an issue for the Community. One of those issues and concerns is that when there is an accident that occurs or any type of crime, traffic gets re-routed through the Community with roads that weren't engineered for that size of traffic. "Our Districts are very concerned about that and that's good that Governor Ducey put that as one of his critical issues for the Community and for us, it's important that we're at the table," said Gov. Lewis.

For a complete list and for more information on Arizona Governor's 2020 State of the State address, you can visit azgovernor.gov.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the State Capitol on Jan. 13. From left, Representative Charlene Fernandez, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego and Tucson Mayor Regina Romero. GRIC Photo



The Sonoran Sucker makes its first splash thanks to a coordinated effort to reintroduce Native fish. DEQ Photo

DEQ project brings back Native fish to local pond

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Fish native to the state of Arizona are making a comeback, one pond at a time. In October, longfin dace was introduced into a small pond on the property of Norman Wellington. This is the first time that longfin dace has occurred in the Community in recent history.

At less than four inches long, longfin dace was historically a common species in the Gila River. But changes to the river caused them to be far less common and removed completely from the Community. Presently, longfin dace lives in the Verde and Salt Rivers, and other rivers in the Colorado Basin.

"To my knowledge, they are native to the Community, since before the rivers were dammed and diverted," said Dr. Russell Benford, Department of Quality (DEQ) Environmental Program Manager. Benford said that now, longfin dace at the Wellington Ranch are thriving and living in an environment mirroring their natural habitat.

"Russell Benford contacted me, and asked if I would be willing to assist in [this] area," said Wellington. He said the pond was dug by hand and measures 25 feet by 25 feet across on the surface. Benford said below the surface, the pond is likened to an upside down "wedding cake" and it offers substrates that accommodate several fish species.

Wellington said, "It drops down two feet and then there's a shelf, and then it drops down another three feet." He said the fish have adapted well to their new surroundings, feeding off of algae, flies and mosquitoes on the surface of the water.

Benford said, "Our hope is to see reintroduction of a variety of native species, including the longfin dace, throughout the Community." He said that DEQ's Wildlife Program has plans to introduce additional native fish species to the pond at Wellington Ranch.

DEQ's goals in reintroducing native fish are not only aesthetic, returning such species to their native range, but also func-

tional. The species they're targeting served important ecological functions, including cleaning dirty water and eating nuisance insects that breed in water such as mosquitoes.

DEQ's Wildlife Program developed the initiative collaboratively with Wellington, in coordination with the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) and with a grant provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) "Partners in Fish and Wildlife" program.

AGFD facilitated the project by providing technical expertise and helping harvest and transport the fish. USFWS facilitated by providing necessary funding. Funding from USFWS also helped construct a pollinator garden at the Wellington Ranch. The garden now accommodates nectar-eating birds and insects.

Building on the success of the garden and translocation of longfin dace, DEQ's Wildlife Program translocated a second species of native fish, the Sonora sucker, to Wellington's pond on January 8 and 9, 2020. Now, both fish species are thriving in their new environment.

Translocations of longfin dace, Sonora suckers and (likely in the near future) Gila topminnow represent important and exciting steps in the Wildlife Program's initiative to conserve and restore native species within the Community.

"It's been in the works for the last two years, it is still moving forward, I'm happy to be a part of [it]. I felt being part of the project has been so significant and meaningful to the Community," said Wellington.



Sonoran Suckers are one of the species of fish Native to the Community translocated by DEQ's Wildlife Program. DEQ Photo

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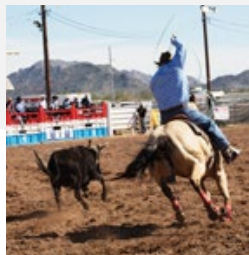
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Elderly Services coordinator introduced at Elder Concerns meeting, two elders also honored

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The Gila River Indian Community's Elder Concerns meeting was held on Wednesday Jan. 8 at the District 2 Multipurpose building. Community Services Department Director, Christopher Mendoza introduced Linda Miles

as the new coordinator of the Elderly Services Program. Miles is from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, she previously worked with Tribal Social Services. "I'm happy to be here," said Miles, who has 25 years of experience in social work and working with elders in Native communities. Some of

her work includes Manager and Interim Director positions for the Senior Center in Salt River and she has worked with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Miles says she is looking forward to what she can bring and learning more from the Community.

Also during the meeting, two elders from District 2 were recog-

nized for their continued sharing and support in the Community; Sandra Nish a retired teacher and Marvin Thomas former police officer with the Gila River Police Department, were presented with Pendleton blankets by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.



Linda Miles, Elderly Services Coordinator during the Elderly Concerns Meeting in District 2. Emma Hughes/GRIN



From left to right: Lt. Gov. Stone, D2 Elder Sandra Nish, Gov. Lewis, Council Representative Carol Schurz, D2 Elder Marvin Thomas. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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WINTER BIRD COUNT JANUARY 25TH, 2020



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

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

District 7: Service Center
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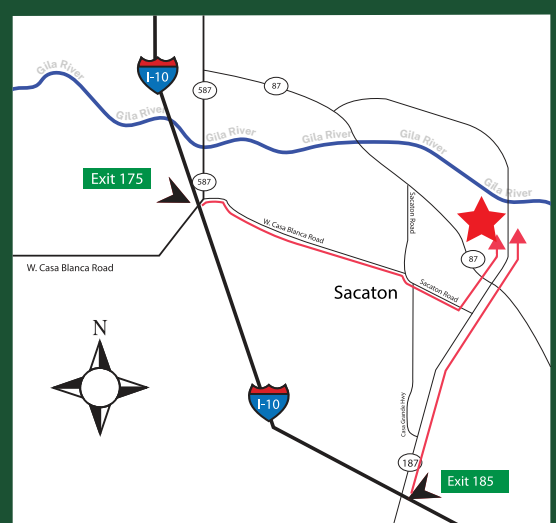
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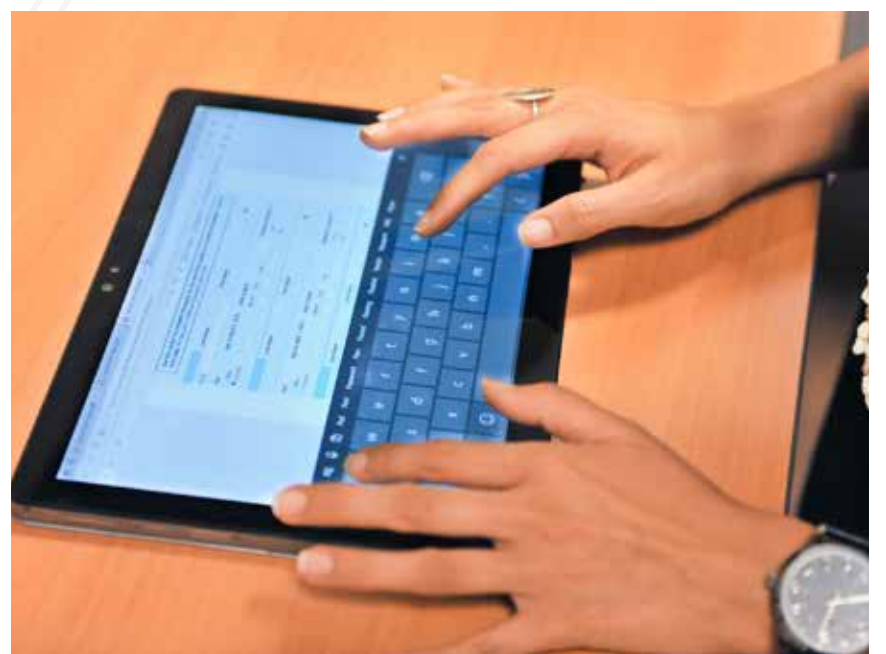
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Gila River Police officers responded to 692 calls for service and made 24 arrests.

District One- (Blackwater)

No Part 1 incidents

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

Burglary – Suspect forced entry through the front door of the victim's residence causing criminal damage. The victim was inside the residence at the time of the break-in. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to the incident in progress. The suspect stole the victim's cell phone and fled the residence. Officers arrived on scene and took the suspect into custody. The victim was not injured and the cell phone was returned.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

District Three- (Sacaton)

Theft – Suspect(s) committed theft by taking a trailer loaded with wood boards without the owner's consent from a property located at RG Farms. Em-

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

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) entered the victim's vehicle and stole the victim's motor vehicle title from the glove compartment. The victim notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Four- Stotonic Area –

Aggravated Assault – Suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic incident when it escalated and the suspect stabbed the victim. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to the incident in progress. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded and transported the victim to a local trauma hospital for further treatment. Officers located and detained the suspect.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's white Christmas tree from the victim's property while the residents were away from the home. The victim notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Aggravated Assault – The suspect threatened the victim with a handgun, placing him in reasonable apprehension of immediate physical injury. Law enforcement was notified and

Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect was gone prior to officers arrival.

Status: Charges forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

Aggravated Assault - Suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic incident when it escalated into a physical altercation. The suspect struck the victim several times and caused severe injury. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to the incident in progress. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded and transported the victim to a local trauma hospital for further treatment. Officers located and detained the suspect.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's white Christmas tree from the victim's property while the residents were away from the home. The victim notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft - Suspect(s) stole the victim's mini refrigerator while the victim was away from the home. The

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

Status: Under investigation

Auto Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's vehicle while she was away from her residence. A concerned third party informed the victim of her vehicle missing. The victim notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Lone Butte Area

Shoplifting – The suspect entered Love's Truck Stop, concealed merchandise, and left past the point of sale without paying for the items. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) broke the passenger window of a vehicle in the parking lot of the Lone Butte Casino, and stole the victim's purse from the car. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) broke into several vehicles in a parking lot, and stole several items from the cars. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect stole the victim's cell phone from a charging station while at the Lone Butte Casino. Casino Security notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect stole the victim's debit card from an ATM machine while in Casino. Upon discovering the debit card missing the victim notified security. Casino Security notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Five – (Casa Blanca)

No Part 1 Incidents

District Six – (Komatke)

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's wallet while inside the casino. Upon discovering the wallet missing the victim

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

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole a video game belonging to the victim while they were inside the victim's residence. The victim discovered the property was missing after the suspect(s) left her home. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim's purse, after it fell to the floor during an unrelated physical altercation, and promptly fled the casino property. The victim reported the theft to security. Casino Security notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect broke into the victim's 2002 Ford SUV, and stole money from within the vehicle, as well as damaging the steering column. The victim promptly notified security of the theft and damage. Casino Security notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Charges forwarded to the Maricopa County Prosecutor's office.

Auto Theft – The suspect took the victim's vehicle from her residence without her knowledge or consent. Upon discovering the vehicle missing, the victim demanded the suspect return the vehicle to which the suspect refused. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The vehicle was later located and returned to the victim.

Status: Charges forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

District Seven – (Maricopa)

Aggravated Assault – Suspect and victim were involved in a physical altercation when the suspect struck the victim in the head with a piece of firewood. The victim fell to the ground and injured his leg. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to the residence. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded and transported the victim to a local trauma hospital for further treatment. The suspect was located and apprehended.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

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12:30pm	Fit First	SNAKETOWN	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Fit First	
1:00pm	Native Planet - <i>Australia Defending their way of life as gov't and corps develop world's largest natural gas fields</i>	SING DOWN THE RAIN	First Contact - A Group Divided <i>During their stay the group will learn why relocating isn't an option for some families.</i>	Standing On Sacred Ground - Fire & Ice <i>Struggle to adapt indigenous agriculture to the changing climate.</i>	Medicine Game <i>The obstacles in the brothers' way are frequent and daunting, but their love for the game, each other,</i>	Tears of Our Ancestors	The Whole Enchilada	
1:30pm		HASHAN NE'I				Languages of Victory	The Other Side (El Otro Lado)	
2:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	HOHOKAM AT PEACE WITH THE LAND	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Kanawake Waters, Pt 2</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Haida Art</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Paddle to</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Naxine Weaver</i>	Children of the Desert	
2:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	BARNABY V. LEWIS CULTURAL	Underexposed <i>Awake at Bala Bay</i>	Underexposed <i>Onion Lake Rodeo</i>	Underexposed <i>Jumpship</i>	Underexposed <i>Bridge Day</i>	Vitality Gardening	
3:00pm	William and the Windmill <i>14yo William Kamkwamba sets about building a wind turbine in his village using junk parts and a lot of imagination to save his family from famine.</i>	SHRED IN THE NAME OF LOVE	Working It Out Together <i>The Results</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Ready, Set, Go</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Feel The</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Shake It Up</i>	Urban Native Girl	
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4:00pm		ALCOHOL-PAINKILLERS	Rez Rides <i>The Dream</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders: Passion on the Plains	Storytellers in Motion	Making Regalia Beading (cont.)	
4:30pm	A Game for Life	INHALANTS-LSD	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Wolves</i>	Common Ground <i>Native Traditions</i>		On Native Ground: Youth Report	Future History Language	
5:00pm	Gringo Favelado <i>Navigate the labyrinthine favelas with a young police commander and several embattled favela residents</i>	ECSTACY-METH	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders: Life on the Crater Rim	
5:30pm		MISS GILA RIVER CROWNING 2017	Indian Pride <i>Indian Treaties</i>	Making Regalia Beading (cont.)	People of the Pines <i>Contact to Colonization</i>	Sivummut <i>Look to the Future...</i>		
6:00pm	Horse Tribe <i>The connection of human to animal, history to life, individuals to community, grief to resolve, and values</i>		Standing On Sacred Ground - Fire & Ice <i>Struggle to adapt indigenous agriculture to the changing climate.</i>	Medicine Game <i>The obstacles in the brothers' way are frequent and daunting, but their love for the game, each other,</i>	Tears of Our Ancestors	The Whole Enchilada	Indigenous Focus <i>Uncontacted Chaco</i>	
6:30pm		MUL CHU THA PARADE 2018			Languages of Victory	The Other Side (El Otro Lado)	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	
7:00pm	Red Earth Uncovered <i>N'ha-A-Itk in the Deep</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>	Wapoy Bay <i>Dance Dance</i>	
7:30pm	The Medicine Line <i>Resistance</i>	INAUGURATION 2018					Wild Archaeology <i>Helltsuk Nuyems</i>	
8:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Grey Whales</i>		Wild Archaeology <i>Helltsuk Nuyems</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	Future History Language	Dabiyiyuu <i>The Creator's Touch</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Game On</i>	
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9:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Indian 49/ The Hill</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Cashing In <i>Hello Cowboy</i>	Chaos & Courage <i>Walking with Our</i>	Native Shorts <i>Still Life</i>	The Aux <i>A rotating compilation of music videos f/ diverse talents of Native American & World Indigenous</i>	Cashing In <i>Hello Cowboy</i>	
9:30pm	The Aux <i>A rotating compilation of music videos f/ diverse talents of Native American & World Indigenous</i>	EARTH DAY 2017	Studio 49 <i>Lakota John</i>	Tribal Police Files <i>Dangerous Bear</i>	Kvcarts <i>Eyerie</i>		Mixed Blessings <i>Baby on the Way</i>	
10:00pm		MUL CHU THA CROWD ROLL 2018	The Child of the Sahara <i>Forced to choose between going to them or becoming a ward of the French state, he decides to join his real parents. But isolation, culture shock and a jealous bro lead him to question</i>	Paradise Lost	Blue Gap Boyz <i>One bro got manager position cause he can't play instruments or sing and he was only choice. The other two bros are the semi talented driving force behind the struggling band.</i>	More Than A Word <i>Analyzes the Washington football team and their use of the derogatory term R'dskins.</i>	Akornatsinnit - Tarratta Nunaanni <i>Among Us - in the Land of Our Shadows</i>	
10:30pm	Injunuity			Alaska Oil				
11:00pm	Circus Without Borders <i>Filed between two locations opposite ends of the world, introduced are two figures committed to change, w/ talent to achieve it</i>	RED TAIL HAWK GRAND OPENING		The Process <i>Violence is met with violence, while the humanitarian situation worsens elsewhere.</i>		Shadow Nation <i>The social problems that affect many reservations, the nation's highest rates of poverty, crime and alcoholism can be found.</i>		
11:30pm			The Human Effect		Whaledreamers		Mirando Desde <i>Nuestras Raices Inkarrí</i>	

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Auppa I'ivakithak Mashath

The Akimel O'otham name for this month translates to 'The budding of the Cottonwood tree Moon' otherwise known as January by Western society. Throughout the course of time, Akimel O'otham have added words to our spoken and known language to describe new items in our universe. Take for instance the introduction of the Russian thistle in the late 1800's, which originated in the country of Russia, hence its common English name. Known as the common tumbleweed in western folklore and has become entrenched in practically all counties throughout our state.

Let us take a little trip back in time and imagine our Hechiu O'otham working in their fields and observing a wind-driven tumbleweed rolling by. Now, in their mind-set they knew that this plant was not native and introduced somehow into our O'otham country, along with other plants and food crops. It invaded the landscape and became an everyday sight throughout the growing season. One characteris-

tic readily apparent is that they were often observed in motion on windy days. Through practical observations, the name "Vopotham Sha'i" was applied to the common tumbleweed, which translates to 'rolling/moving brush.' The next time you see a Vopotham Sha'i roll on by, you will understand why our Hechiu O'otham named it that way. O'otham have always added new words to our language collective by describing a characteristic of the new plant by how it looks, how they are colored and the fruit and seeds they produce.

This process of applying names to everything includes birds and animals. In this article, we will now shift our focus to seven lesser known bird's observable on the landscape. They are described by the way they look, their song, and social habits. Some birds are solitary foraging in pairs, while others travel in large communal flocks. A few live with us year-round and others spend the winters in our community. The Akimel O'otham translation of the seven

bird names are given here in English: "The Whistler (Resident); Yellow Rump/Back (Winter); Leather Chaps [cowboy] (Winter); Dark Cloud (Resident); Wears a Red Hat (Winter); Eats Everything (Resident) and Singing Bird (Winter). Your challenge is to match the Akimel O'otham name with the bird picture using the above descriptions, and the common English name. It will make a fun family outing to take to the field and look for these seven lesser known birds. Remember that the birds who spend the winters with us will leave when spring arrives. Speak with an elder or speaker, spellings and pronunciations may be different between villages.

What is Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever?

Tribal Health Department
Gila River Indian Community

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, also known as RMSF, is a bacterial infection that is transmitted through the bite of an infected tick. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever can cause severe damage to the body and even be deadly, without proper treatment. Early signs and symptoms of RMSF include severe headaches, high fever, nausea, stomach pain, muscle pain and a rash outbreak. Antibiotic treatment is suggested for both children and adults who are suspected of having RMSF.

The best way to protect yourself, your family, and your pets from RMSF is to be aware of your environment. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ticks prefer moist and humid environments, particularly in wooded or grassy areas. To reduce your chances of

coming in contact with a tick, be sure to use insect repellent. As for your pets, use preventive products like a tick collar. Be sure to talk to Veterinary Services at the Tribal Health Department before using tick prevention products on your pets. If you happen to come in contact with a tick, be sure to quickly and properly remove it. The proper way to remove a tick is to grasp it and pull it straight out slowly. From there seek medical treatment from a health provider immediately. The unique correlation between RMSF and tribal communities serves as a reminder to take preventive measures seriously with the overall goal of protecting the community.

For more information, please contact the GRIC Tribal Health Department at (520) 562-5100 and ask to speak with an Animal Control Officer or Veterinary Services.

Match the O'otham bird name with its picture and English name!

Gikuchk'tham



Black Phoebe

Sua:m Omkam



European Starling

Hauk Shalivkam



Yellow-rumped Warbler

Chukmug



Cooper's Hawk

S-veg Vonomman



Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Ve:s Haichu Kua'atham



Great-tailed Grackle

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Song Sparrow

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GRIC youth attend work session during Tribes Legislative Day at Capitol

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, the 25th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day was held at the Arizona State Capitol. Tribal leaders from around the state converged to Phoenix for a day of listening and learning with state leaders in attendance.

As part of the days programming, Partnership with Native Americans (PWNA) hosts an annual work session called Native Youth Know for all the youth in attendance. Native Youth Know is a planning session that captures new and innovative ideas for future planning and youth programming from the youth. A report from the information collected will be



Native youth work on activities at the session hosted by the PWNA. Kyle Knox/GRIN

distributed to tribal leaders PWNA works with as well as posting on their website. Every year a delegation

attends from the Akimel O’odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC) to provide a better understanding of how state and tribal governments work together. And members also participate in the Native Youth Know work sessions.

This year Alexis Valenzuela and Hunter Nish attended on behalf of the AOPPYC.

Alexis Valenzuela was in a diverse breakout group with youth from Ft. Mohave, White Mountain Apache, and Navajo. The conversations were productive, and she said, “the session was interesting because we all come from different communities, but

we all deal with the same struggles.” She enjoyed the day and encourages more youth to be a part of it next year.

Though focused for youth, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone attended the sessions. Both were allowed to introduce themselves and offer words of inspiration for the youth.

Gov. Lewis encouraged all the youth in attendance, stating, “all our ancestors that came before us instilled the engineering and ingenuity to thrive into the future. Take every opportunity to better yourselves and honor their legacy.”



Hunter Nish reports for his group on their solutions. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Lt. Gov. Stone also offered words for the youth, telling them to “learn as much as you can, ask questions, and grasp the opportunities that challenge you to rise as a leader because you’re all the future of your communities.”

PWNA Vice President of Programs, Rafael Tapia, was honored to have GRIC leadership in attendance as their presence and words

were well received. Hunter Nish, AOPPYC President, encourages any interested youth to attend the legislative day in the future along with the Native You Know portion of the day. Nish said, “If you’re active in your community or would like to understand better how to make big changes, than you should really attend next year.”



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (standing) and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone (seated) worked with the youth during the session. Kyle Knox/GRIN



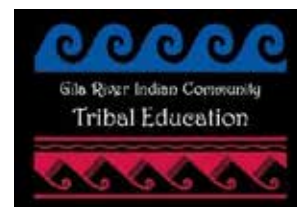
Testing for the Native Language Teacher Certification

The Tribal Education Department will be administering the test for Community Members seeking certification from the Arizona Department of Education to teach the Akimel O’otham language.

District 3 Head Start Center Thursday, March 5, 2020

Requirements:

- > At least 18 years of age
- > Completed TED Application
- > Copy of Tribal ID or Certificate of Indian Blood
- > Valid Identity Verified Prints (IVP) Card
- > Must be employed or have recently applied for employment with the Gila River Indian Community or an educational institute which services Gila River Indian Community Members.
- > \$60 Fee to be paid to the Arizona Department of Education



Contact Anthony Gray at the Tribal Education Department for more information

Email: Anthony.Gray@gric.nsn.us

Tel: (520)562-3662

Deadline for TED application is Friday, February 21, 2020

Tribal Recreation kicks off the New Year with lights, rhythm and Zumba

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley – Sacaton Branch was illuminated with 183 Community members of all ages swaying to the rhythm and direction of Zumba instructor Frances James during Tribal Recreation’s Glow Zumbathon on Jan. 10. Community members from all over attended the event with elders and youth making up half of the participants.

“It was amazing seeing so many people there. It was a great showing for my second zumbathon event,” said James.

James has been instructing Zumba classes across the Community since 2014, and she has seen a steady increase in the dance-style aerobics. James attributes the music as the draw for people of all ages to try. But ultimately, she believes in its effectiveness because “everybody can do it.”

The dance routines are a go-at-your-own-pace and cater to elders with limited mobility. At the Glow Zumbathon elders danced in chairs, holding lite dumbbells, and swaying to the instruction of James on stage. Due to its moderate and low impact movements, classes generally

are suitable for families to enjoy together.

Angel Orque, Tribal Recreation Program Manager, noted that the first Zumba event of the year was a success with new people in attendance. Orque said, “I attribute the attendance to Frances, since joining the team, she’s pushed Zumba out in the Community to all ages.”

When asked why Zumba seems to be gaining popularity, Orque said it boils down to the instructor and their ability to connect with the clientele. Orque said, “it takes a lot to put yourself out there and move your body the way Zumba re-

quires, but Frances makes it fun and includes health and fitness education too.”

This year Tribal Recreation will be increasing their Zumbathons throughout the year and hopes to hold a big one in the West End in the near future. Zumbathons will continue in addition to the regular classes they offer throughout the Community. Lastly, a highlight for this year will be the “Sister Tribe’s Zumbathon” this summer. This event invites Ak-Chin Indian Community, Tohono O’odham Nation, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and GRIC members together for a vast Zumba event.



Glow sticks light up in the dark at the highly-attended Tribal Recreation event. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Elders sitting in chairs wait to participate in the Zumbathon in District 3. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Frances James, on stage, leads the class through her Zumba instruction. Kyle Knox/GRIN



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Gov. Lewis speaks at University of Arizona's Native Nations Institute



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis during his lecture at the James E. Rogers College of Law in Tucson, AZ. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Indigenous Governance Program (IGP), a partnership between University of Arizona's Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy (IPLP) Program and the University of Arizona Native Nations Institute

(NNI), provides professional development, leadership training, and graduate education for individuals interested in a deep, practical understanding of indigenous governance and rights. IGP's nation building and Indigenous governance curriculum combines the expertise of world-re-

nowned faculty with data-informed research on what works for Native Nation (re)building efforts.

Through a series of lunches, lectures and receptions, "January in Tucson" (JIT) is a cornerstone of IGP's programming, bringing together leading faculty and an international cohort

of Indigenous leaders, policymakers, and advocates. "We like to show our participants and students what tribal leadership means," said Tory Fodder, who manages the Indigenous Governance Program at the University of Arizona.

For three weeks each year, the JIT intensive education session brings together distinguished faculty in the field of Indigenous governance and Indigenous rights. "Students from all over the world are welcome to Tucson to learn and engage in their curriculum in law and Indigenous governance," said Fodder, giving them the opportunity to teach and hold discussions with Indigenous leaders, practitioners, and community members, as well as other individuals interested in Indigenous affairs.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was invited to speak for their Distinguished Tribal Leader Lecture, at the James E. Rogers College of Law in Tucson, on



Joan Timiche, Executive Director for the Native Nations Institute for Leadership and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Tuesday, Jan. 14. "We like to show our participants and students what tribal leadership means," said Fodder.

Gov. Lewis discussed his background and presented some of the Community's accomplishments during his administration. Highlighting the newly constructed Gila Crossing Community School, the Managed Aquifer Recharge

site and the continued fight and protection of the Community's Water Rights, while emphasizing the past work and accomplishments of his father, the late Rodney B. Lewis and other tribal leaders. "It's hard to learn more practical lessons about governance and how to gauge community and accomplish objectives; the Governor's a great example of that," said Fodder.

Leaders attend the 25th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone with State Representative T.J. Shope at the State Capitol. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Tribal leaders from across the State of Arizona attended the 25th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the Arizona State Capitol on Jan. 15.

The day-long event, was an opportunity for Arizona tribal communities to get to know their state legislature and show how meetings are held concern-

ing important matters to tribes.

It also included breakout sessions on a variety of topics, such as missing and murdered Indigenous people, a discussion involving Native elders and a forum with Native youth.

"A lot of us share the same issues, which we need to straighten and enforce from our various locations," said Lt. Gov. Robert Stone. He said all tribes need to work together to

push solutions to issues, like water conservation, crime in Indian Country and other important topics.

Stone said, "We are doing things like agriculture, water conservation, things that make [us] unique, but we know there are other tribes, trying to gain their water rights, we have to help them, too."

He said all tribes will have to face these challenges together, to find solutions at the state and federal



Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 provided the posting of the colors for Tribes Legislative Day. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

level.

"Other things factor into what affects tribes, we have climate change, population growth, and a changing world. These are things we can get through with the same mindset," said Stone.

The day included speakers from the Navajo Nation, Havasupai and Tohono O'odham Nation.

"The possibilities for economic growth, working to combat issues like poverty, drug and alcohol are

things we all need to do together," said Jonathan Nez, President of the Navajo Nation.

Nez emphasized building ties with the state and federal government so both sides can address issues, while exploring opportunities for economic growth.

"Water is an important part of our livelihood, we rely on it for many things to survive," said Matthew Putesoy, Vice Chairman of the Havasupai Tribe. He

said recent uranium mine drilling operations, south of the Grand Canyon rim, threaten the safety of the water going into Havasupai Creek.

Among these issues, is also introducing broadband internet to places like Supai, which sits within Havasu Canyon, and reliable transportation for community members for day-to-day use or emergency situations.




MCT CHAIR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

February 12, 2020
District 2 Gym, Sacaton Flats, AZ



Registration Starts: January 13, 2020
Deadline: January 31, 2020

FEE PRICE: \$50.00

PAYMENT INFORMATION:
Walk-Ins: Cashiers Office

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26 Team Limit:
Double Elimination format

Awards:
 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

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MCT GAMES MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Registration Starts: February 03, 2020 **Deadline: February 21, 2020**



TOURNAMENT

March 06-08, 2020
District 5 Gym, Casa Blanca, AZ
ALL NATIVE
 16 Team Limit Double Elimination format with one Championship Game

FEE PRICE: \$150.00

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Awards:
 1st Place - \$1000.00
 2nd Place - \$800.00
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MCT GAMES TEE BALL TOURNAMENT

February 14-15, 2020
District 4 Ballpark, Santan, AZ
Registration Starts: January 13, 2020
Deadline: January 31, 2020



Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, (3) All Tourney and (1) MVP
8 Team Limit Double Elimination format with one Championship Game

FEE PRICE: \$50.00

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MCT GAMES WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Registration Starts: February 03, 2020 **Deadline: February 21, 2020**



TOURNAMENT

March 06-08, 2020
District 4 Gym, Santan, AZ
 12 Team Limit Double Elimination format with one Championship Game

FEE PRICE: \$150.00

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Awards:
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 2nd Place - \$800.00
 3rd Place - \$500.00, (3) All Tourney and (1) MVP
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HOUSING OWNERS TEAM UPDATE

The purpose of this update is to provide the Community with a status of current housing construction pursuant to the Residential Housing Improvement Program (the "RHIP").

The Community Council established a Housing Owner's Team (the "HOT") to perform all construction activities related to RHIP housing for years 2015-

2018. The HOT is comprised of Community Council members and various employees of the Community. The HOT members are Councilman Franklin Pablo, Sr.; Councilman Avery White; Governor Stephen R. Lewis; Lt. Governor Robert Stone; Acting Community Manager Kathyleen Curley; Councilman Arzie Hogg; Councilman Delmar Jones; Acting Director Department of

Public Works Tom Guenther; Community Treasurer Robert G. Keller; Director Land Use Planning and Zoning Kimberly Antone; Acting Director Department of Housing Development; and Senior Project Manager Tribal Projects Department.

The HOT has met regularly to fulfill the responsibilities as provided by the Community

Council. The HOT is currently working on the pre-construction activities for the 2015 RHIP applicants. For example, the HOT recently hired Atek to conduct Geo-Technical soils testing of home sites. HOT is in the process of contracting ID Studio Architects for design revisions and construction administration. And due to the complexity of this project, and the time that

will need to be dedicated to the management, the HOT will also be looking to hire a Senior Project Manager to assist the HOT with the various aspects of housing construction.

This information is preliminary information that the HOT will continue to provide the Community as we move forward. If you have any questions please

feel to contact the Councilman Franklin Pablo, Sr., Chairman of the HOT, at 520-610-8910, for the Construction status of RHIP housing and for RHIP Policy questions, please contact Wayne Allison, Acting Director for Department of Housing Development at (520)-562-1863.




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Youth Council hosts about 40 youth for extensive roundtable discussion



Youth who attended the roundtable pose for a group photo in District 4. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Youth discuss issues affecting the tribe at the youth roundtable event. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The Winter break is a chance for youth to take time from school and enjoy the holidays with friends and family. But for about 40 youth in the Gila River Indian Community, it was an opportunity to learn about tribal government and history while offering their input for the future. About 40 youth attended the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council's (AOPPYC) Youth Roundtable in District 4 on Jan. 2 and 3 over the break for discussions and sessions regarding the Community.

At the two-day event, the youth learned about

GRIC governance, policies and historical events. They took that knowledge into a brainstorming session where they introduced new ideas for GRIC youth and the Community. A diverse group of young people participated in the event, varying in ages from 14-21. It was also a mixture of youth who reside on the Community, with some who reside in neighboring locations. The mix yielded diverse perspectives that led to new insights and solutions during the discussions.

David Romero, District 5, enjoyed the event stating, "the event teaches youth how to work together, express ideas and

concerns in a healthy way, and gives opportunities to improve public speaking. Another benefit is getting educated on the history of the relationship between Native Americans and the federal and state government."

Junior Pancott, District 2, also attended and said, "The youth are the future of the Community. Many of us have ideas and suggestions to help our Community, and they should not be overlooked. These youths are smart, intelligent, and will change the face of Indian Country."

Ginger Martin, Michael Preston, Youth Council Coordinator, and vari-

ous AOPPYC advisors led the presentations and activities throughout the event. The youth had the opportunity to make connections with others by participating in numerous team-building activities, ice breakers, and work sessions.

Every group on day two had to consider policy changes that could support youth or improve various aspects of the Community. Guided by the facilitators, the groups highlighted the following: incorporating cultural teaching in the formal education system, mentors for youth for personal growth and cultural learnings, increased funding for mental health, more

streetlights for safety, financial literacy/ education, and higher education opportunities and investment. These were only a few of the many topics that arose among the groups but stood out the most.

As stated, the discussions were lengthy and offered the opportunity to create new policy ideas based on the learnings from day one regarding government structure and the history of the Community.

Crystal Lomayestewa, District 3, said, "the highlight of the event was being able to express my opinion and be heard in a group of youth that is willing to learn with an open mind."

And the highlight for Susanna Osife, District 2, was, "being able to see others interact and have conversations about the community and bring our ideas to our government, based on a youth perspective."

All the data collected by the youth will generate a report for the GRIC Executive Office and reported out to Tribal Council for comments. It's just the first step for allowing youth voices to be heard by Community leadership. But it is a powerful first step for Angel Marquez, District 1, who said, "it makes us feel like we have a voice in the Community and that we can make a difference."

Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning
Subdivision Administration Team 2020 Outreach Calendar

Third Tuesday of the Month
District 1 Service Center 9:00am-11:30am
District 2 Service Center 1:30pm-4:00pm

Third Wednesday of the Month
District 6 Service Center 9:00am-11:30am

Third Thursday of the Month
District 4 Service Center 9:00am-11:30am
District 5 Service Center 1:30pm-4:00pm

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • December 4, 2019

ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Friday, January 3, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:17 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Mr. Barnaby Lewis

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman (12:15), Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Pamela Johnson (9:57); D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:25), Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D6-Charles Goldtooth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORTS #4, #5, #24, #25 AND RESOLUTION #2

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2, #3, #6, #7, #8, AND #18 THROUGH #22 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS

*1. Tribal Health Department - FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Candalerian Preston

REPORT HEARD

>2. Department of Transportation – FY2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Timothy Oliver

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Department of Public Works FY2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Thomas Guenther

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Presenter: Diana Lopez-Jones

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Presenters: Barnaby Lewis

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*6. Cultural Resource Management Program – FY2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Kyle Woodson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*7. Tribal Projects Development – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Howard Reno

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*8. Office of the Community Manager – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Kathyleen Curley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Human Resources Department – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Randall Lange

REPORT HEARD

10. Community Services Department – District One Service Center – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Christopher Mendoza

REPORTS #10 THROUGH #16 HEARD AND DISCUSSED

11. Community Services Department – District Two Service Center – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Christopher Mendoza

REPORT HEARD

12. Community Services Department – District Three Service Center – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Christopher Mendoza

REPORT HEARD

13. Community Services Department – District Four Service Center – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Christopher Mendoza

REPORT HEARD

14. Community Services Department – District Five Service Center – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Christopher Mendoza

REPORT HEARD

15. Community Services Department – District Six Service Center – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Christopher Mendoza

REPORT HEARD

16. Community Services Department – District Seven Service Center – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Christopher Mendoza

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:42 A.M.]

17. Community Services Department – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Christopher Mendoza

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #10 THROUGH #17

>18. Department of Community Housing – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Laurie Thomas

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. Veteran & Family Services Office – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Palmer Miller III

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. Akimel O'Odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council Department – FY2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>21. Communications & Public Affairs Office – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Roberto Jackson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>22. Management Information Systems Department – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Michael Britt

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23. Department of Housing Development – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Wayne Allison

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE REPORT

>24. Facility Maintenance Department – FY 2019 Annual Report (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019)

Presenter: Steve Mendoza

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

25. St. Anthony's Church 3rd and 4th Quarter Report

Presenters: Donald Antone, Sr., Regina Antone-Smith

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

26. GRHC FY 19 Tobacco Tax Annual Report – October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019

Presenters: Myron Schurz, Judith Roth, GRHC Representatives

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #26

27. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for November 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #27 AND #28

28. Gaming Commission General Report to the Community Council for November 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Duane Johns, Courtney Moyah

REPORT ACCEPTED AT REPORT #27

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving A Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act Program For The Purpose Of Providing Financial Assistance To Gila River Indian Community Members Affected By A Federal Government Shutdown (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

>2. 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)

Presenters: Kathy Garcia, Leon Manuel

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Employee Request (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, in addition that further material will be provided to the Community Council via email for their information, as per the discussion in Executive Session)

Presenters: Lt. Governor Robert Stone, Kathyleen Curley

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE POLICY FOR ALLOWANCES OF A STRUCTURED LEAVE PAYOUT; GOVERNOR OR LT. GOVERNOR WILL BE THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE JUSTIFIED APPROVAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DENY THE EMPLOYEE REQUEST

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS








ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:16 P.M.

* Denotes Tabled from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Match the O'otham bird name SOLUTION!

Gikuchk'tham		Black Phoebe
Sua:m Omkam		European Starling
Hauk Shalivkam		Yellow-rumped Warbler
Chukmug		Cooper's Hawk
S-veg Vonomman		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Ves: Haichu Kua'athan		Great-tailed Grackle
Ne'etham Uvig		Song Sparrow

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Thank you so much Haskell Osife Antone Post#51 for your very generous donation and support to the Gila River Basketball Team.

We have received basketball jerseys, shorts and warm-ups for our basketball team. We were able to show case our new jerseys this past weekend in the Step-Back Classic Jr. High Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Ft. McDowell Recreation Center in Ft. McDowell, AZ.

Public Notice

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the renewal of the air quality operating permits for the following facilities: Wild Horse Pass Chevron 5139 E. Wild Horse Pass Blvd., Chandler, AZ 85226, District 4 Love's #328 7001 W. Sundust Rd., Chandler, AZ 85226, District 4 Air Contaminants Emitted: Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) Public Notice Start Date: December 20, 2019 Public Notice End Date: January 20, 2020 Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments

received. Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the -proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application,

the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review at the DEQ Sacaton office (during normal business hours) and on the AQP website at: http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education-outreach/public-notice. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality Attn: Ryan Eberle Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147 Physical Address: 5350 N. 48th St., Suite 150, Chandler, AZ 85226 For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 or visit our office located at 5350 N. 48th St., Suite 150, Chandler, AZ 85226. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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: In the Matter of Eliakim Wetan/ Jeremiah Wetan Docket Number: PB-20 17-03 2 1/3 22-GU This case has been scheduled and

YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

Review Hearing Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, A285339 13th of February, 2020 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom VII before the Honorable Judge Delowe

Court Date Notice

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA IN THE MATTER OF: ALYSIA JACKSON (Incapacitated Person) TO: DIANA THOMAS CASE Number: CV-2019-0239-AIC

CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING Please take notice that a(n) Review Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 11:30 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

Lunch and Learn



Bring your child!

Incentives for those who RSVP

Hands On learning activities

Space is limited

Topic: Language Development for children 0-5 years old

- When:
- Thursday 1/16/2020
- Time
- 12:00-1:00pm
- Location
- D3 Head Start



Please RSVP to:

Main Office: (520) 562-3882

Lead Early Intervention Specialist, Gabriella Alvarez: (520) 562-5783

Lunch will be provided! Transportation available

Lunch and Learn



Bring your child!

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Hands On learning activities

Space is limited

Topic: Language Development for children 0-5 years old

- When:
- Thursday 2/13/2020
- Time
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- Location
- District 6 Service Center



Please RSVP to:

Main Office: (520) 562-3882

Lead Early Intervention Specialist, Gabriella Alvarez: (520) 562-5783

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The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) has selected members of the Gila River Health Care board of directors as one of its presenters at the 2020 AISES Leadership Summit. The presentation, which will take place between February 16th - 18th, and be presented by members of GRHC's Board of Directors as part of GRHC's outreach plan for recruitment and workforce development.

The AISES Leadership Summit encourages leadership action from elders, mentors, researchers, students, and professionals to cultivate and advocate for the advancement of Native Americans in STEM-related careers and studies. As a trusted tribal healthcare system, Gila River Health Care is well-positioned to share best practices about the recruitment and advancement of GRIC members and Native Americans to the healthcare industry.

The Summit is an excellent opportunity for GRHC to highlight the numerous STEM-related careers at GRHC, educate others about our patient-centered healthcare model of excellence, and showcase our various career services such as the Administrator Fellowship and Navigator programs.

Welcome to Gila River Health Care!



Theresa Ratliff
TCH Nursing Director



Stacy Welch
Infection Prevention Director



Denise Murphy
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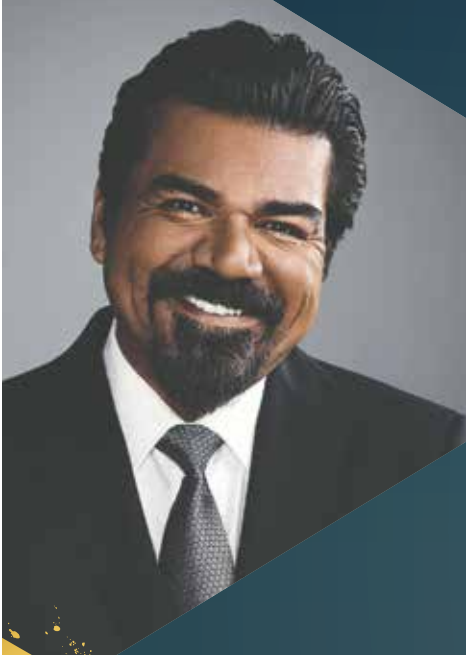


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