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Gila River commemorates 75 years at Iwo Jima Flag Raising parade

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The Gila River Indian Community continued with one of its most honored traditions on Saturday, Feb. 22, with the 75th Anniversary of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade in Sacaton. Some of the bloodiest fighting of World War II took place at the Battle of Iwo Jima 75 years ago, which has since been linked to the Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of six Marines, including Ira H. Hayes, raising the American flag on Mt. Suribachi on Feb. 23, 1945.

On that fateful day, Joe



Survivors from the Battle of Iwo Jima visit Sacaton during the 75th Anniversary of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising on Feb. 22. From left, Norman Napes, Wayne Allison, Glenn Thompson. Allison holds the late Ira H. Hayes' military ID tags. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Rosenthal took the famous photograph of the Marines, which was one act in a series of events that took place over five weeks to secure the strategic island of Iwo Jima. It was one of the fiercest battles the Marines faced throughout their island-hopping

campaign to end the war in the Pacific.

The Ira H. Hayes Post 84 and Auxiliary 84 organizes the event every year and invites veterans groups from across the state and country to participate in the parade and ceremonies.

Iwo Jima survivors return every year to participate, among them Glenn Thompson and Norman Napes. Thompson said he served for three years and one month in the service and has attended the parade for over seven years.

Thompson said it is important to have events to remember all the service members including those who died during the battle, those who survived to tell their stories and the veterans who have since passed away.

Oliver Babbitts, a long-time attendee of the parade and Iwo

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Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 led the annual parade followed by over 100 other entries from all over the country including Native veterans and posts from Arizona. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Newly crowned Gila River Royalty 2020-2021. From left, Miss Gila River Alyse Marrietta and Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River crowned in District 4

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On Saturday, Feb. 29, approximately 200 people gathered at the District 4 Service Center for the 58th Annual Miss Gila

River Royalty Pageant. This year ten young women competed for the titles of Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss Gila River. Three girls

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Stacey Abrams discusses voter mobilization and the 2020 Census in GRIC

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Stacey Abrams, who was a nominee in the 2018 Georgia gubernatorial election, visited the Gila River Indian Community, met with tribal leaders at the Governance Center in Sacaton, and toured MAR5 on Feb. 20.

Abrams discussed voting issues particularly addressing the disparagement among voters who feel they don't have a "seat at the table."

"We invested in resources into communities that are marginalized during elections," Abrams said.

Abrams founded Fair Fight, a group that is countering voter suppression in the 2020 election. Abrams also founded Fair Count to ensure accurate counting in the 2020 Census.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in-

formed Abrams that voting issues are being addressed in GRIC as well.

"We are really trying to look at ways to motivate our Community members to vote," said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis offered a historical perspective on the Native American right to vote when Gila River Indian Community members Rudolph Johnson and Peter Porter were denied the right to vote over 90 years ago.

"We were denied the right to vote until 1948, but before that time the state courts saw Native Americans as wards of the federal government and not allowed to vote," said Lewis.

Abrams said that voting is an important part of an individual's ability to exercise their power to make change. "We invested in their communities, we showed up,

we just didn't show to ask them to vote, we showed up to ask what they need," said Abrams.

Lewis said proactive efforts are being taken by the Community to encourage voter turnout and greater participation in the census counting.

"They are two important things that we are committing resources to get an accurate count for the census and encourage our members to participate in the voting process," said Lewis.

Abrams said, "When you're in the face of despair, when you see poverty all around you and you can see opportunity on the horizon, but you can't see yourself ever getting there, it's easy to get yourself out of participating."

She said, "That although we don't share the same history, we have a shared notion of what democracy should be, and we have a



Stacey Abrams (center) visited with the Community Council, Executive Office, and Community Departments to discuss partnering on initiatives to Get Out the Vote for the 2020 election and ensure Gila River Indian Community members are counted in the next census. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

shared history and legacy of how we have been isolated from that power."

Abrams said it is important

to educate more people in order to get future generations of youth involved in the voting process.

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Skyline girls basketball team wins CAA state championship

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Under the bright lights of a professional sports arena, a team of girls was on the hunt for a championship against their cross-town rivals in a winner take all game. The Gila River Skyline Mustangs Girls Varsity basketball team played in the Canyon Athletic Association Division 2 state championship game against the Salt River Eagles at Talking Stick Resort Arena on Feb. 25.

In a game that brought out the best of each team's talents, there was only one champion, the Mustangs, who routed the Eagles 63-40.

From outset of the game, the Mustangs maintained a comfortable lead over the Eagles, despite slowing-up a bit by halftime. When the second half started, the Mustangs got the ball rolling, being up over the Eagles 20 or more points.

Although the game was well in control, a few turnovers and fouls slowed their pace down, which allowed the Eagles to decrease the deficit. When the clock ran out, the bench and crowd, who came out to support the Mustangs erupted in cheers, cementing their victory.

"These girls have been working hard all season, any type of expectation I put on them, they exceeded that," said Daveda Taylor, Gila River Skyline Mustang Varsity Girls Head coach.

She said, "We had season goals from the beginning of the year. One of our goals was, to get here to this championship game and to win it. I knew at the beginning of the season this was a special team and I had special talent."

Taylor said, there has been some big improvements for the team, including going 17-0 in the regular season. She said the girls were committed to practicing every day and dedicated to working together as a team.

She said, "They were like a family and supported each other and truly genuinely love each other and have each other's back. With all the support from each other, we were able to make it here and improve every day."

During the post-game awards ceremony, Daveda was awarded the game ball, including Mustang Small Forward Sequoia Lucero, who was presented the "Player of the Game" award.

"I was a little bit [nervous], but I started to calm down, as soon as I got the ball in my hands," said Lucero.

It's not the first time Lucero

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The Skyline Mustangs girls varsity basketball team following their victory over the Salt River High School Eagles in the CAA championship game at Talking Stick Resort Arena in Phoenix on Feb. 25. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

has won a championship, in her freshman year, the Mustangs won a state championship and to win another in her final year at Skyline was good way to go out in her senior year.

"The support means a lot, the parents came out to support us tonight, they believed in us and that's all we needed," said Lucero.

Lucero said after high school, she and another teammate will attend Benedictine University in Mesa, on scholarship to attend college. Additionally, Lucero said she is happy to continue playing basketball, while advancing her education.



Sequoia Lucero, small forward for Skyline, drives to the hoop against Salt River. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Coach Daveda Taylor (center) during a timeout with the Skyline girls basketball team. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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Gila River Royalty 2019-2020 bids farewell in District 5 among family and friends

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

For the past year, Tyler Owens and Susanna Osife served as the Community's Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River Royalty. They celebrated this time at their farewell banquet Friday, Feb. 28, at the District 5 Service Center. Both Owens and Osife served their roles with great enthusiasm and integrity and shared their experiences amongst family, Community members, and visiting tribal royalty at the banquet.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone was in attendance to share parting words for the outgoing royalty. Lt. Gov. Stone said, "Throughout your reign in the community with youth and elders, you both always showed respect, dignity, and gave from the heart with everything you did this year."

Addressing everyone in attendance Owens said, "I thank you all so much, I hope that I represented you all to the best of my ability, and I hope that what Susanna and I did this year was enough for you all." Understanding the weight of the role, Owens thanked everyone for the continuous support they provided.

"I really hope I represented our Community well and that I made an impact with you all," said Osife. For Osife, she saw her reign as a chance to give back for youth and elders

through her platform event this year. And she also recognized the growth in herself over the year. She thanked everyone for the conversations she had with them and the teachings she received from the Community throughout the year.

The duo maintained a strong relationship that was supportive of one another's growth. Osife said, "One of my favorite things was being paired with Tyler; she's been a great teacher, motivator, and inspiration for me." Osife acknowledged Owens' strength and appreciated her guidance during the time they shared.

Similarly, Owens shared, "Luckily, I met my match, because Susanna is equally as goofy as I am, loves to laugh, and I appreciate that because it brought a youthfulness for me." Owens worked full time for years before returning to school and serving as Miss Gila River. Osife's youth helped Owens connect with her "fun side" again.

The families of the two were seated throughout the gym and received great admiration and gratitude from both girls. With their unconditional love and support for the girls, they both knew they "couldn't have done it without them."

The evening marked the closing of the yearlong titles, both Owens and Osife shared stories filled with travels, parades, and



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone (center) with Gila River Royalty and visiting royalty from Arizona during the Gila River Royalty Farewell on Feb. 28 in District 5. Kyle Knox/GRIN

as ambassadors for the Community. Both were active throughout the year, and one could easily spot them at the numerous Community events, tribal gatherings throughout the state, or at one of their bake sale fundraisers.

Rounding out the event, they shared photos and stories about the pictures before closing out the night with traditional O'otham Social Dances and a waila dance with music provided by Gertie N The T.O. Boyz.



Gila River Royalty address all the guests during their farewell. From left, Former Jr. Miss Gila River Susanna Osife and Former Miss Gila River Tyler Owens. Kyle Knox/GRIN

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

competed for Miss Gila River, and seven competed for Jr. Miss Gila River.

Five judges shared the task with judging various categories throughout the day, including traditional talent, business attire, impromptu questions (Miss

Gila River), essay presentation (Jr. Miss Gila River), and an interview earlier in the day. Eventually, scores were tabulated, and a full-court for both were selected.

Crowned as the new 58th Miss Gila River 2020-

2021 was Alyse Marrietta from District 3. Marrietta is a recent graduate from Arizona State University and currently works as a media editor for Gila River Broadcasting Corporation.

After being crowned as Miss Gila River, Ms. Marrietta said, "I am completely stunned, I came out to do my best and offer some-

thing to the Community, people saw that in me and I'm a leader now." Marrietta was ecstatic to have received the honor and looks forward to the year. She further added, "I look forward to making a positive change in the Community and getting to know Community members and working more one-on-one with

people."

Crowned that night as the new 58th Jr. Miss Gila River 2020-2021 was Sineca Sunflower Jackson from District 3. Sineca is a sophomore currently attending Hamilton High School. She is an active member of the Akimel O'odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council, where she serves as secretary.

For Ms. Jackson, after being crowned, she said, "It feels exciting, unexpected, but I'm so excited to work with all these amazing women and hope our reigns are great." Jackson was very excited during the day of the pageant, tried her best, and winning was unexpected for her. Nonetheless, she is happy and is "honored to be the new Jr. Miss Gila River."

Joining the Miss and Jr. Miss as part of their court are Miss Gila River 1st Attendant, Precious Vicente from District 1 and 2nd Attendant, Lehua Lani Dosela from District 6; Jr. Miss Gila River 1st Attendant Evelyn Enos from District 4 and Jr. Miss Gila River 2nd Attendant Alaina Rene Smas Hu'u Santos from District 2.

The pageant contestants demonstrated great en-

tertainment and a fantastic showcase of all the girls competing. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone provided remarks welcoming everyone, congratulated the outgoing royalty, and encouraged everyone in the pageant.

Everyone performed well on stage and the committee thanks all those that entered in the pageant this year. The remaining girls that also competed this year for Jr. Miss Gila River were Danielle Pedro from District 5, Heather Little Wolf Anton from District 3, Lena Dawahoya from District 1, and Kaydence Rain Apkaw from District 4.

Unique to this year's pageant was a live broadcast and stream of the entire pageant provided by Gila River Broadcasting Corporation. The pageant was broadcasted on its channels 19.1 and 29.1 for all of the Community to view. And the show was also streamed online on the GRBC Facebook Live service. And if you are interested, you can see the 2020-2021 Miss Gila River Pageant on GRBC's Facebook page by searching Gila River Broadcast Corporation.



Nine of the 10 contestants including the 2020-2021 Gila River Royalty Court in District 4 following the pageant. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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.

Feb. 9 to Feb. 15

Gila River Police officers responded to 680 calls for service and made 39 arrests.

District One- (Blackwater)

Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) discharged a firearm at the victim while he was walking home through an open field. A bullet struck the victim as he fled the area. Once home a relative drove the victim to a local hospital for further treatment of his non-life threatening injury. Hospital staff notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

No Part 1 incidents

District Three- (Sacaton)

Aggravated Assault – The suspect forced entry into the victim’s residence through the front door and physically assaulted the victim with a baseball bat. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect fled the scene prior to officers’ arrival.

Status: Under investigation

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic dispute when it escalated and became physical. The suspect struck the victim with a broom and

then attempted to stab her with a pair of scissors. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect fled the area prior to officers’ arrival. Gila River Emergency Services responded to treat the victims’ non-life threatening injuries. The victim refused further medical treatment.

Status: Charges forwarded to the tribal prosecutor’s office for further review.

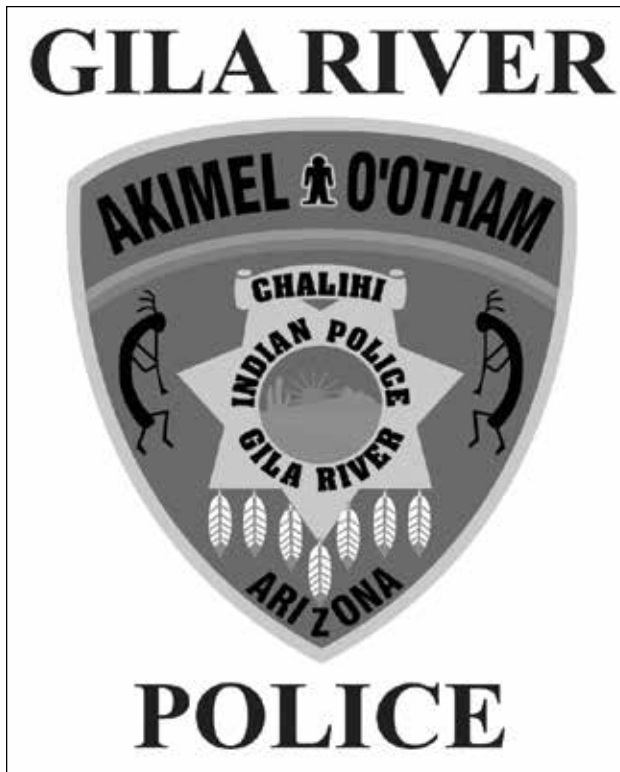
Burglary – Suspect(s) forced entry through the side window of the victim’s residence. Multiple items, belonging to the victim, were stolen from within the residence. The victim arrived home to find his home had been burglarized and notified law enforcement. Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole mail belonging to the victim from his post office box containing checks. The suspect(s) then proceeded to fraudulently cash the checks without the victim’s knowledge or consent. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect took the victim’s Sim card from her cellular phone, while it was in his possession, without the victim’s consent or knowledge. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.



Status: Charges forwarded to the tribal prosecutor’s office for further review.

District Four- Stotonic Area –

Aggravated Assault – The suspect waved a knife at and followed the victims while they walked home attempting to cause a confrontation. The victims ran to a residence nearby and asked to use their phone. Law enforcement was notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect fled prior to officers’ arrival.

Status: Under investigation

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic dispute that escalated and became physical when the suspect placed her hands around the victim’s throat and strangled her. Law enforcement was

notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: The suspect was located and arrested.

Lone Butte Area

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the outlet store, concealed merchandise on their person, and then fled the premises without paying for the items. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Shoplifting – Suspect(s) entered the outlet store, concealed merchandise on their person, and then fled the premises 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)

committed theft against the victim by unlawfully taking his license plate from his Hyundai Genesis. Law enforcement was notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect picked up the victim’s cellular phone from a slot machine, failed to submit it to casino security for lost and found, and left the premises permanently depriving the victim of their property. Casino security notified law enforcement, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect took a TITO ticket belonging to the victim, cashed it in, and left the casino with the cash. Casino security notified law enforcement, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect was located and detained by security until officers arrived.

Status: The suspect was issued a criminal citation and released off property.

District Five – (Casa Blanca)

Aggravated Assault – Suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic altercation that escalated and became physical. The suspect grabbed a knife and made a gesture with the knife indicating the suspect would stab the victim. Law enforcement was notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: The suspect was located and arrested.

District Six – (Komatke)

Theft – Suspect(s) stole a bicycle owned by the victim, while at the casino, and proceeded to leave the premises. Casino security notified law enforcement, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect stole money from the victim while at their shared residence. The victim notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: The money was returned and the victim refused to aid in prosecution.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole a debit card owned by the victim, while at the casino, and proceeded to leave the premises. The victim was alerted by her bank of fraudulent activity and security was advised. Casino security notified law enforcement, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole the victim’s cell phone from the victim’s residence. The property has not been returned back to the victim. Law enforcement was notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Seven – (Maricopa)

No Part 1 Incidents

Forest Lakes Fire District thanks GRIC for assistance at presentation

GRIN Staff

Gila River Indian News

A special presentation was made before a Community Council meeting at the Gila River Indian Community Governance Center on March 4. Representatives from the Forest Lakes Fire District thanked the Community for providing them the grant to purchase

a new ambulance and power gurney.

“The Forest Lakes Fire District Board and Management team greatly appreciate the support provided by the Gila River Indian Community,” said Tom Cummiskey, Board Chairman for the Forest Lakes Fire District.

He read a proclama-

tion thanking the Community for providing the financial assistance, necessary for FLFD to purchase a new emergency vehicle. Through a state shared gaming revenues grant, in the amount of \$250,000 was awarded to FLFD in September of 2018 and they received the ambulance in November 2019.

The Forest Lakes Fire District provides emergency medical services and wildland fire suppression support to a broad area, that covers 326 miles of the Sitgreaves National Forest, residential and recreational areas within Coconino County.

The new ambulance has 4x4 capabilities for hard to reach locations that are difficult for normal emergency vehicles.

Cheryl Pablo, Program Administrator for the Office for Special Funding said, “Our office manages

12% of what we give to neighboring cities, towns, and counties. The grant was submitted through Coconino County and was awarded \$250,000 to go towards the new ambulance unit.”

David Rodriguez, Fire

Chief for the Forest Lakes Fire District, said the new unit will “expand on our existing services with the new technology and systems will make it more reliable for emergency services.”

Rodriguez also said, “It’s very humbling, exciting, and we’re all appreciative to have this new apparatus as part of our fleet. We’re all proud to have it and put it into service soon.”



Forest Lakes Fire District demonstrates a power gurney obtained through a grant from the Gila River Indian Community on March 4 in Sacaton. Kyle Knox/GRIN



The Forest Lakes Fire District presented to Community Council and displayed their new 4x4 ambulance for council and guests. Kyle Knox/GRIN

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Jima survivor, said the parade is a unique celebration and was glad to see the crowds despite the rainy conditions. Babbitts was a water distillation engineer who spent his 20th birthday on the island, and remembered the fierceness of the battle on the island.

The survivors even recalled where they were when the flag was raised on Mt. Suribachi.

Napes and Thompson said they feel fortunate after 75 years to still honor the veterans. They often share their story of service with other veterans, the public and students at high school Junior Reserve Officer Training programs.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis acknowledged the Native American veterans who attended to honor Hayes and veterans from Iwo Jima.

“This is living history, it’s important to have these remembrances to honor those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice,” Gov. Lewis said.

Gov. Lewis also recognized Kenneth Hayes, Ira’s brother, who passed away last year and served with honor in the Korean War.

Wayne Allison, a relative of Ira and Kenneth Hayes, attended and shared his family’s history.

“Today is a big blessing for us, representing the

Whittaker family, we come from Emma Whittaker, which is my great-grandmother, sister to Nancy Whittaker Hayes. It means a lot to be here to honor and take into consideration the things that have been passed on the memorabilia we carry,”

Allison said that it was difficult without Kenneth and it means much more to honor them and remember them as veterans.

Although the parade featured over 100 entries and runners carrying flags, the weather did affect some of the pre-parade activities

including the flyovers and parachutists. One of the runners, Roland Enos Jr., a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, carried Ira Hayes’ military ID tag or dog tags.

“I had Roland carry the dog tags on his dog tags and run it in, and we retrieved it here at the stage and they retrieved the flags.”

A flag ceremony concluded the run at the grandstand adjacent to the Matthew B. Juan Ira Hayes Memorial Park.

After the conclusion of the parade, the event shifted to the park for remarks and flag raising and wreath-laying ceremonies at each of the monuments.



Marine Corps Veteran Roland Enos Jr., (right) marches with runners at the beginning of the parade. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN




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Pee Posh Veterans participate in the annual parade. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 marches with the other veteran groups from across the country. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone sings at the grandstands. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis addresses the crowd in Sacaton. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

An American politician once said, "Baseball has long been a national pastime that many Americans have cherished," and so it was with O'otham. Spring baseball welcomes warmer and longer days, perfect to be outside. A baseball field could center a village, community, or district. Some elders recall traveling with families to play in Chandler, Ocotillo, and Guadalupe. When a youngster proved he belonged, he played into a new tribal circle. Teams relied on younger players to step up and play as older players struck out against father time. Some of our communities had two or more teams, and if some villages did not have enough to field a full team, a "gamer" might pop up on a neighboring village's roster.

Kind of like that baseball movie, "Field of Dreams," Catholic feast days added a baseball game to the church gathering – If they play it, people will come. Soon games with

neighboring O'otham/Piipaash villages and area reservations were taking place. There is history between baseball, O'otham, and area towns. On September 6, 1912, the Casa Grande Grays beat the Sacaton Indians. In 1913, Sweetwater split games with a Chandler team and Sacaton won against Chandler according to chandlerpedia.org. Two of the longest running baseball tournaments are on reservations. Some GRICsters represent us at Salt River in the "Southwest All-Indian Baseball Tournament" which has been held for 57 years. Some community members make the trek upriver to play at San Carlos in the "George Belvado, Jr. Memorial Day Tournament" which has been held for 50 years.

Here at Gila River, baseball was a big deal for Japanese-Americans who were held in "relocation centers" during WWII. What kept the internees from going crazy? One of their anchors was baseball. At Butte camp a 32 team league was organized. Ads were placed to attract semi-

pro teams in the area. (I've wondered if GRIC teams played at the camp, but haven't been able to get any information if so.)

A Black baseball team traveled to the camp to play. The Gila News Courier, the camp newspaper written in English and Japanese, noted the Phoenix team out-hit the internees, but lost the game because of 10 errors. The Nisei Baseball Research Project states this was the only time a baseball game between a Black League team and a Nisei team occurred in a Japanese American camp during WWII. Bill Staples writes about the game in his book, "Kenichi Zenimura, Japanese American Baseball Pioneer." The Tucson Badgers, a three-time high school state champion, arrived with a record of 52-0. In the 10th inning, that record became 52-1. (Readers might enjoy a YouTube video that focuses on this game: "Baseball Behind Barbed Wire.") "Without baseball, camp life would have been miserable," said George Omachi, a prisoner who later became a scout for Major League Baseball. Ironically, Takeo Suo, a camp prisoner, likened donning a baseball jersey to wearing the U.S. flag.

Back to O'otham players now. A tribal el-



Baseball has a long tradition in O'otham/Peeposh Villages. Photo Submitted by Billy Allen

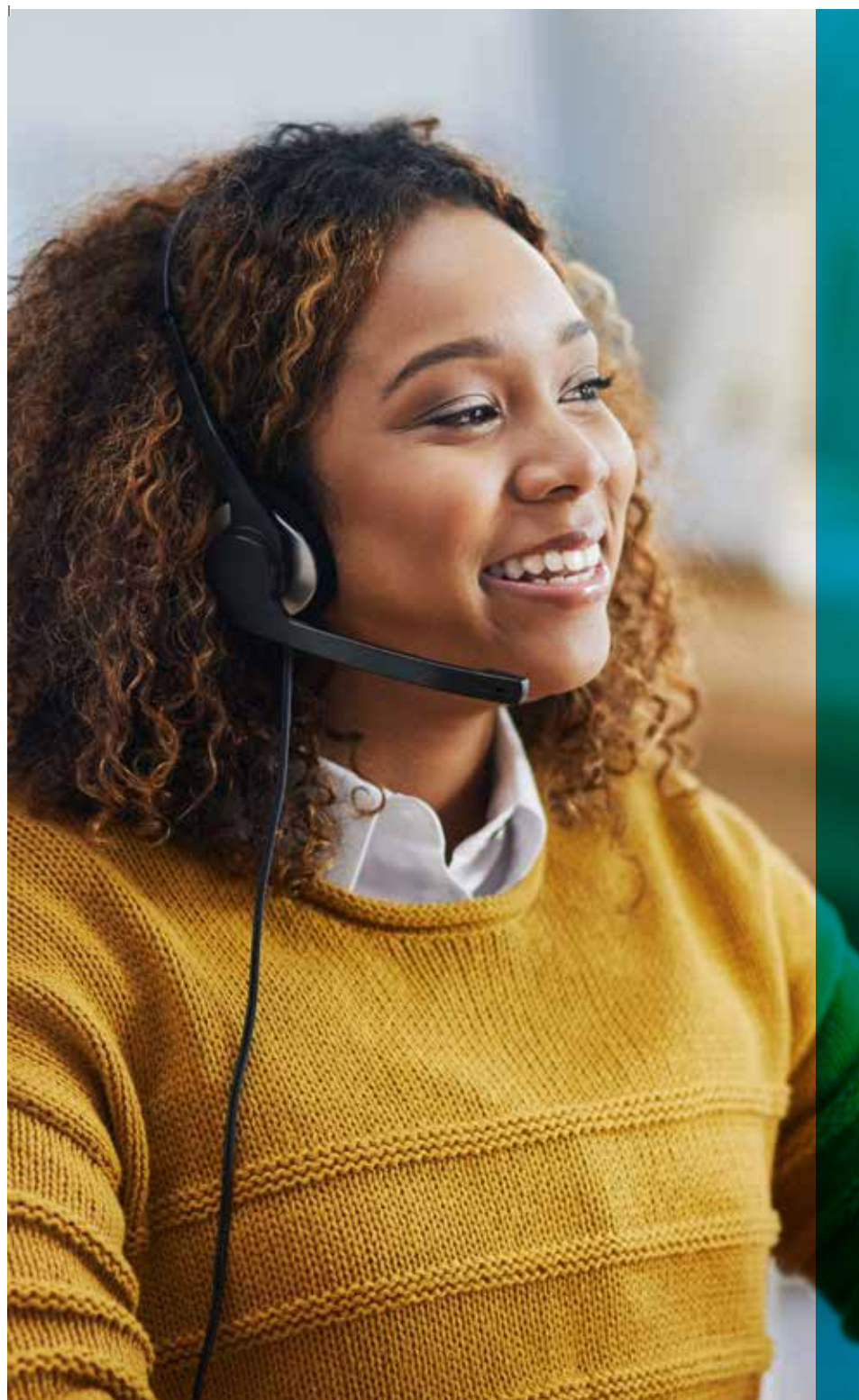
der remembered playing teams at Gila Crossing at the St. Johns field next to the tamarisk trees. District 5 supported teams from Casa Blanca, Bapchule and Sweetwater. Sacaton had at least 2-3 teams and played at the old rodeo grounds. Blackwater also supported a team. The games could get intense, but afterwards friendship and kinship took over and all was good.

A South Phoenix O'otham team, the Phoenix Giants, was headed by Archie Russell. Their "home" field was Roeser Road Park. Salt River had a

team headed up by Alvino Paul and Lehi also fielding a team. Nearby Mesa fielded a team called the Mesa Indians. They all participated in the "Southwest All Indian Tournament." I asked the elder what drew him to play and then coach the Santan team. He felt he grew up in the game and his family was a "baseball" family. He shared an old photo of a Sweetwater team. His grandfather, James Harris, is standing on the top left. Date of picture is vague, but it was at Sweetwater. The photo show how players from

other villages played with other villages especially if kinship was involved. The building in the back was a church. Play bo:!!

Like extra-innings, this is the third baseball/softball GRIN article I've written, but there are still more baseball storylines left to explore. If anyone knows more information, please call the GRIN to forward your contact information to me. Maybe our Huhugam Heritage Center could run with the idea of a baseball exhibit, and time it for "spring training" time in the next few years.



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Outgoing royalty spend time with Gov. Lewis at the end of their reign



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with the outgoing royalty. From left, Susanna Osife, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and Tyler Owens. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On the afternoon of Thursday, Feb. 27, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presented gifts to former Miss Gila River Tyler Owens and former Jr. Miss Gila River Susanna Osife. Both Owens and Osife served as GRIC's tribal royalty and ambassadors for the past year.

During a small gather-

ing, Gov. Lewis commended both Owens and Osife on a successful reign while offering words of encouragement as they transition out of their respective roles.

Gov. Lewis said, "I am just so impressed with you both with how much you've accomplished throughout your reign." Gov. Lewis commended both for the outstanding dedication they gave to the Commu-

nity through their platform events, appearances, speaking engagements, all while continuing their academic and personal goals as students.

Gov. Lewis then gifted both with necklaces as a token of appreciation and to acknowledge the roles they played in the Community and across the country. Community member Tim Terry designed and created

both necklaces.

Osife's necklace, adorned with white beads with a shell, can be worn with a variety of dress and compliments her time as Jr. Miss Gila River. Owens was given a similar beaded necklace but had red beads throughout the design. Gov. Lewis said the red "honored the time she spoke with leaders about the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women work" occurring throughout the country.

At one time, there was a roundtable that occurred with leaders from around the state where Owens was present. During that occasion, she provided remarks that resonated with all in attendance and demonstrated the kind of leadership and poise one would expect from the Community's Miss Gila River.

During the gathering, everyone shared fond memories throughout the past year. Some memorable occasions included Community parades, travel to the UNITY Conference in Orlando, Fla., and

the National Congress of American Indians trip in Washington, D.C. No matter the location, it was apparent that their leadership and welcoming nature were on full display to everyone they encountered.

In closing, Gov. Lewis said, "True leaders inspire others around them and to

have ten girls compete for this next year speaks to the kind of leadership you've shown to our people." Both brought new energy to the Gila River Royalty and fostered renewed interest for more girls to compete for the 2020-2021 Jr. Miss and Miss Gila River titles.



Former Jr. Miss Gila River Susanna Osife visits Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis for a presentation at the Executive Office on Feb. 27. Kyle Knox/GRIN

L.A. urban members meet with GRIC delegation for services and information

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Jenise Gary traveled to the United American Indian Involvement Community Center in Los Angeles to meet with representatives from the Gila River Indian Community, as did Destiny Acevedo and numerous other Community members who reside in California, for a special outreach provided by GRIC to dispense information and provide services for the urban members that live in the Golden State.

Gary called the opportunity, "comforting," as she and her daughter met with staff from the Per Capita Office.

Acevedo came with her mother and found some much needed information regarding her education.

"It's good to talk to tribal education because I know they can help me with college funding," she said.

Over 12 GRIC departments, entities or programs set up booths at the UAII center in downtown Los Angeles on Feb. 29, to answer questions, update information and provide services that may be difficult for those members hundreds of miles away.

Along with the departments and other representatives, GRIC leadership attended to meet with the L.A. urban members and

provide updates on issues back in the Community.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was glad to see the members in attendance use the opportunity to ask about everything from home sites, to enrollment, legal services, behavioral health, veterans issues, burial assistance and much more.

"This is an important time to do that," said Lewis regarding the first-hand services available on Leap Day.

Gov. Lewis was joined by District 4 Community Council Representatives Monica Antone and Pamela Johnson as well as District 6 Community Council Representative Terrance B. Ev-

ans. Each introduced themselves and took advantage of the opportunity to meet with members that don't often get a chance to return to the Community.

One familiar face at the meeting was Omerlene Thompson. From District 6, Thompson was selected as a 2019 American Indian Heritage Month Honoree

by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission, and Gov. Lewis made a special presentation to the woman who has helped so many people.

He recognized Thompson with a proclamation honoring her urban Community social work and advocacy.



Omerlene Thompson with her awards following a presentation honoring her recent recognition by proclamation from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



The GRIC delegation visited members from L.A. and UAI staff in California on Feb. 29. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Gila River Fire Department hosts training attended by local fire agencies

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Fire Department trained several other fire departments in the Valley. A first for the Gila River Fire Department (GRFD) to host and facilitate the training, which took place on Monday, March 2, at the Office of Emergency Management.

The training began with a 45-minute class on propane basics and safety, Jamison Ashton, HAZMAT Coordinator for GRFD was among one of the trainers

along with GRFD Captains Adrian Hernandez and Joseph Boland.

Fire departments learned how to mitigate a hazardous materials incident. GRFD led the impressive training where hazardous materials teams are taught how to “flair” or burn off a propane tank under emergency conditions.

“We have a lot of communities out here that have these types of propane tanks, so these are kind of a high-risk call for us,” said Captain Hernandez, “We’re one of the only departments in the Valley that have this

particular setup. We wanted to train everyone as to what we’re capable of; they were really responsive, they did very well.”

Staff members from Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Ferrellgas were also onsite. GRFD presented them with plaques for all their help and support to make the training possible. Ferrellgas provided the propane and OEM has allowed GRFD to use their space for the training. GRFD currently does not have their own training location.



Visiting fire agencies attend training hosted by Gila River Fire Department at the Office of Emergency Management. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Gila River Indian Community

2020 Special Chief Judge Election

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

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| DISTRICT 4 |
| District 4 Mall Hall (former D4 Serv. Ctr.) 1510 W. Santan Road, Santan |
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| District 5 Veteran's Building 3558 W. Casa Blanca Road, Casa Blanca |
| DISTRICT 6 |
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GCCS & ASU host Community High School & College Night

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On March 4, Gila Crossing Community School filled its gymnasium with resource booths for their first Community High School and College Information Night. The event was made possible in partnership with Arizona State University's Office of American Indian Initiatives.

The event aims to inform local high school students about college resources and programs ASU has to offer. And school staff were also assisting families in registering their future High School students.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis opened with remarks about the event and why they're essential for the Community to attend. Gov. Lewis said, "It's never too early to start thinking about and planning for your education, and events like tonight make it easier to start."

Gov. Lewis, an ASU Alumni himself, also stressed the importance of bringing that education back home to the Community. He told the audience that as a youth, his father instilled in him that edu-

cation is the one thing that can never be taken away from anyone. And that once you have an education, you're afforded more options in life.

Various schools representing numerous college majors were in attendance to share information on admissions, summer camps, and on-campus opportunities. Students filled out information forms to start receiving information in the future while also getting more information about Arizona State's unique programs for Native American

students.

Jennifer Howell, Youth Development Specialist at Gila Crossing Community School, served as the coordinator for the event for Gila Crossing. Howell said, "tonight's about the Community and showing everyone what's possible. Having current Native ASU students here shows families what is possible."

ASU Office of American Indian Initiatives' Director Annabel Bowen brought several Native students that work with her office as part of the

event. Bowen shared that before the evening event, her students led workshops and presentations for Gila Crossing's seventh and eighth-grade classes.

Bowen stated, "We wanted to bring our program and 15 ASU colleges and programs to help get out the resources here that support their next steps in applying to ASU."

The partnership with ASU will continue with programming throughout the Community with some events already planned this Spring.



Attendees visit with representatives from Arizona State University to get information at the Community High School and College Night. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis addresses the importance of education at the high school and college event. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Ring this bell
Three times Well
Its toll to clearly say,
My treatment's done
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And I am on my way!

- Ivo Le Mayne

A'AGA- Something to be told or talked about - (P/M)

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ANTHONY J. HILL for CHIEF JUDGE

VOTE SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, February 19, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:08 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Joey Whitman

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (9:09)

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

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

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS ARRIVED AND BEGAN CHAIRING THE MEETING

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1-#3 AND #5-#9 UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA; REMOVE REPORT #4 AND RESOLUTION #1 & #2 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA; TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL FOR NEW BUSINESS #5; ADD AND ACCEPT MATERIAL FOR NEW BUSINESS #6 AND APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

*1. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Introduction of GRGE Pathways Mentorship Program Mentee Graduates

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

MR. KENNETH MANUEL INTRODUCED MR. WAYNE SUNDUST AND MR. JOSEPH YOUNG. MR. SUNDUST AND MR. YOUNG PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THEIR BACKGROUNDS. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. Introduction – Wayne M. Allison, Director of the Department of Housing Development

Presenter: Kathyleen Curley

MS. KATHYLEEN CURLEY INTRODUCED MR. WAYNE M. ALLISON. MR. ALLISON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

REPORTS

>1. Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley-Metro Phoenix Gila River Branches – Komatke & Sacaton First Quarter Report Oct-Dec 2019

Presenters: Jason Jones, Soyet Antone, Emiliano Morondos

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Pee Posh Veterans Association 1st Qtr Report FY 2020

Presenter: Arnie Bread, Sr.

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services Quarterly Report and FY 19 Year-End Summary

Presenter: Diana Lopez-Jones

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. FY 20 Monthly Dashboard Report for December 2019 – Human Resources

Presenter: Randall Lange

REPORT HEARD

5. Head Start Monthly Report – December 2019

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Casa Blanca Community School – Quarter 1 Tribal Allocation Report SY19-20

Presenter: Kim Franklin

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Blackwater Community School – Quarter 1 Tribal Allocation Report SY19-20

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. K-12 Education Program Quarter 2 Manager's Report For School Year 2019/2020

Presenter: Trina Hart

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. GRICUA Report – FY 19 4th Qtr

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:19 A.M.]

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Bahothoni Development To Assist With Updating The Gila River Indian Community's General Land Use Plan (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Corinna Ortiz

APPROVED

>2. A Resolution Approving A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity By Gila Local Exchange Carrier, Inc. For The Sole Purpose Of Submitting To The Exclusive Jurisdiction Of Any State Or Federal Court Located In The Borough Of Manhattan, City Of New York, State Of New York Should An Action Be Commenced To Determine And Enforce The Obligations Of The Parties Under The Irrevocable Standby Letter Of Credit Agreement And The Assignment Of Deposit Account Agreement To Be Entered Into Between J.P. Morgan Chase Bank And Gila Local Exchange Carrier, Inc. (EDSC accepts and forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: David Ackerman, GRTI Board of Directors

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Health Care Board of Director's Two (2) Appointments

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MR.

ROBERT L. PABLO

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

MR. MYRON SCHURZ

NEW BUSINESS

*1. Arizona Legislative Session (G&MSC forwards to Council with additional information and to approve the recommendations; NRSC, H&SSC, LSC, ESC, EDSC, & CRSC concur)

Presenters: Public Policy Partners, Office of the General Counsel

ITEM HEARD

2. Financial Literacy (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval; ESC concurs)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Sam Fueller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Board of Directors Declaration of Two (2) Vacancies (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation to declare the vacancies and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCIES AND ADVERTISE FOR 60-DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

4. SAGC Position (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

5. Certification Of Qualifications For The Special 2020 Chief Judge Election

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY QUALIFICATIONS FOR MR. JOSEPH MANUEL




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My Name is JOSEPH MANUEL, I am running for Chief Judge in the Special Election, Saturday, March 14, 2020, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. in Districts 1-7. I am from D3 Sacaton, Gu'u Ki' District. My maternal grandparents the late Frank & Isabel Johnson, my paternal grandparents the late Warren & Liza Manuel, & my parents the late Herman Manuel & Lorraine Johnson were all from Sacaton. I am a full-blooded Pima, an Elder, & I'm in my mid-sixties.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Business Management degree, & a Master's in Business Administration. I retired from Gila River Indian Community 10 years ago, after 30 years of employment. I pride myself with 37 years of Sobriety. As Chief Judge I will manage the Courts effectively, sufficiently, & with Integrity. I believe Judges should remain impartial & not get involved in politics. They should live by Judge's Canon (Code of Conduct). My experience comes from being a Pro Tempore Judge here in the Community, Associate Judge in Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and a Visiting Associate Judge in the Hualapai Tribe.

Early on, I Advocated at various Indian Reservations, The Tohono O'Odham Nation; White Mountain

Apache Tribe; San Carlos Indian Tribe; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Hualapai Tribe; Hopi Tribe; Ak-Chin Indian Tribe; & Fort McDowell Yavapai Apache Tribe. I am a member of the San Carlos Bar. I have been your Lieutenant Governor, D3 Councilman, & have been on various GRIC Boards, such as, 4 River Indian Legal Services; GRTI; GRICUA, WHPDA, the Law Enforcement Commission, & more. I have served as chairman of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association, & have been the Secretary for the Intertribal Council of Arizona. I am married & have been for 30 years. I have 4 boys. I am a Family man.

I have never been Impeached as a sitting Judge. I have never been suspended for actions unbecoming of a Judge. I will never bring disrespect to the Chief Judge position. You've elected & tried my opponent. He promised many positive changes in the past elections. We have seen no changes.

I call upon my Hajun in Districts 1-7, I need your support. With wise wisdom & direction from Our Creator, together we can set the example for Our generation, & Our generations to come. Masapo.



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IFICATIONS FOR MR. ANTHONY HILL [AMENDMENT TO AGENDA]

6. United American Indian Involvement Community Center, February 29, 2020, Los Angeles, CA Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL TO ATTEND MINUTES

1. February 5, 2020 (Regular) MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ IOWA JIMA FLAG RAISING FESTIVITIES, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020 & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

~STACEY ABRAMS VISIT, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020, 11:30 A.M., CCSO CONFERENCE ROOM B&C

~CASA BLANCA SCHOOL OUTREACH, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

~MANDATORY HOT MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

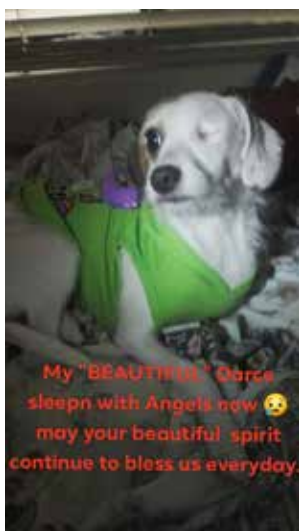
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:14 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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Thank You

Hi my name is Darce, I am 11/2 years old. I was full of life and a lil Gladys at times. But I loved to watch some "tube" with my Nana. My siblings and I were inside furbabies because someone reported we pooped in their yard. Being confined inside all day isn't fun. And one day a worker accidentally let us out. Sadly my Nana found me clinging to life on the road. I'm sorry Nana I can't protect you guys anymore, I've earned my Angel wings. I am writing this because furbabies don't matter to many, but they do to me. Our home is not the same without my "Beautiful." She was our protector and only showed us unconditional love. We all miss her dearly. So please drive safely and slowly down on our roads in the new south housing. Thank you very much. Liz Apodaca



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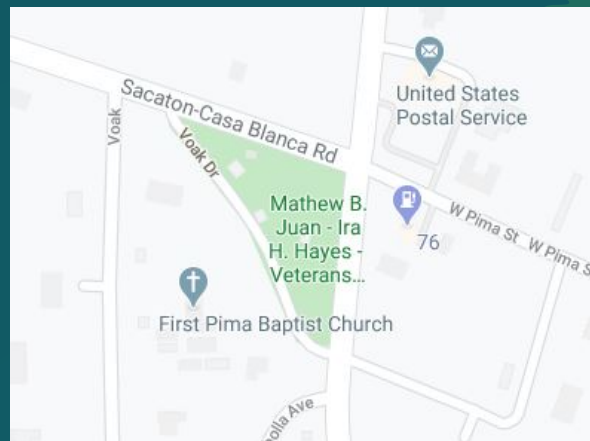


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