Historic USS Arizona flag is displayed throughout GRIC

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Gila River Indian News

Just days ahead of the anniversary that marked our nation’s entry into World War II, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt said it was, “A date which will live in infamy.”

The flag on the USS Arizona, a symbol of the freedoms that Community members and their brothers and sisters in arms across the nation have fought to preserve, was on display in the Community. At the Gila River Indian Community Governance Center Community, veterans and members of Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 came together to honor the Pearl Harbor Memorial Remembrance flag on Nov. 27.

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Student-athlete caps perfect season with championship

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In just their second-year of varsity competition, the Casteele High School Colts capped an undefeated season, topping top-ranked Tucson Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, in the 3A state football championship game on Nov. 27.

A student athlete celebrates perfect season with championship

Malachi Siquieros, defensive end for the Casteele High School Colts football team celebrates during the 3A state football championship game against number 1 ranked Tucson Pusch Ridge Christian Academy on Nov. 27. Casteele won 35-28.

Student athlete caps perfect season with championship

Malachi Siquieros, 71, defensive end for the Casteele High School Colts football team celebrates the 3A Metro All-region team.
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Whitman and Rhodes receive President’s Lifetime Achievement Award

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis awarded two Community veterans for their service across the Gila River Indian Community on behalf of the President of the United States.

“Today is a special day and opportunity to recognize you two for helping your fellow veterans, your brother and sister veterans. I just want to thank you,” said Gov. Lewis.

Wesley Rhodes and Darrell Whitman, who both served with AmeriCorps, received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement award on Nov. 22.

Program Evaluator Leon- ard Bruce with the Office of the Community Manager said, “One of the reasons Darrell and Wesley are receiving the award is because of the tremendous amount of hours and service they have shown through the AmeriCorps Program.”

He said the two have been instrumental in providing mentor- ship to new AmeriCorps members, organizing community vet- erans events, and bringing service men and women together.

Gov. Lewis read a letter of appreciation from the President of the United States, that lauded both of them for their volunteer service and commitment to the Community.

“Your assurance has the continuation of America’s unparalleled commitment to improving the lives of others. You have served as a model of the American spirit,” said the letter.

The letter also stated the award is the nation’s show of appre- ciation for those, “who give so willingly of themselves and their lives for the benefit of others.”

Whitman and Rhodes are no stranger to giving their time and talents for others. Whitman is a veteran of the US Army and Rhodes is a veteran of the Marine Corps.

Gov. Lewis said Whitman and Rhodes have demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership in helping build the AmeriCorps program into a prime example of serving veterans within a tribal community.

Bruce said the recognition comes with another bit of extra news about what Whitman and Rhodes will be doing over the foreseeable future.

“One of the reasons it is also a special occasion is because they have been chosen as Peer Support Specialists for the New Veteran & Family Service Office, based on the three years of service that they have contributed to the advance- ment of veterans and their fami- lies,” he said.

Bruce explained, as Peer Support Specialists, Whitman and Rhodes knowledge and con- nections with Community veter- ans will help to build the VSO into a great foundation for future services and resources to serve Veterans and their families.

Gov. Lewis in response to the success of AmeriCorps praised the work of Employment & Train- ing Director, Lana Chanda and former AmeriCorps Coordinator, Leonard Bruce for developing the program and the implementation of the grant that was awarded to the Community three years ago.

With AmeriCorps receiving another 3-year grant, and members now serving with the Veterans & Family Service Office, Gila River Indian Community can anticipate continued support for veterans and their families for many years to come.

In closing, Governor Lewis declared “What we have is an im- portant duty to serve our veterans and bring services to them that will greatly benefit them and their families.”

Darrell Whitman served in the U.S. Army from 2006-2010 with the 82nd Airborne Division and served two tours of duty during Iraqi Freedom campaigns. Wesley Rhodes served in the United States Marine Corps from 1979 to 1982 and was assigned to a Marine helicopter squadron based out Jacksonville North Carolina and out of Norfolk Virginia.

Rhodes was deployed aboard naval vessels as part of recov- ery efforts of service personnel during times of conflict.

Whitman said despite receiv- ing the award, he and Rhodes are still keeping busy doing what needs to be done for the Ameri- Corps program and Veterans and Family Services department.

Rhodes said, “We were doing what needed to be done, talking with veterans and getting to know their history and listening to the stories that they have to say.”

“Over the last three years the work that we have put into the program has gotten us to where we are now.”

Whitman said awards are a great way of showing how well the program has come, but at- tributed the accomplishment to other program members, who are equally deserving of praise.

“We did not come into this program looking for an award. It was the participation of everyone gathering information from the veterans and trying to get people to make a positive impact on their lives and the Community,” said Whitman.

Darrell Whitman and Wesley Rhodes were honored with the President’s Lifetime Achievement Award. From left, Whitman, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Rhodes.
Football
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progress and with the sea-
son just ending, more acco-
lades should be awarded.
“It’s about self-con-
fidence,” said Siquieros.
“Whatever you want, you
have to go and get it. You
need to have desire and
chase after it. I work on my
craft, work hard every day
trying to get better.”

With two more years
left, Siquieros and the Colts
face a much tougher chal-
lenge heading into next
season. The new school,
without seniors, adds more
to its enrollment each year
and next year will be com-
peting in Class 5A.
“We had the mindset
of being a big school al-
ready,” said Stowers. “We
are ready to achieve at a
higher level and we’ll be
bringing everyone back and
I think we are going to sur-
prise people.”

This season, Casteel
finished 14-0, with five
games coming by nine
points or less. The other
nine games, they won by an
average of 62 points.
Siquieros is the son of
Timothy and Regina Siqui-
eros.
“It’s about represent-
ing,” said Siquieros of be-
ing a GRIC athlete. “Not
many people think we are
able to do much but as long
as you put your mind to it,
you can do whatever you
want. Follow your dreams
and they’ll come true.”

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USS Arizona
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host of the remembrance
flag and allowed Post 84
and other Community vet-
eran groups organized the
posting of the remembrance
flag throughout each of the
Community’s districts.

Through a series of
meetings about how to bring
the remembrance flag to the
Community, HHC Director
Shirley Jackson said the
veterans and American Le-
gion posts helped make the
flag’s journey through the
Community possible.

“Originally we were
approached by the Salt
River Pima-Maricopa Indi-
an Community Huhugam
Ki Museum representative
Thomas Jackson about the
idea of bringing the re-
membrance flag here to the
Community” said Jackson.

HHC held planning
meetings to ensure the flag
was on display in each dis-
trict for those not able to
attend the flag breathing
ceremony on Dec. 6.
Jackson said HHC Mu-
seum Technician 1 Donald
Sabri and Darrell Whit-
man, who serves as the
HHC Liaison to the veter-
an’s population, reached out
to veterans for assistance.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and veterans pose with the flag.

Chief Azul Day
A CELEBRATION DURING THE WINTER SOLSTICE
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Winter Wonderland
MUSIC PROGRAM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017
12:45PM-2:00PM
DISTRICT 5 SERVICE CENTER
3456 W CASA BLANCA RD
BAPCHULE, AZ 85121

INFO: Casa Blanca Community School
520-315-3489
Burglary – A subject broke into 5 buildings at the Gila Crossing Middle School. Several glass door cabinets were shattered and items were strewn on the floor. There were damages to the interior of the building along with miscellaneous items which were stolen from the premises. Evidence was obtained and placed into evidence.
Status: Under Investigation.

District Four (Saticoni Area):

Aggravated Assault – The victim called dispatch to report an aggravated assault. The investigation revealed the victim’s sister used a box cutter to stab/cut the victim causing physical injury to her upper lip and abdomen. The suspect was detained and booked into custody.
Status: Suspect was booked into jail.

Theft – The reporting party and also the victim stated his daughter had sent a family member over to pick up an item while he was out of the residence. It is believed they have taken items which had been sitting in the basket where the keys were located.
Status: Under Investigation.

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft – While at the Wild Horse Pass Casino, the victim had baseball equipment and a cell phone taken. A cell phone was taken and submitted into evidence. Surveillance footage will be reviewed to assist in identifying the suspects.
Status: Under Investigation.

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – The victim and suspect(s) entered the Saks Fifth Ave Off 5th store, located at the Phoenix Premium Outlets, took two pair of flip flops, an outerwear jacket and left the premises in a gray Cadillac sedan. Two pairs of shoes were recovered as the suspect dropped the items as they were fleeing.
Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – The suspect took the victim’s wallet containing several credit cards and then committed fraud by making several purchases with the stolen cards. 
Status: Under Investigation.

District Four (Saticoni Area):

Weapons – The suspect arrived at the victim’s residence armed with a large machete. The victim were not injured and were safely inside the residence. Officers were able to deescalate the situation and took the suspect into custody without injury to himself or others. 
Status: Suspect was arrested.

Incident Log October 29 – November 4, 2017

District Five (Casablanca):

Aggravated Assault – The victim reported a suspect, unknown to the victim, knocked on the door and when the victim opened it the suspect attempted to force entry into the residence. When the suspect resisted the victim stabbed the victim in the leg and then left their foot on the leg. The victim contacted the Gila River Police Department and reported the incident. The victim was medically treated and transported to Gila River Emergency Medical Services to a local hospital for treatment of her non-life threatening injury.
Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Lone Butte / WHP Area. 

Burglary – Suspect entered a storage unit at the Pecos Road U-Haul storage facility and removed hundreds of dollars worth of contents. The victim was in the process of moving and the items had been temporarily placed in the storage unit.
Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Saks Fifth Ave Store and removed several pairs of shoes.
Status: Under investigation.

District Two (Saticoni Flats):

Auto Theft – Suspect(s) trespassed on Ramona Farms property and stole one bales of hay, and other miscellaneous items.
Status: Under investigation.

Incident Log November 5 to November 11, 2017

Gila River Police officer responded to 616 calls for service and made 39 arrests.

District One (Blackwater Area):

Theft – The subject and victim involved in a verbal domestic altercation that escalated and became phys- ical. The suspect placed himself on top of the victim and then placed his hand around the victim’s throat and strangled the victim until he heard officers arrive. The suspect then fled the residence. The victim was medically evaluated by Gila River Emergency Medical Services and refused medical transport to the hospital.
Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) removed a hydro pump to Gila River Emergency Medical Services and refused medical transport to the hospital.
Status: Under investigation.

District Three (Sacaaton):

Aggravated Assault – The victim and suspect(s) entered the Gila River Casino, his generator was taken and then the suspect ran off with the generator into their vehicle.
Status: Under investigation.

District Five (Casablanca):

Rewards – The victim reported that his girlfriend of five months put both hands up and gave her a kiss on the cheek after a lost consciousness during the struggle. The victim left the residence and arrived at the hospital for medical evaluation. The suspect was gone from the residence prior to officer arrival. Photos were taken and submitted into evidence.

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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

Incident Log

October 22 - 28, 2017

Calls for services this week: 57; Arrest made: 65

District One (Blackwater):

No incidents involving part 1 crime.

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime.

District Three (Sacaton):

No incidents involving part 1 crime.

District Four (Saticoni Area):

Theft – Lids Store employee at the Phoenix Premium Outlet called dispatch to report shoplifting. Upon contact with the employee, she stated that a male subject stole a pair of pants and a pair of shoes and left the store. Attempts were made to locate the male around the surrounding stores with negative results.
Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – The victim reported to dispatch that while at the Lone Butte Casino, his generator was taken from the back of his truck. Two males are observed to drive up to the victim’s vehicle and lift the generator into their vehicle and then leave the premises.
Status: Under Investigation.

District Five (Casablanca):

Aggravated Assault – The victim called dispatch to report a verbal alterca- tion between her and the suspect. As she was requesting an officer to their residence the suspect began to follow the victim with a hammer causing the victim to be transported to an area hospital for medical treatment. The suspect was located at the residence where he was detained and taken into custody.
Status: Suspect was booked into jail.

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to Tommy Hilfiger Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in regards to a female suspect tak- ing items from the store. Contact was made with employees who stated the female went into the store and acted as if she was looking at merchandise. The suspect then exited the store causing the security lights to illuminate, indicating she was taking the items without paying. The female did not stop or slow down and attempts were made to locate the female with negative results. Video surveillance will be reviewed to see if any investiga- tive leads are observed.
Status: Under Investigation.

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Status: Under Investigation.
Incident Reports from page 5

Attempts will be made to locate the suspect.

Status: Open Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to Native American - Branch - School to respond to a report of an assault. Investigation revealed the suspect attempted to stab the victim with a kitchen knife after the suspect became upset when the victim tried to wake him up and lift him into bed. The victim sustained a small puncture on his lower abdomen. The suspect admitted to his actions and was booked into JDRS. Photos were taken and submitted into evidence.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into JDRS

The Theft - The suspect was observed taking a laptop top-size object from Sacaton Middle School without permission. The suspect then left the classroom. Officers were contacted by District Three (Sacaton) and warranting officers arrived in reference to shots fired. The caller advised they were tired of the shots being fired in the area. During the investigation, seventy-four rounds were located south of a residence and were placed into evidence for examination.

Status: On-going Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Region)

Shoplifting – Officers responded to Saks Fifth Avenue Off Fifth in reference to a shoplifting. The suspect grabbed items and ran out of the door. Video surveillance and vehicle information were obtained and will be reviewed.

Status: On-going Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a prior assault. Investigation revealed the victim was allegedly assaulted by two female suspects. The victim sustained a large amount of swelling and a laceration above their right eye. The case has been forwarded to Criminal Investigation for further investigation.

Status: On-going Investigation

Burglary – A door to the electrical room in the area of District 6 was damaged when unknown suspects broke the locking mechanism. The door also opened and the suspect(s) paint graffitied onto the walls.

Status: On-going Investigation

Burglary – The victim called dispatch to report a theft. Upon officer arrival, the victim stated that the suspect walked into the parking lot and utilized.

Status: On-going Investigation

Theft – The suspect called dispatch to report a theft. Upon officer arrival contact was made with the suspect who was trimming his bushes in his yard he noticed two bikes which he large seed spreader. Officers were able to develop information upon who may have taken the bike.

Status: On-going Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa)

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to an auto theft. Upon arrival contact was made with a male suspect who stated the vehicle which was taken was his. The victim stated he met his friend in Phoe- nix and invited him to his home to clean himself up. When he went to sleep his friend left a note stating he needed to get the bike and they would return. The suspect failed to return the vehicle.

Status: On-going Investigation

Incident Log

December 12-18, 2017

Calls for services this week: 648, Arrest made: 43

District One (Blackwater): No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats): No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton)

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to Sacaton Super Mart where two suspects possibly shoplifted from the store. Reporting party observed a female suspect, on video surveil-
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**Something to be told or talked about.**

By Billy Allen

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**Youth council president ready to take AOPPYC to new heights**

Newly inaugurated Akimel O’odham-Pee Posh Youth Council President Randel Curran is hoping to bring unity and awareness to the Community in the upcoming year as he serves his term while keeping the Community culture alive.

“Without our language we aren’t really a tribe,” said Curran. “One thing I want to work on is that after every meeting, we try to learn a simple O’otham phrase. I think it’s very important to keep the culture and traditions alive.”

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Governor Stephen Roe Lewis received a certificate of appreciation from Fred Stevens, U.S. Census Bureau Tribal Partnership Specialist. Gov. Lewis was presented the certificate for his continued partnership with the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census. Stevens visited with Gov. Lewis, the Tribal Enrollment Department, Land Use Planning & Zoning, and Office of the General Counsel to start planning for the upcoming census. From left to right, Sheila Riley-White, GRIC Enrollment Director, Fred Stevens, U.S. Census Bureau Tribal Partnership Specialist, Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Kimberly Antone, LUPZ Director, Manuel Johnson, GRIC Intergovernmental Liaison.

Governor Lewis receives certificate of appreciation from U.S. Census Bureau

The Coolidge High School marching band recently finished as state runner-up in the Arizona Marching Band Association. The band had a successful season. Avnet attributed the success to the students’ discipline and focus on technique. The band director, Tyler Avnet, who is in his fourth year, said the band is going through a renaissance, re-establishing themselves as a consistent marching band. The students are well disciplined and stay focused. Avnet said that Aleman, who is an assistant captain of the color guard, was an important thing for the band. The students are ready to travel and meet other bands.

Despite being young and inexperienced, 23 students in their first year of marching band, Coolidge had a successful season. Avnet attributed the success to the students continuing to work hard every time they rehearsed. Also, the students were well disciplined and stayed focused during the two-hour rehearsal practices.

This year Coolidge finished first place at the Sabino High School, Mesquite High School and Sahuarita High School competitions before finishing second at the state 1A competition. Combs High School edged Coolidge, 76.8 to 74.825. The score was an all-time high according to Avnet.

The marching band season starts in May and runs through the summer before ending in late fall. In May, the behind the scenes efforts start, picking out a show that is 7-10 minutes long and picking music for the various band sections. Then a visual program for the color guard and drill movements for the field are formulated. In June, the band attends technique camps and then a band camp just before school starts to practice the full ensemble. They start learning their drill techniques, which this year included 81 different movements, once school starts and use football games as practices, adding on a little more to each game performance.

At the end of September, they start competing the 1A division of the Arizona Marching Band Association. They also attended the Northern Arizona University Band Day, which is not a sanctioned competition. Avnet said that Aleman was an assistant captain of the color guard and because lack of band staff was instrumental in helping lead the color guard practices.

“In a band our size, every musician matters and everyone has to contribute,” said Avnet. The marching band members enjoyed their time and were happy to try something new.

“It has been really fun,” said Tsosie, a senior flute player, of participating in marching band. “There are a lot of great memories like winning first place at our competitions and getting to travel and meet other people.”

Morendo echoed Tsosie with his take with the marching band.

“It was a new experience trying color guard,” said Morendo. “It was fun going to competitions and singing on the bus and meeting a lot of new people.”

Community members help Coolidge Marching Band

Casa Blanca Community School and 21st CCLC After School Program presents

Winter Wonderland

DECEMBER 14, 2017

Thursday, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Activities:
Craft Stations Games Face Painting
Foto-Bot Santa Hot Chocolate
Book Fair Winter Literacy & Math Packets

Dinner:
5:30pm-6:30pm

Raffle:
6:30pm-Must be present to win

3455 W. Casa Blanca Rd. Bapchule, AZ 85121
520-315-3489
Every community has its heroes, and those heroes fill many occupations, whether they are first responders treating the injured at the scene of an accident, or a middle school teacher educating a classroom full of students, they are the people who keep our homes and schools safe.

In the Gila River Indian Community, one individual, who possesses the qualities of a first responder and an educator, was recently recognized for her dedication to the Community’s youth and good works in local schools.

During an impromptu ceremony, Ester Poolaw, Gila River Police Department School Resource Officer, was recognized for her hard work and presented the Governor’s Employee of the Month (GEM) award by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis on Nov. 16.

While handing the award plaque to Poolaw, Gov. Lewis said, “Years from now, what will matter is your influence in our Community and the lives you have touched. I know you do so much for our youth, I have seen it first hand, you are very dedicated,” he said.

Poolaw, who has been a GRPD officer for over nine years and an SRO for seven of those years, said she was shocked and humbled to receive the award.

“In March, I will (have worked) ten years here,” she said. “I love it. I feel part of the Community and I love what I do, working in the schools, teaching our youth how to avoid getting into gangs, the drug scene, youth how to avoid getting into the violence that goes on, in gangs, the drug scene, working with the youth, I have seen it first hand, you are very dedicated,” she said.

According to Gary Anderson, in his letter of support of Poolaw as a candidate for November’s GEM award, said as an SRO she serves three schools and around 800 students in the Community, and he could not think of a candidate more deserving of the award.

In Anderson’s letter, he wrote, “I first met Officer Poolaw last year while hosting ‘Run for the Fallen’ at St. Peter Indian Mission (School). I noticed Officer Poolaw walking a one-mile course for the ‘Fallen’ with the students from St. Peter’s. To see her interact with the children and more importantly the children interacting with her, was a breath of fresh air. To see her participating and walking on the track in full uniform, protective vest and equipment in the hot sun was truly impressive...It is not often that you see these qualities of compassion, and concern while truly caring for our children.”

His letter continued, “Her ability to listen, communicate, and understand the needs of the children is uncanny. Their trust in her is humbling…I am deeply grateful for her service and commitment to our Community’s most natural and important resource, our Children.”

One example of Poolaw’s commitment to the Community’s youth is when she volunteered to chaperone students during their trip to the NASA Robotics and Aviation Camp located in Huntsville, Alabama last July. Just before heading off to camp, while students packed their bags onto the charter bus, Poolaw arrived wearing crutches.

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According to Gary Anderson, in his letter of support of Poolaw as a candidate for November’s GEM award, said as an SRO she serves three schools and around 800 students in the Community, and he could not think of a candidate more deserving of the award.

In Anderson’s letter, he wrote, “I first met Officer Poolaw last year while hosting ‘Run for the Fallen’ at St. Peter Indian Mission (School). I noticed Officer Poolaw walking a one-mile course for the ‘Fallen’ with the students from St. Peter’s. To see her interact with the children and more importantly the children interacting with her, was a breath of fresh air. To see her participating and walking on the track in full uniform, protective vest and equipment in the hot sun was truly impressive...It is not often that you see these qualities of compassion, and concern while truly caring for our children.”

His letter continued, “Her ability to listen, communicate, and understand the needs of the children is uncanny. Their trust in her is humbling…I am deeply grateful for her service and commitment to our Community’s most natural and important resource, our Children.”

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So, next time you see Poolaw, ask her how her hamstring injury is healing, and what new book she is reading this week.

The GEM award is given to GRIC employees who go above and beyond the call of duty to improve the GRIC workplace and Community. The Governor’s Office GEM Committee reviews nominations and those selected receive a commemorative plaque and “certigift” of $200.

To nominate a colleague, fill out a nomination form and send it to employeedevelopment@gricmn.us. Nomination forms are due on the 20th of each month.
Winter Bird Count to be held on Dec. 2, with meeting sites in Districts 5, 6, and 7

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be hosting its annual Winter Bird Count on the morning of Dec. 2 at various locations throughout the Community, followed by cultural activities held at the Huhugam Heritage Center (HHC).

The Winter Bird Count is an event where Community members travel to different locations within the Community to identify, count, and record different species of birds they see during the activity.

Althea Walker, DEQ Outreach Coordinator, said the event is a way to engage the Community to learn about the local environment, the species that live and visit the community, and to experience Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh cultures.

“Birds are indicators in our environment, but also they are part of our culture and our traditions here in the Community,” said Walker. “(The event is about) engaging the Community environmentally, culturally, and bringing us all together... to see parts of the Community that most of us don’t get to see, and seeing birds and other wildlife in their natural setting,” she said.

“I think it is a great experience for all ages no matter if you are a beginner, never done this at all, or are an experienced birder,” she said.

DEQ is asking participants to travel to one of three meeting locations: District 5 at the Casa Blanca Shell Station located at Casa Blanca Road & the I-10, District 6 at the Komatke Chevron Station located at 51st Avenue & Pecos Road, and at District 7’s Service Center located at 83rd Avenue & Baseline Road. Participants are asked to meet at the site closest to them, and arrive by 7 a.m.

Each group will meet at their respective sites, separate into smaller groups, then travel to different areas of the Community where they will start the bird count. All participants will be provided with binoculars, bird books, and expertise to properly spot and record birds.

“We will have staff lead the groups, make sure everyone is comfortable, and make sure everyone has everything they need to observe the birds out in their natural setting,” said Walker.

Additionally, there will be bird counting sites specifically for elders and for those who have mobility issues. These sites are located in District 5 and District 6, and will be easier to access.

Following the bird count, participants will travel to the HHC and take part in cultural activities that range from traditional songs and dances, to a live bird exhibit, and lunch.

“Everybody is welcome and we hope you come out and enjoy this opportunity and engage yourself environmentally, culturally, and get to know more about not only the Winter Bird Count, but the Department of Environmental Quality,” said Walker.

For more information about the Winter Bird Count, contact Althea Walker at (520) 562-2234.

GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017 & DECEMBER 13, 2017
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Please join us for a FREE support group for the Gila River Indian Community

Sponsored by: Red Mountain Behavioral Health Services 480.841.9553
District 4 man seeking donation of gifts for O’Tahom in Mexico

Photo Courtesy of Marshal Suna

The International Pima Delegation is seeking donations of new and unwrapped toys for the O’Tahom of Mexico. The deadline for donations is Dec. 16.

**COURT NOTICE**

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DENTAL SERVICES

1st Appointment: Examine, Evaluate, & Establish Dental Treatment Plan
2nd Appointment: Cleaning, Assessment, & Dental Treatment Begins
3rd Appointment: Treatment Plan Advances to General or Specialty Dentists

- GRHC offers same-day appointments for patients experiencing dental emergencies.
- Every client patient has a treatment plan that is personalized for his or her preventive and restorative dental treatments.
- Treatment plans typically require patients to commit to two to three or more appointments per year.
- Your dental team can address preventive, restorative, or emergent issues during visits, but for optimal results, patients must follow their treatment plan and practice daily dental hygiene.

EMERGENCY DENTAL ISSUES:

- Emergent issues (extreme pain and/or broken/cracked teeth) are deemed a priority and will be addressed first. We offer acute care dental clinics daily.
- Additional general and preventive services identified in the patient’s treatment will be addressed after emergent issues.

DID YOU KNOW...

Parents are their children’s first and most influential teachers. The brain is the least developed organ at birth. 90% of the brain’s growth occurs from zero to five years old. Be baby smart. Visit AZFTEC.org for much more information on baby development, tips, and much more.

CONGRATULATIONS

Joan Lazore, NP, has been awarded the 2018 American Association of Nurse Practitioner for Excellence. This prestigious award is given annually to a dedicated nurse practitioner who demonstrates excellence in their area of practice in each state. Joan will be recognized for her achievement during the 2018 National Conference in Denver, Colorado, in June 2018.

GRHC’S LIFE CENTER POSTER CONTEST WINNERS!

The Life Center is excited to announce the winners of its youth poster contest! The following youth artistically and creatively represented this year’s 29th Annual Gila River Youth Conference theme “How Traditions Can Prevent Diabetes - A Youth Perspective.” Congratulations!

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2017 DECEMBER CALENDAR

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

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GRHC NOTICE

RECORDING, TAPING, PHOTOGRAPHING STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
For patient safety and privacy, patients, visitors, and employees may not photograph or video record at any GRHC facility.

PER GRHC SECURITY POLICY SEC-436.19

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449
This case has been scheduled and pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.G. Duties of Community Board of Directors:

Ak-Chin Indian Community Old Ute Site
4872 W Farrell Rd.
Manitou, AZ 85139

MENUDO CONTEST Testing & Voting
10:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
People’s Choice
$2 Donation (Do not need to be present to win)
Please Bring Your Own Chair
For More Info Call: (520) 568-1049/1038
Email: RAYVOS@AOL.COM

Dance Contest Registration:
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Dance Contest Starts:
5:00 p.m.

Music Provided By:
****

Dance Contest:
Sunday December 10th.
Ak-Chin Indian Community Old Ute Site

Prizes are subject to tax. Everyone Welcome.
This is a drug & Alcohol Free Event.

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GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following vacant Board vacancies:

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Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application, the Financial Disclosure and an Affidavit to the Community Council Secretary’s Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). The Gila River Indian Community Council Secretary’s Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Guu Ki, mailing address: P.O. Box 2139, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone: (520) 562-9720.

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GRIC Human Resources throws “Shake Your Tail Feathers” event for employees

Effective January 02, 2018 to be eligible to obtain a Tribal ID by mail you must have a current photo* and signature on file at the Enrollment Department.  
*photo on file must have the current ID background

Tribal Identification Card Request Form and payment must be submitted with the request.  
Tribal IDs are available to members 18 years of age and older.  
The first Tribal ID is provided at no cost, replacement cards are $8.00.

Community members 55+ receive a card at no cost.

Attention Community Members

Please call or visit the Enrollment Department, if there is a change with any of the following:

• Address  
• Name  
• Marital Status  
• Guardianship/Placement  
• Power of Attorney

The Enrollment Department provides the following services:

• Tribal ID Cards  
• New Enrollment  
• Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)  
• Storage of Original Wills  
• Enrollment Verification for Per Capita  
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The Enrollment Department

529 W. Gila Ul K Rd.  
Sacaton, Arizona 85147  
Phone: (520) 562-9790

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Gila River Indian Community Enrollment Department

Thanksgiving holiday, the Human Resources Department hosted an event called “Shake Your Tail Feathers” filled with games, prizes, and even a turkey costume fashion show inside the Governance Center’s lobby on the morning of Nov. 22.

The event consisted of several games in which teams made up from different departments competed against one another to win prizes like a turkey basket with all the trimmings, and a free pizza party.

Phillip Morris, HR Training Specialist, said there were four games, one of which was called, “Shake Your Tail Feathers,” where employees attached tissue boxes filled with ping pong balls to their “tail feathers” and bounced around to get all the balls out as quickly as possible.

Other events included “Face Float” and “Face the Pie.” In “Face Float,” “You take two feathers and blow them in the air and whoever keeps the two feathers up the longest wins,” said Morris. For “Face the Pie,”

“We filled a pie plate with whip cream, and on one plate (was) written the words ‘winner,’ and whoever cleaned their plate found it. The words (were) super small so you (didn’t) know until you cleaned off your plate,” said Morris.

The final and most anticipated game of the event was “Dress the Turkey,” a game where teams dressed up one of their own members in the most decorative way possible. The winner of the event, GRIC’s Communications and Public Affairs Office, swiftly won the grand prize of the event, which is a free pizza party for all CPAO staff.

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Four (Staton-
ic): No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Four (Lone Butte): Shoplifting – Two suspects took alcohol from the Love’s Truck Stop without paying. A vehicle description and partial license plate was given to officers for follow up.

Status: On-going investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to the Sunglass Hut located at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to the suspect taking a pair of sunglasses. The suspect was contacted and found to have the sunglasses in his possession, which were returned to the store. Charges were submitted to Maricopa County for shoplifting.

Status: Suspect was charged with the theft

Theft – The victim reported her television missing after she woke up from a nap. The victim stated prior to going to her bedroom for a nap, the alleged suspect was asleep on the couch. When the victim woke from her nap the suspect and the television were both gone. The victim stated the alleged suspect has had a history of stealing.

Status: On-going investigation

District Four (Stanton-
ic): No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Four (Lone Butte): Shoplifting – Two female suspects removed items from a clothing rack while in the Tommy Hilfiger Store and placed them into their purses. Both suspects walked out of the store without paying for the items, the suspects were captured on video surveillance as they concealed the items.

Status: On-going investigation

Theft – A black and orange mongoose bike was taken from the 76 Store when the victim entered the store. Upon the victim noticing his bike was missing, police department is currently following up on leads.

Status: On-going investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca): Auto Theft – Suspect stole a maroon dodge neon dy Saturn was stolen while the victim was sleeping. She woke from her nap the suspect and the vehicle were at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to the suspect taking a pair of sunglasses. The suspect was contacted and found to have the sunglasses in his possession, which were returned to the store. Charges were submitted to Maricopa County for shoplifting.

Status: Suspect was charged with the theft

Theft; police are currently following up on leads.

District Six (Komatke): Auto Theft – A burgundy Saturn was stolen while at the Vee Quiva Casino. Upon making contact with the victim we were advised she wished to report the vehicle stolen. The vehicle was entered as stolen in NCIC and is still outstanding.

Status: On-going investigation

District Seven (Maricopa): No incidents involving part 1 crime
Indigenous Day of Health held at the University of Arizona

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

American Indian stu-
dents came out to talk about Indigenous health at the public health college in Tucson.
The Indigenous Day of Health event was hosted by the American Indian & Indigenous Health Alliance at the University of Arizona on Nov. 15.

This year’s theme, “Achieving cultural empowerment through health and wellness,” brought together students, faculty and notable public figures in Indian Country to discuss how Natives can improve their health.

The co-creators of Wellness for Culture, Chelsea Luger and Thosh Collins, talked about how their health initiative focuses on indigenous diets and exercises.

According to her biography, Collins, “Draws strength and motivation from the spiritual cultural practices of our (Akimel O’otham) people, and recognizes the inherent physical durability embodied by them.”

During their presentation, Luger and Collins talked about the historical health of Native people, especially of the tribal communities they represent.

Collins said that Native people have always had a natural gift for being athletic through the implementation of cultural activities that took place before European contact.

“To reclaim our health is to reclaim our identity,” said Collins, when talking about the incorporation of traditional foods in Native people’s diets.

He said when tribes think of nation building, it also should include health as part of bringing back the cultural identity of the people.

A large part of Luger and Collins initiative is to promote healthy lifestyles and the incorporation of indigenous foods through several modalities that touch on mental, physical, emotional and spiritual wellness.

The pair, also touched on the active part of their initiative, which covers functional movement training and patterns that increase the mobility of an individual.

They incorporated terms like, “Rez” and “Earth” gyms, which are used to describe a how physical fitness can be perceived as a simple setup, workout stations at home or utilizing nature as place to be active, that even means returning to traditional activities.

Both Luger and Collins agree, that simply turning the light on when it comes to changing behaviors to being healthy and well is not an easy transition.

They said that it can be accomplished by understanding that physical wellness is a present way of life that does not have to be looked back on as [was], but [is] a part of tribal communities today.

Afterwards there was a panel of Native public health students and a medical student, who are pursuing their master’s degree, completing their doctoral program or starting a medical program.

One of the panelists, Aaron Bia, from the Navajo Nation, who is a medical student at U of A, talked about what wellness means to him.

“That’s why I try to connect with different people and say why, and I think the most important question is ‘why do you want to be healthy?’”
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HAPPY Holidays!

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Monday, December 25th - Closed
GRTI will reopen Tuesday, December 26th

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November 1st - December 9th, 2017

Toy Drop off Locations:

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Fire Station 423 - 599 East Seedfarm Rd. Sacaton, AZ  520-796-4580

Fire Station 429 - 5002 North Maricopa Rd. Chandler AZ  520-796-5900

Fire Station 421 - 829 Blackwater School Rd. Coolidge AZ  520-796-4510

Gila River Indian Utility Authority - 6640 W. Sundust Rd. Ste. 5091 Chandler 520-796-0600

Gila River Police Department - 639 W. Seed Farm Rd. Sacaton, AZ  85147

All collected gifts directly benefit underprivileged youth of Gila River Indian Community
A partnership between Gila River Indian Community Fire Department & Police Department.

For more information or drop off locations, please contact:
Allie Walking Badger, Special Events Coordinator at 520-562-9713/520-610-3734 or special.events@gric.nsn.us