Arizona Water Settlement Act celebrated at Water Rights Day in Sacaton

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The Gila River Indian Community commemorated their historic Water Rights Settlement with a community celebration at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds on Dec. 9, a day before the official holiday.

December 10 has been made an official GRIC holiday to honor the Arizona Water Settlements Act, which was signed by former President George W. Bush in 2004.

“We are all connected to our water, our shudag,” Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said during his opening remarks. “I was taught that we stand on the shoulders of the leaders and elders who have gone before us. It’s been over 13 years since the ratification of the Arizona water settlement. It’s due to the past leaders that we are here celebrating.”

Former leaders, Governor Donald Antone, Sr., Governor Richard Narcia, Lt. Governor Cecil Antone, were among those in attendance who were instrumental in the fight to regain water. Current councilmembers, Joey Whitman (District 1), Carol Schurz (District 2), and Lt. Governor-elect Robert Stone (District 5) were also in attendance.

Also, showing their support with attendance was Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President, Delbert Ray, Sr., Ak-Chin Community Chairman, Robert Miguel and Toho-no O’otham Chairman, Edward Manuel.

“All of the O’otham tribes understand the importance of our shudag,” said Gov. Lewis. “Ak-Chin and Salt River were one of the first ones to regain their water rights and set the standard for all water rights since then, so we really thank them for their presence being here and celebrating our annual water rights celebration.”

The day began with the posting of the colors by Haskell Osife-Antone Post #51 followed by the singing of the national anthem in both traditional O’otham, by St. Peter Mission students, and English by Devin Pablo.

Councilman Stone offered a traditional blessing before the O’otham singers and runners arrived with a gourd filled with water that was collected from the Gila River at the Managed Aquifer Recharge 5 site. After each runner shook hands with Gov. Stone, the Community celebrated their historic Water Rights Settlement with a community event at the fairgrounds. After the opening remarks, the community celebrated with a gourd of water collected from the Gila River at the Managed Aquifer Recharge 5 site in honor of the Water Rights Day celebration, held at the Sacaton Fairgrounds in District 3 on Dec. 9.

Tribal leaders greet runners who carried a gourd of water collected from the Gila River at the Managed Aquifer Recharge 5 site in honor of the Water Rights Day celebration held at the Sacaton Fairgrounds in District 3 on Dec. 9.

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Christmas cheer arrives at River of Lights parade

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GRIC departments and programs decorated tribal vehicles with Christmas decorations for the River of Lights parade.

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Santa Claus did not disappoint, as the holiday season was ushered in with the annual River of Lights held on Dec. 1. This year’s theme, “Christmas in the Desert” was a festive evening filled with floats twinkling in the glow of Christmas lights and carols. Afterwards, a Huhugam Heritage Center sponsored First Friday event took place at the Ira H. Hayes/Matthew B. Juan park in Sacaton.

There, an artisans market was held with vendors displaying their wares. The community came together to celebrate the holiday season with music, carols, and the River of Lights parade.

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Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejects GRIC’s challenge to the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway

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San Francisco, CA – On December 8, 2017, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the District Court’s ruling permitting the South Mountain Freeway to proceed. The appellate panel concluded that the Federal Highway Administration and the Arizona Department of Transportation had not violated federal law in evaluating and planning the Freeway, despite challenges by the Gila River Indian Community and local groups and residents, who argued that the agencies had predetermined their desired outcome, failed to conduct a proper analysis of the project’s adverse effects, and improperly rejected the no-build option despite the admitted absence of significant benefits from the proposed highway.

The Community had sought a reversal of the District Court’s prior judgment because the South Mountain Freeway would destroy a portion of South Mountain, which is one of the Community’s most cherished and sacred sites, and harm other sites with deep religious and cultural significance to the Community.

The Community is disappointed by the Ninth Circuit’s ruling and is currently considering its options for further court review.

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wishes you a

Happy Holiday Season

and a

Happy New Year!
Community pays respect to flag at Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

“Have this flag brought to the Gila River Indian Community is a wonderful opportunity for the Community. Thomas Jackson was instrumental in helping bring this flag to the Community and is one of the few members at the Huhugam Ki Museum that are responsible for taking care of this flag,” said Hill.

HHC Director Shirley Jackson said, “Caring for this flag has been an incredible experience for the staff and I. It has been a pleasure to work with the veterans’ groups as they were the ultimate planners and directors of what you see today.”

“It was at times a very moving experience. I like to thank all those veteran’s groups that took care of the flag and standing watch over it,” said Jackson.

She said at times it was a very solemn occasion as the flag went to each district.

“I would also like to thank the American Legion Post 114 Bushmasters of SRPMIC who are the recipients of this flag and allowing it to have it in Gila River this year,” said Jackson. She said there were many to thank like the Huhugam Ki museum in SRPMIC and Gary Owens and the collections manager Thomas Jackson, who cares for the flag.

She said working with them has definitely solidified the HHC’s relationship with Huhugam Ki museum, which has also bolstered relationships with other O’otham museums on the Tohono O’odham Nation and Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Governor Lewis said the event “Is another example of the heroism of our Community members, so again it’s an honor to stand before you to welcome you to begin this solemn, but also very important ceremony that we are marking, moving forward. We are moving forward to a better tomorrow as we never forget the history, the sacrifice of our veterans.”

Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Veterans unfurl the memorial flag from the USS Arizona Memorial for the Flag Breathing Ceremony and military honors at Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on Dec. 6 at the Huhugam Heritage Center.

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Veterans came out to recognize the nations symbol of patriotism and sacrifice at a special ceremony at the Community’s cultural center.

On a chilly morning at the Huhugam Heritage Center, veterans mustered in to salute and pay tribute to service men and women, who gave their lives 76 years ago on December 7, 1941 during the attack on Pearl Harbor at a special flag breaching ceremony on Dec. 6.

This was the first time a piece of living history was brought to the Community with the help of many of the Community’s veteran groups and associations, who steadfast in bringing the Pearl Harbor memorial flag to the Community.

For the past two weeks the flag has made its way through each of the Community’s districts for members and veterans to view before it returned back to the Huhugam Ki museum on the Salt-River Pima Maricopa Indian Community.

It’s looking back at all of those men and women veterans who we are standing on the shoulders of, making a better community...making a better country,” he said.

American Legion Post 114 “Bushmasters,” Commander Darrell Hills, said through a series of requests the post was able to receive the flag in coordination with the National Parks Service at the memorial site in 2007.

“It hits you...there’s a feeling there that you know they’re there greeting you,” said Hill. “We gave a salute to all of the service members that lost their lives on the USS Arizona, those 1,177 that gave their lives.”

He said a special tribute was given to those that perished from the attack aboard the USS Arizona and then retrieved the flag from a group of Pearl Harbor survivors, which was taken back to SRPMIC.

After the guest speaker’s remarks it was time to unfold the remembrance flag, which was performed by members of the various veterans and public safety color guard members that were on hand to unfold the flag.

The flag would later be pointed in several directions and given a proper salute in a tribute to those that have given their lives to defend the nation and for those that are currently serving in harm’s way.

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The Coolidge High School Bears boys’ basketball team is preparing to make big strides this season in Class 3A. With the addition of District 3 Community member, Nicholas Harrison, the Bears could be a threat, hoping to continue on the foundation of last year’s trip to the playoffs. Just a freshman, Harrison made the varsity team and is the first player off the bench for the Bears but once he’s on the court, the sharp-shooter hardly steps off.

“He’s the best shooter in the program right now,” said Coolidge High School basketball head coach, Christopher Leman. “We needed that in our offense to really space the floor. He has fit right in. His job has been easy. He’s standing out there and shooting whenever we kick it to him.”

Leman had seen Harrison play during middle school and knew that he was getting a great player. Although the team is capitalizing on Harrison’s shooting, Leman says that he isn’t just a shooter. Leman said that Harrison has a high motor and often times wins team sprints in practice.

“He has a good feel for the game,” said Leman. “He rebounds well, his timing is well and he has great hands. I watched him last year at the middle school and he seemed like he had the experience. He hasn’t shied away from the competition.”

As of press time, the Coolidge Bears are 3-0 early this season. Through the first three games, Harrison has scored in double-digits each game, including a 22-point outing, where he hit six three-pointers. Although Harrison has been a proven scorer, there is still more development for the young player. Tightening his ball handling, getting his feet set and doing the little things to maintain his consistent shot, limiting turnovers and gelling with his teammates are some things his coach feels he can improve on but most will come naturally as the season progresses.

The goals for the Bears are to win the 3A Central region, host a first-round playoff game and make a run in the playoffs. Standing in the way of the regional crown could be nearby rival, the Florence Gophers, the Globe High School Tigers, which has one of the state’s top scorers and who knocked them out of the playoffs last season, and American Leadership Academy, a team the Bears have yet to defeat. Coolidge did make the playoffs for the first time in ten years last season. A team with 10 seniors, is hoping to build on last season and advance further this season. Harrison is going to be a big addition to help the Bears’ achieve their goals.

Despite having an immediate impact so far, Harrison’s role has changed from years past where he had been relied on to score 30 or 40 points a game. Harrison’s role has changed from years past where he had been relied on to score 30 or 40 points a game. Now, Harrison is part of a complete offense with upper class teammates. “We have started off with a good start and we are getting to know each other as a family,” said Harrison about the season. “It’s been fun and competitive so far. I want to represent my community and play the game that I love.”

Harrison’s basketball skills are not the only thing that has impressed his coach so far. “He’s been an outstanding student with excellent grades,” said Leman. “He is a very humble, hard-working kid. Everything is ‘yes sir’ and ‘no sir’, he is a very respectable kid and we are very happy to have him here.”
Incident Log
November 24-25, 2017
Calls for services this week: 652, Arrest made: 62

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence where the victim stated that he was attacked by two males who ran off after pushing a male victim into a barbed wire fence. The victim stated that he was not stabbed due to his five year old son stepping in between him and the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody after a short struggle, and was then booked into jail.

Status: Suspect arrested

Weapon – Officers were dispatched to a shots fired call in the neighborhood. Upon arrival officers contacted the suspect who denied shooting a gun. During the course of the investigation, the suspect admitted to shooting a gun (22gk .40 caliber) while getting at his residence. The weapon was located unsecured with one bullet in the chamber and five live rounds in the magazine. The suspect was arrested for evidence of self-defense.

Charges were forwarded to law enforcement for misconduct involving weapons.

Status: Charges Forwarded

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The victim called dispatch requesting officers to their residence in reference to an adult male in domestic altercation. The investigation revealed the suspect began to physically assault the victim by punch- ing and choking the victim. The victim was treated for injuries sustained during the altercation. The suspect left the residence prior to officer arrival, but was later located and taken into custody.

Status: Suspect arrested

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to the Safeway located on the corner of Tombstone and Tanquary in reference to shoplifting. The investigation revealed, a male suspect walked into the store, removed two packs of kool kid. The sub- ject then concealed them on his person and ran past the point of sale. A still photo was observed and video surveillance will be viewed in order to provide evidence for the identification of the suspect.

Status: Open Investigation

Weapon – Officers were dispatched to the area of Calendar Circle and Sacaton Rd in reference to a male to possibly possession of a weapon. Contact was made with the suspect, who admitted that he was intoxicated and did get into an altercation with people while consuming a weapon. Further into the investiga- tion, the suspect stated he had drove the weapon, and that it was “dirty” due to the serial numbers being defaced. The suspect had prior criminal convictions and was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect arrested

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Theft – The victim re- ported items missing from her residence. The victim stated a male, whom she only had a first name for, may have taken them. Af- ter getting serial numbers for the computer the victim was not contacted and a report was generated. The computer was entered into the National Crime Information Center as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Shoplifting – A pair of Oakley Sunglasses were taken from the Sunglass Hut Store located at the Phoenix Premium Outlet. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival due to the victim in reference to the incident. The video surveil- lance was reviewed identified indi- viduals shoplifting on sunglasses and then putting them in his pocket and leaving the store with- out paying for the items. Attempts were made to lo- cate the suspects, yielding in negative results.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to the Tommy Hilfiger Store in reference to a male tak- ing two pieces of cloth- ing without paying for the items. The investigation revealed that the suspect walked around the store while making contact with the staff. A short time later the employee suspected the bag and walked out of the store. Staff noticed two items were missing from the closet of clothing and the suspect had in his hands. Video surveillance was reviewed and the suspect was identified and was led through a staff member that went to school with the suspect.

Status: On-Going Investigation

District Five (Cas- a-icopa):

Aggravated Assault– Officers were dispatched to the Arizona General Hospital in reference to an assault which was to have occurred at the Vee Qua Casino. During the inves- tigation it was discovered the victim’s girlfriend’s son was accused of stabbing the victim sustained facial frac- tures with a possibility of a needed surgery to repair the position of the victim’s eye.

Status: On-going Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to Vee Quiva in reference to a theft. Investi- gation revealed the suspect was parked by the main en- trance to the store with large bags on his person. The victim had a large metal cylinder acetylene/ oxygen tanks from the room which was not located. The suspect was cited and released.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven Service Center)

Theft – The suspect committed shoplifting invol- ving weapons and negli- gent discharge of a deadly weapon. The suspect was arrested and was taken into evidence.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven – (Mar- icopa):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the United States Post Office in reference to a person who was stabbed and has ties to the community. The suspect was located at their resi- dence where the suspect chased the mailman with a large knife causing the seri- ous bodily injury. A follow up will be conducted due to the victim being in emer- gency surgery.

Status: On-going investigation

Incident Log
November 26-Decem- ber 2

Calls for services this week: 602, Arrest made: 36

District One (Blackwater):

Burglary – The suspect broke into a local business and stole cellular phones, and was arrested at the scene. The suspect was arrested.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – The suspect was arrested and later released with a crim- inal citation for shoplifting from the Phoenix Premium Outlet. After investigation revealed the suspect stole a pair of jeans from the store and took off running through the desert where he was later caught after a foot pursuit. Asset protection personnel observed a suspect when he admitted he stole the pair of pants and apologized.

Status: Suspect cited and released

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to a theft of a bicycle. Investiga- tion revealed the suspect entered casino property on foot and took off running directly to a bike rack, observed one of the bikes not to be secured, got on the bike and left the property. Video surveil- lance is being reviewed.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five- (Cas- a-icopa):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were called to a residence in which the suspect struck the victim several times in the head, causing a bleed to her nose and jaw. The suspect also had valid warrants for his arrest and had a baggie of green leafy substance on their person. The victim was transported to an area hospital for看护 injuries to include a broken nose and a fractured jaw.

Status: Valentino Lew- is was booked into jail

District Six – (Komat- te):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Seven (Mar- icopa):

Aggravated Assault – The victim was attacked by a known individual on the back with a shower curtain pole at their residence. In addition to hitting the victim with the pole the suspect pushed the victim to the ground caus- ing the victim to twist her lower extremities causing a seri- ous bodily injury. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival and was not located. Charges are being forwarded to law office for review.

Status: Charges Forwarded

District Seven – (Sto- tonic Area):

In the course of a Part 1 crime

District Seven – (Mar- icopa):

Theft – The victim re- ported that his wallet was stolen from him at the District Seven Service Cen- ter and his bank card had been used.

Status: Under Investigation

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Entrance Fee Increase at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

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COOLIDGE, AZ – Casa Grande Ruins National Monument announced that, effective January 1, 2018, the monument’s entrance fee will increase. The increase comes after extensive civic engagement from September 21 to October 22, 2017, and support from federal, state and county stakeholders. Outreach included scheduled questions and answer meetings, three local community events, print media, and social media. Generally, the public was in support of the fee increase.

Under the authority of Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), Casa Grande Ruins National Monument retains 100% of the recreation fees collected at the monument. Entrance fee revenues have provided funding for several projects at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, all of which have focused on improvements to visitor services, visitor facilities, or visitor safety. Past examples include construction of the new theater at the monument visitor center, repaving the visitor center parking area, producing a new park film, a ruins stabilization and preservation program, and new wayside exhibits, which are used by visitors to the monument every day.

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument currently charges a per person entrance fee of $5.00 for adults, ages 16 and over, for a 7-day pass. The new entrance fee, beginning January 1, 2018, will be $10.00 ($10.00) per person, age 16 or older, for a 7-day pass. Prices of interagency passes (https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm) will not be affected and holders of these passes will still receive free entry into the monument.

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument protects the multi-story Great House (Casa Grande) and the remnants of other ancient structures built by the Ancestral Sonoran Desert People over 800 years ago. Established as the nation’s first federal archeological reserve in 1892, the Ruins sparked the beginning of the archeological preservation movement in America. The monument is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., October through April, except for the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Independence Day holidays, when the monument is closed. Directions and additional information are available on the monument’s website (http://www.nps.gov/cagr). You may call (520) 723-3172, or follow us on Facebook by searching for Casa Grande Ruins National Monument.
Water Rights Day
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Lewis, he proceeded with his opening speech.

“After over 100 years of fighting we have finally gotten our water rights back,” Gov. Lewis said. “But still in this changing time, we see challenges to our water. It is important that each and everyone one of us start to learn about our water history. We start to teach our children in the schools. This is an ongoing reverence for what we hold as sacred. That is why we are here today. That is why we are here celebrating the return of our water but also we are recommitting ourselves to the struggle.”

Following the Governor, the audience was presented a video that went over the history and struggle of the Gila River Indian Community’s fight to regain their water rights. The video featured speeches from former Governors and Lt. Governors from the inaugural Water Rights Celebration. As well as outlining the community’s water plans to maintain and use the water from the Central Arizona Project to farm the land, like the Huhugam ancestors.

Following the video presentation, David DeJong, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project (P-MIP) Director, gave a speech connecting the history of the water rights struggle to the present and the future.

DeJong also went into the history of the P-MIP development after the settlement. “P-MIP is helping the community put its water, hard-earned water, that Governor mentioned was a fight that took more than 100 years to bring back, to beneficial use,” DeJong said. “The challenge always remained that non-tribal water users continued to use water that rightfully and legally belonged to the Gila River Indian Community.”

DeJong discussed the Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh history of farming and then diversions that caused the community droughts. He also discussed failed irrigation projects that was supposed to bring water back to the community. At the hearing for the Central Arizona Project, former Governor David Johnson attended to let it be known that the Gila River Indian Community was interested in water from that project. GRIC has always been present in the CAP from the very beginning.

Recently, the Pima Canal was completed a few years ago and is a state-of-the-art system that brings water to the community. GRIC is the first tribal nation to put a canal system under tribal control. In 2016, the Casa Blanca canal started construction, which is important because the 16-mile long canal will be the backbone of the community canal system.

DeJong discussed future projects of P-MIP to bring more than just an irrigation system to the community. The goal is more than economic profits for the community, it’s to use water in a way that is culturally meaningful but also to restore the natural agriculture.

Also, giving a youth perspective of the Water Rights Settlement was Miss Gila River, Anissa Garcia, who was accompanied by Mr. Miss Gila River, Hai-li Gonzales. Garcia urged her peers to pursue an education in fields that would benefit the community’s continued protection and beneficial use of the water rights settlement.

Gifts were presented to former Governors and other leadership, who helped with the pursuit of the water rights settlement as well as key dignitaries from the sister O’otham tribes.

A lunch was provided to those in attendance and traditional dancing took place before Gov. Lewis gave the closing remarks to end the day’s celebration.

The A’chim Ali’ Basket Dancers perform in honor of GRIC’s water rights. The celebration, held Dec. 9, featured speakers, gift presentations and information on the historic water settlement.

**S-ko:mag Mashath Match the O’otham desert plant name with its holiday picture!**

- **i’ibai**
- **gäshäh**
- **vopotham sha’i klishmas kwi**
- **a’aj nav**
- **melok**
- **vopotham sha’i gev otham**
- **hevhothakud**

**S-ko:mag Mashath**

S-ko:mag Mashath means the “gray/brown month” in our Akimel O’otham Noek, and refers to the desert plants that grow dormant during the winter months. This annual occurrence leaves our jeved various shades of s-ko:mag, (gray and brown). When rainy weather approaches this makes for gray cloud covered skies, and with the rise in moisture this makes the Thothoa’ag appear misty and grey. Chev S-koma (San Tan Mountain) takes its name from the description of being tall and grey. Most of Chev S-koma is composed of mica schist which gives the majority of the thor’aag a grey appearance. As we swing into the thick of the holiday season in the days ahead, we balance work, school, home-life, and especially decorating our homes for the big days ahead. As we travel through town we see parking lot after parking lot encouraging us to stop and buy a Christmas tree. I remember when O’otham are used to think outside the box when it came to decorating for the holidays. One innovative family used a branch of kuch’ehethag (palo verde) tree that was shaped into a Christmas tree as their holiday tree. Another family used a dried hashdadham (tubby-bear cholla) cactus plant skeleton that was spray painted white and hung with ornaments and beaded garlands. As we travel around the valleys we see how other people have adapted to using desert plants as a base to decorate their yards. A few desert plants used for the holidays include dried vopotham sha’i (common tumbleweed), hashah (saguaro cactus), melok (coco-tillo), and hevhothakud (desert fan-palm). One desert cactus that is associated with the holidays is a’aj nav (Christmas cholla) this due to the fact that it bears fruit during this time of year. This month’s word match will focus on desert plants used as holiday decorations. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives. We also encourage you to think outside the box when it comes to decorating for the holidays. From all of our families here at your Huhugam Heritage Center, we wish all of our naanipaich and hahajut a “S-hek’igk Joosh Ali’ihag Maxig Thash ch heg Yechi’ Atthagh”
Diamondbacks MVP Awards show held at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino

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The red carpet was rolled out at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino on Thursday night, Nov. 30 as the Arizona Diamondbacks recognized their corporate sponsors with the 7th annual D-Backs Most Valuable Partner Awards. The event was formatted in a late-night talk show style with Arizona Diamondbacks Chief Executive Officer, Derrick Hall, playing host. Diamondback players, past and present, were on hand to present the awards to the partners including: Luis Gonzales, Chris Owings, Daniel Descalso, Braden Shipley, Jimmie Sherfy, Willie Bloomquist and Randy Johnson.

Award categories were Multi-Cultural, Luis Gonzales Community Champion, Brand Integration, D-Backs Ambassador, Marketing Activation, Fans’ Choice, Rookie of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, MVP, Silver Slugger and the MVP, Golden Glove.

The Gila River Hotels and Casinos were up for two awards including the Ambassador Award and the MVP, Golden Glove Award. They ended up winning the coveted Golden Glove Award for their work in the community and also within the Diamondbacks organization.

“We are very proud and excited to host this event,” said Gila River Gaming Enterprises CEO, Kenneth Manuel. “This award is fantastic and demonstrates what we do not just for Gila River Gaming Enterprises (GRGE) but also highlights our partnership with the Arizona Diamondbacks. Partner means we work hand-in-hand in a lot of different endeavors. The advertising is impactful to our business and gets out our brand.”

Gila River Hotels and Casinos sponsored Native American Recognition Day at a Diamondbacks game which included drum groups, hoop dancers, vocalists and tribal royalties. The recognition day, is the only Native American sponsored event in Major League Baseball. GRGE and the Arizona Diamondbacks also come together to sponsor the Inter-Tribal youth baseball tournament, which brings in Native American teams from all over the country.

They also were presenting partners for the pool towel and Arizona flag hat giveaways. GRGE also continuously sponsors the game night promotion and kiss-cam during baseball games. “Gila River Hotel and Casinos) is unbelievable and that is why you won the Golden Glove. You should be proud and we are too,” said Hall. “We are so proud of your history, tradition and heritage. We thank you for letting us host the Native American recognition game and also the inter-tribal tournament, it is the only one of its kind and to have so many kids from many states and tribes to come play here and then we get to share that with our fans.”

Gila River Hotel and Casinos has been a corporate partner of the Arizona Diamondbacks from the beginning of the organization’s founding, one of the 12 original partnerships. With the partnership, GRGE is able to maximize its advertising efforts, which this past season focused on the launch of the new rewards card for Gila River Casinos which included, digital signage at Chase Field, the LED rotator, e-blasts to the D-Back’s database, and having the D-Backs tagging Gila River Hotels and Casinos on social media.

“What makes it so special is the longevity of the partnership, we’ve been there since day one,” Manuel said when asked what makes the partnership special. “They’ve been a very active partner, not just with Gila River Gaming Enterprises, but with the Gila River Indian Community as well. Our kids from the Gila River Indian Community participate in clinics throughout the year and it’s something they are always going to remember and we are proud to be a part of that.”

The GRGE Public Relations Department coordinates three kid’s clinics for the Gila River Indian Community. One clinic is held at Chase Field while the other two are held in the community districts. Each clinic helps introduce the 100 participants to the game of baseball and teaches them the fundamentals as well as sportsmanship.

On hand to accept the award for GRGE was Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Corporate Vice-President of GRGE, David Baggerly, Director of Player Development and Cyndee Fergensen, Corporate Media and Advertising Manager. In the past, the GRGE has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award (2011) and a previous Golden Glove Award in 2013.

Parade

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filled to the brim with those looking to check off that special someone on their Christmas shopping list, as well as musical entertain-

From L-R: Former World Series Champion and member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame Randy Johnson, Dominic Orozco and Kenneth Manuel, Gila River Gaming Enterprises CEO, pose after the Arizona Diamondbacks MVP banquet.

Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN
ASU’s Indian Legal Program hosts panel on climate impacts on tribal heritage

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was part of a panel at Arizona State University discussing Climate Justice and how it affects Indian Communities.

On the eve of the community Water Rights Day celebration, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was invited to be on a panel at Arizona State University discussing climate justice as part of a conference sponsored by Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law’s Indian Legal Program with the topic “Cultures Under Water: Climate Impacts on Tribal Cultural Heritage.”

Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, Faculty Director of the Indian Legal Program, Brenda Ekweuzor, Director of Climate Science, Union of Concerned Scientists, Robert Hershey, Professor Emeritus, Indigenous Law and Policy Program at the University of Arizona and Tom Goldtooth, Executive Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network joined Gov. Lewis on the panel.

The panel focused on the issues of climate justice in Native American communities throughout the United States and Canada. Each panelist brought their area of expertise to show how climate change is having many negative effects on Native American communities.

“It was great to be a part of a panel with the subject matter experts, top activists, scientists and attorneys,” said Gov. Lewis of the opportunity to be on the panel. “It was great for Gila River to tell our story on this panel that really enforced all of these critical issues addressing climate change and climate adaptation that this whole conference is focusing on.”

Climate change has an effect on Native American communities in a variety of ways. In the Gila River Indian Community, the obvious change comes in the lack of water available, something completely different from the days of the GRIC ancestors.

Before the success of the Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Gov. Lewis pointed out to the audience that GRIC members were humble people earning their living as farmers. Stating that the Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh people have always had a connection to the land, not just the modern-day reservation but to the indigenous homeland.

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The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be playing a big role moving forward as GRIC addresses climate change issues. Air quality is also something that Gov. Lewis said needs to be addressed sooner rather than later.

“We have so many resources across the community,” said Gov. Lewis. “We need to bring all of our assets across the community together to address these issues and work collectively together to start to look at solutions and look at a plan for the future.”

The panel all believe that the necessary adaptation and changes will start with the community youth. They believe that the youth should continue to attend school and get the proper education needed to come back to their communities and address the many issues facing Indian country.
Record number of volunteers turnout to wrap donated presents for GRIC children

Volunteers wrap presents at the Huhugam Heritage Center for the GRIC Christmas Toy Drive on Dec. 8.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Christmas is all about the spirit of giving and thanks to the altruistic efforts of the Gila River Fire Department, Gila River Police Department, Gila River Gaming Enterprise, and Gila River Indian Community governmental departments including Tribal Social Services, as well as numerous private toy donations, over 500 underprivileged children will be opening presents on Christmas Day. Every year the GRIC Toy Drive holds a Christmas present wrapping party where volunteers wrap hundreds of presents. Shannon Redbird, GRIC Communications and Public Affairs Office’s Community Relations, said this year they held the wrapping party at the Huhugam Heritage Center on Dec. 8, where they saw a record number of volunteers come out to help wrap presents.

“We had a great turnout from different departments,” said Redbird. “Around 70 people volunteered, with big groups coming from the casino and Tribal Gaming Office.”

She said the volunteers wrapped over 800 presents and while wrapping usually takes all day, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., this year, due to a good turnout, wrapping wrapped up around 1 p.m. “I want to thank all who came out to donate their time to benefit the kids,” Redbird said. “Everyone came together for a good cause.”

This year’s GRIC Toy Drive collected donated toys from Nov 1 – Dec. 9. The effort was a joint sponsorship between the GRFD and GRPD, and received assistance from many different tribal government departments, local organizations, and enterprises that distributed the work amongst themselves. The children, who range in ages from infants to 18-years-old, will receive their presents at a Christmas party later this month.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICES OFFERED ALSO AT KHC

Gila River Health Care to expand and offer alternative medical therapies which include massage, chiropractic, and acupuncture services for GRIC members only. Services are currently offered at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital and will soon be provided at the KHC Campus in the Shegoi Building. To schedule your appointment and receive services at the KHC location, call (520) 562-1219 or visit GRHC.ORG/app.

IMPORTANT PATIENT NOTICE

The Food and Drug Administration has recently reported instances of controlled drug shortages. In Arizona, the narcotic Dilaudid prescribed to treat pain has been unavailable for several weeks. While we cannot speculate the cause of the shortages, Gila River Health Care is deeply concerned with our patients’ wellbeing and ability to obtain medications needed for pain. Your medical provider will evaluate alternatives for pain management during this shortage.

NOW RECRUITING!

The AmeriCorps Program is currently seeking motivated individuals to serve Gila River Veterans and the Environment in full or part time service opportunities.

Applications are available at Gila River AmeriCorps Office 291 W. Casa Blanca Rd., Sacaton, AZ.

For more information contact: Gila River AmeriCorps (520) 562-6221

Thoughts and ideas on the environment and ways to be more environmentally friendly.

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Some Cases of illness from the Salmonella Newport bacteria have been detected
Gila River Tribal Health Department is monitoring the situation and offers prevention tips

Tribal Health Department
Gila River Indian Community

Four Gila River Indian Community members have tested positive for the Salmonella Newport bacteria. People become ill 12 hours to 6 days after exposure. Most individuals infected with this bacteria exhibit these symptoms:
- Diarrhea
- Fever
- Abdominal Cramps

The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days, and most people recover without going to the hospital. In some instances of Salmonella infection diarrhea may contain blood or be so severe that the patient needs to be hospitalized. In these cases, the Salmonella infection may spread from the intestines through the bloodstream to other body sites. In these cases, Salmonella can cause death unless person is treated immediately with antibiotics. Children under the age of 5, the elderly, and those with impaired immune systems are more likely to have a severe illness.

Quick Tips for Preventing Salmonella
- Wash hands, kitchen work surfaces, and utensils with soap and water immediately after they have been in contact with raw meat or poultry.
- Properly prepare meals for infants, the elderly, and the immunocompromised persons by practicing safe food handling.
- Cook poultry, ground beef, and eggs thoroughly. Do not eat or drink foods containing raw eggs or milk.
- If you are served undercooked meat, poultry, or eggs in a restaurant, don’t hesitate to send it back to the kitchen for further cooking.
- Avoid touching reptiles (i.e. turtles, lizards, and snakes), birds, livestock, or any animal feces barehanded.
- If you are currently experiencing these symptoms, please go to your nearest health care facility as soon as possible.
- If you previously experienced the symptoms listed above between the dates of 11/1/2017 and 11/21/2017, please contact one of the employees listed below at the Tribal Health Department.

Employees listed:
- Elizabeth Antone, Communicable Disease Nurse (520) 562-5100
- Hollie Rieger, Environmental Health Specialist (520) 562-5186
- Jimmy Orozco, Communicable Disease Investigator (520) 562-5100

The Gila River Indian Community appreciates each and every employee’s dedication to the job and to the community.

Some of the employees that were awarded include:
- Hollie Rieger, Environmental Health Specialist
- Elizabeth Antone, Communicable Disease Nurse
- John Miller, Human Resource Specialist
- The GEM’s, Ray, Jack, and Everett

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Without any further words, Gov. Lewis called up Gila River Police Department School Resource Office Ester Poolaw, who was presented with a commemorative plaque and Pendleton blanket.

Poolaw said, “I just like to thank Chief Elliot for her constant support, it means a lot as an officer... also from the Community and those who I work with. I hope to continue working with the Community and the children in the schools.”

She said that being an SRO is a role that goes beyond being an officer, but a mentor and motivator for the students that she interacts with on a day-to-day basis.

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Some of the employees that were awarded for their labor at the Main Event in Tempe.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, left, stands with Employee of the Year Officer Ester Poolaw at the employee Mix & Mingle event on Dec. 4.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Leading up to the final employee event of the year, the suspense was high, as many Gila River Indian Community employees eagerly awaited the announcement of the 2017 Governor’s Employee of the Year.

The annual GRIC employee Mix & Mingle event brought together employees from various departments to revel in the fruits of their labor at the Main Event in Tempe on Dec. 4.

For many GRIC employees, it is a chance to meet one another and share stories and jokes and enjoy a lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers to fuel their excitement, before taking to the bowling lanes and arcade games for a fun-filled afternoon.

Among the employees who attended, there was a select group of GRIC employees that were awarded throughout the year as the Governor’s Employee of the Month.

Each of the GEMs were eligible for the top award and have displayed several qualities that are demonstrated through their tireless work out in the field or in the office.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was present to lift the veil of suspense, but not without praise for each and every employee’s dedication to the job and to the Community.

“...It’s just a little bit of what we do to show our appreciation for each and every one of you,” said Gov. Lewis.

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BIA Pima Agency and GRFD fire crews work together to put out suspicious D1 blaze

The Quail Fire burns in a field off of Quail Road in District 1 on Dec. 1.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Fire crews from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Pima Agency and the Gila River Fire Department extinguished a suspicious field fire located in District 1 on Dec. 1. The fire, which was named the Quail Fire, burnt 38-acres of a field filled with grass and weeds just off of Quail Road before crews were able to extinguish the blaze. The fire caused no injuries or structural damage and is currently under investigation.

Alan Sinclair Jr., BIA Pima Agency Fire Management Officer, said his crew was already in District 1 assisting a local farmer properly burn his fields when they received a call from GRFD asking if the fire in District 1 was a part of their planned burn.

“We saw the smoke coming up and I thought it was another farmer that had pulled a (burn) permit,” said Sinclair. “(GRFD) called me and said they had another field on fire and asked if it was one of ours and it was, (GRFD) showed up, everybody was there. It was just serendipitous that we were in the Community at that time,” he said.

Both crews quickly went to work, with GRFD making sure nearby structures were protected and the BIA Pima Agency performed a back burn to keep the fire from advancing.

“(The fire) was moving towards some homes at the northeast corner of the field,” said Sinclair. The Pima Agency crew then performed a back burn where they created a second fire between the main fire and a road that separated the field from the homes. The second fire was drawn to the main fire burning all the vegetation in between. When the two fires met, they burnt themselves out.

“You send a wall of flame towards another wall of flame, they collide and go out because there is no more fuel,” Sinclair said. “The fuel the fire is feeding off of is burnt, it’s gone, there is nothing for the fire to consume anymore and that is what happened.”

GRFD Fire Chief Thomas Knapp, said his crews brought out their brush trucks and fire engines and made sure nearby structures were out of harm’s way.

“There was obviously concern and the crews handled it very well and kept it from spreading to nearby homes and properties,” Knapp said.

With cooling temperatures, dryer climate, and higher winds, fires are more likely to occur, and with a recent GRIC red flag warning issued last weekend, both Knapp and Sinclair are urging Community members to get a burn permit from the Department of Environmental Quality before attempting any type of controlled burn or even lighting ceremonial fires.

“It is just knowing where (fires) are so we don’t interrupt the ceremony, but it gives us the opportunity to provide some preventative measures for these controlled burns,” he said.

It is important to have the proper tools on hand to control a fire, to have a water source, and pay attention to appropriate burning times and wind speeds, he said.

“A burn permit has all of these things lined out and actually has you (call the non-emergency GRIC Dispatch) the day of the burn to see if it is OK to burn. Our concern is going to be that the fire’s embers will get picked up and blown around, starting an additional fire,” he said. According to GRIC DEQ’s Residential & Agricultural Burn Permit Application, applicants must adhere to the following rules when performing a burn:

- Notify the non-emergency GRIC Dispatch before performing a burn, only burn between the hours of 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. during the months of November through October, burn only during the daytime hours during the months of March through October, notify neighbors within a quarter-mile 24 hours before performing a burn, and to keep a burn permit on hand.

DEQ’s website, www.gricdeq.org, has a link to a burn permit application and provides many more rules and guidelines as to what is required to perform a burn, and what materials are forbidden to be burned. The application can be submitted online or filled out at their office. You can find the link to the application at the top of their main page under “Forms.”

For more information about acquiring a burn permit contact DEQ at (520) 562-2234.

Above, Alan Sinclair Jr. lights dry brush while he and his crew perform a back burn in District 1, which helped extinguish the fire.

*Ag lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received and cleared through banking institutions by January 5, 2018.

**Questions? Contact SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.

Agricultural Lease Pay Out

Friday, January 19, 2018

8:30am
Seniors and Disabled
10am - 6pm
General Landowners

Round House Café
at SRPMIC Two Waters Government Campus
10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale 85256 - Look for directional signs

Checks not picked up on January 19, 2018 can be picked up at Finance - Cashiers Office (Two Waters Bldg. A), January 22nd through February 2nd

Checks not picked up by 5pm February 2nd will be mailed out, to the address on file

Power of Attorney (POA) - only originals accepted, written notes will not be accepted. Must be verified before release of check. Verification done at pay out

Ensure SRPMIC has your current mailing address - Incorrect information will cause a delay in your receiving your check. To update, contact SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance Office.

Payments Less than $15.00
All direct deposit AG payments will be deposited into your bank account, regardless of the amount. If you currently receive a check, but would like direct deposit, complete an ACH request in Finance three weeks prior to the payout date. Checks less than $15 are not printed for payout day, however, you may request a check and it will be processed within 7-10 business days.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Action Sheet

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

Call To Order

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, December 6, 2017, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Council Secretary Shannon White and informed the Council Governor Lewis and Lt. Governor Antonio would not be in attendance and a Chairperson would need to be nominated.

Motion Made and Second to Nominate Robert Stone as Chair

Chairman Robert Stone called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Invocation

Provided by Churchwoman Nada Celaya

Roll Call

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Absent:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Monica Antone
Council Members Present:
D1- Joey Whightman (12:43), Azce Hogg (10:59); D2- Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans (9:31); D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:
D4- Barney Enos, Jr., D5- Martin Dixon

Approval of Agenda

Approved as Amended

Presentations/Introductions (Limit to 5-minutes)

APPROVED

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel & Interim Oversight

APPROVED

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace

Report Heard in Executive Session

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

APPROVED

Resolution

1. A Resolution Authorizing Tribal Officials To Initiate Financial Transactions With The United States Department Of Interior Office Of Special Trustee For American Indians (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Sunshine Whitehair

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Of Consent To Grant A Liquor License To The Wild Horse Pass Development Authority For Use At The LHS KEKH Shop (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Jason Croxton

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For Christian Andrew Lewis Located In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 3017-0406 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Amberly Rivers

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving A Temporary Moratorium On Issuing Beehive Permits (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, LSC concurs with corrections)

Presenters: Mandy Cineros, Daniel Hoyt

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Enrollment Department And The Land Use Planning & Zoning Department To Participate In The United States Census' Local Update Of Census Addresses ('LUCA') Operation (LSC forwards to Council under Resolutions with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED

Ordinances

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council hereby Enacts The Following Ordinance As The 2017 Membership Ordinance Of The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forward to Council with a recommendation for approval, striking District 5 in the 6th whereas)

Presenters: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED

2. The Gila River Indian Community Council hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code By Rescinding Ordinance GR-02-04 And Resolution GR-10-12 And Enacting The Revised Building Code To Be Codified As Chapter 4 Through Chapter 15 Of Title 19 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forward to Council with a recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace

APPROVED

3. The Gila River Indian Community Council hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code By Rescinding Ordinance GR-04-05 And Enacting The Revised Fire Code To Be Codified As Title 21 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forward to Council with a recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace

APPROVED

Unfinished Business

1. Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Director Appointments Two (2) Vacancies

Presenters: Reviewing Committee

Motion Made and Second to Certify

Donald Antone & Anthony Newkirk

2. Trust Property Bid Proposal (EDSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business with recommendation to disperse)

Presenters: Ron Rosier

Motion Made and Second to Enter Executive Session

Motion Made, Second and Defeated to Disperse

Motion Made and Second to Proceed With The Purchase of The 50% Interest Of The Trust Property

Motion Made and Second to Suspends The Rules To Entertain The Resolution

Motion Made and Second to Approve A Resolution Approving The Purchase Of Certain Alotted Lands Pursuant To The American Indian Probate Reform Act

3. Providence First Trust Company Financial Literacy Course (ESC forwards to Council under New Business to implement the courses and directs OGC and the Office of the Treasurer to start the process of making the course mandatory prior to the termination of the trust with a recommendation for approval, HASSC and G&MSC concur)

Presenters: Naomi Martinez, Samuel L. Fuller

Motion Made and Second to Implement The Courses And Start The Process Of Making The Course Mandatory Prior To The Termination

New Business

1. Planning & Zoning Commission District One Letter Of Appointment (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Sharon Lewis

Motion Made and Second to Appoint

Valerie Williams

2. FY2017 Lone Butte Development Audit / Audit Wrap Up Report (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council, EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Chris Bitakis

Motion Made and Second to Accept

3. Recommendation To Participate in Volkswagen Settlement Funding (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, and recommendation to approve Appendix D-3)

Presenters: Naomi Bebo

Motion Made and Second to Approve

4. Resignation Of Chief Judge Victor Antone (LSC accepts the resignation of Chief Judge Victor Antone effective November 16, 2017, and accepting the resignation as Associate Judge Elect; forwarding to the Community Council with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Shannon White

Motion Made and Second to Accept

The Resignation Of Chief Judge Victor Antone And Accept The Resignation As Associate Judge Elect

5. Certification of the 2017 General Election Results (LSC forwards to Community Council to certify the 2017 General Election results for the Office of Governor, Lt. Governor, Chief Judge, and

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THANK YOU

The Family of Mrs. Gladys Laws Young would like to express our deepest thanks to everyone in the community who assisted our family when we needed it most at the time of Mrs. Young’s passing. From the construction department (O2) who tended the plot, to the voluntary staff at the funeral home, everyone was so kind and attentive to our needs.

We’d like to thank everyone who prayed, send cards and came to the funeral services. And a big thank you to Governor Lawno-Lo for taking time out of his busy day to attend and say those kind words. The Family of Mrs. Gladys Laws Young

LEGACY FUNERAL HOME

Benjy Keith Setoyant was born Sep- termber 8, 1965 and entered into rest on November 21, 2017. He was raised in the Gila River Indian Community with his father and mother. He loved to spend time with his family, loved to ride his motorcycle and make jokes. He uplifted you when he knew you were down. He loved to spend ev- ery second with his children. You will truly be missed and live forever in our hearts.

He is survived by his mother Delores Setoyant, his childrenJon, and Benjy, and his grandchildren, Syrnga. Shelle, Lynden, Shatara and Oden. Services entrusted to Legacy Funeral Home in Chandler.

Thank you so very much.
Sissy Fernandez
Legacy Funeral Home
480-962-6225

In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory of
Franklin Justin "Spark" 
12/8/65 - 9/23/15

It’s your birthday and we’re thinking of you. The holidays are near and that’s what makes the memories so dear. Remembering your smile, your laugh, your jokes and your laugh. It would be fun... Summer... your baby girl is staying strong knowing you’re watching over her and dreaming of the day she will leave. She misses you but you know you are always with her. I’m proud of her and know you would too. I run into the niec- es and nephews, they all seem to be doing well. I know they love this family very much. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Thinking of you... Love from your family

COURT NOTICE

RECOMMENDING A SPECIAL ELECTION BE HELD WITHIN 60 DAYS FOLLOWING THE ADDITION OF THE COMMUNITY FUNDED PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL

Presenters: Shannon White, Nadine Shelde

Motion Made and Second to Approve

March 2, 2018 Jr. Miss Gila River
March 3, 2018 Miss Gila River

Miss Gila River Indian News December 15, 2017
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## Schedule of Deadlines

**Month** | **Submission Deadline Dates** | **GRIN Deliveries**
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Example: To get your ad in the first issue in June, the deadline is May 29. Your ad will run in the GRIN on June 1.

Submissions (ads, articles, opinions, etcetera) must be given to the GRIN by the **MONDAY** before the 1st and **3rd Friday** of each month. See dates below:

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Items received after the submission deadline will not be placed in that week’s edition unless previous arrangements have been made with the editor.

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