State, local and tribal leaders attend Lewis, Stone inauguration


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Hundreds of Community members and various tribal and government officials filled the Rawhide Event Center on Jan. 20 for the inauguration celebration for returning and newly elected Gila River Indian Community officials.

Taking the oath of office was Stephen Roe Lewis, who was re-elected for a second term as Governor of the Community. Joining Lewis in the executive office will be newly elected Lt. Governor Robert Stone. Also, taking their oaths as judges to the Community were Donna Kisto-Jones, Dallas DeLowe, Janice Breckenridge, Lucille Antone-Morago and Sherri Cassa.

Acting as the master and the mistress of ceremony was District 6 Community member, Jason Jones, and Miss Gila River, Anisia Garcia, respectively.

Giving a special message to the Community was Arizona Governor Doug Ducey. Gov. Ducey discussed the partnership between the Community and the State of Arizona. He also discussed the ways in which the Community has grown important industries such as tourism and hospitality as well as creating revenue for both the community and state by modernizing the state’s gaming compact. He also commented Gov. Lewis for focusing on the educational growth of the Community. Also, mentioning how critical a role GRIC plays in Arizona’s water struggles.

“From this community will come Arizona’s next generation of engineers, scientists, educators and elected leaders,” said Ducey. “I really would like to see a young person from this community grow up to become, someday, the governor of the state of Arizona. I want to thank Gov. Lewis for his irreplaceable partnership in the most crucial aspect of life here.”

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DEQ staff and volunteers plant Cottonwood trees in wetlands

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The Department of Environmental Quality has dedicated staff and volunteers plant Cottonwood and Willow trees in the wetlands. In the image, you can see a group of volunteers planting Cottonwood trees in the Pee Posh Wetlands, adding to the increasingly lush habitat that is the riparian wetlands.

Among the many treasures of the Gila River Indian Community is the riparian wetlands that are undergoing restoration from a dedicated group of staff and volunteers.

With the start of the new year, the Department of Environmental Quality is getting right to it, as they continue to bring native vegetation back to the Pee Posh wetlands.

The DEQ staff and its small group of volunteers planted cottonwood trees along the banks of the Pee Posh wetlands, adding to an increasingly lush habitat that is bringing signs of life back to the area.

After harvesting the cottonwood poles from the Queen Creek riparian wetlands, the group of harvesters/planters took to trimming and prepping the poles for submersion in water before being ready to plant.

The submerison of the poles in the water for 5 to 7 days allows the cottonwood poles to stay alive until ready to plant.

With the poles stacked together in bundles, a tarp is placed around to offer a layer of protection from beavers that are known to reside within the wetlands.

“We know they are here, because they are taking all of our trees,” said DEQ Aquatic Scientist Charles Enos, followed by a light chuckle.

He said, “The beavers created this whole wetlands years before we even started working with it.”

In 2014 Enos said a lot of restoration began with channel restoration and clearing sediment out to get water back to the pond where the beavers live.

The restoration continued on with the clearing invasive vegetation to make way for the native plants like cottonwood and willow, which do well in moist areas like the Pee Posh wetlands.

During the planting of the first batches of cottonwood, the poles were surrounded by a fencing to protect the beavers from cutting them down.

Now that a stable amount of cottonwood and willow are in the area, during the planting of the poles fences are no longer needed to safeguard them from beavers.

Enos said the trees grow very quickly, which in most cases is about 10 feet every year, as he pointed to the towering cottonwood that has been planted two to three years ago further into the wetlands.

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56TH ANNUAL FAIR AND RODEO

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Gila River Indian Community shall not be held responsible for bodily injury, theft, or damage incurred during the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo.
The Coolidge Bears’ rally in the final minute came up just short against the Queen Creek American Leadership Academy Patriots falling, 60-59, on Friday, Jan. 26.

Community member, Nicholas Harrison, drilled a corner three-pointer with 14 seconds left in the game to bring the Bears within one point. On the ensuing possession, Harrison came up with a steal with six seconds left and drove to the basket before tripping as time expired, no foul was called.

“You can never put in on the refs and cannot depend on that at the end of a game,” said Coolidge head coach Christopher Leman. “It was a wild play… got the turnover and (Harrison) is going between a couple guys, it could have went either way at that point but you can’t rely on that call to happen.”

The disappointing end erased what would have been a come from behind win. The Bears trailed 56-50 with just over a minute left in the game after going scoreless for four minutes.

With about a minute left in the game, Harrison came up with a steal and was fouled. His two free throws brought the Bears within four, Coolidge implemented a foul strategy to stop the clock and force the Patriots to ice the game from the line.

The game had been nip and tuck with the Patriots taking an early eight-point lead before the Bears came within two at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Coolidge took control of the game as their zone defense bottled up the taller frontline of the Patriots. American Leadership Academy couldn’t capitalize as they continuously struggled to hit open shots from the perimeter.

Harrison nailed a three-pointer with 3:03 left in the first half to open up a 23-18 lead. A put back by Jordan Hinojos with less than two minutes to go gave the Bears their largest lead, 25-18, but a four-point swing by the Patriots closed the lead to just three at the half.

The two teams traded basket for basket in the third quarter with Coolidge holding a slim, 44-42, lead heading into the final quarter of action.

ALA tied the game on a basket by 6’6” sophomore Dyson Lightbath and took the lead for good on a steal from Zach Anderson that led to an easy lay-up for Titone Smith. The Bears sliced the lead to one point on two occasions and stayed within striking distance.

With 5:23 left in the game, Seth De La Rosa hit his fourth three to tie the game at 50-all. However, the Bears offense stalled and went ice cold for the next four minutes, including going 0-for-5 at the charity stripe.

The free throw struggles ultimately doomed the Bears, who shot a dismal 10-for-23 overall.

“We gave ourselves an opportunity to win but we misste 13 free throws which is unacceptable,” said Leman. “For us to miss that many down the stretch is unacceptable. For us to not close this (game) out is disappointing.”

Leading the Bears was De La Rosa with 18 points, Jovann Thompson added 15 and Harrison finished with 13.

Coolidge fell to 11-11 (1-6 region) on the season with four more region games left before the post season. Coolidge, who dropped two overtime games to region foes, will have to pick up some wins in order to solidify their playoff spot, which could disappear without a much-needed win.

Earlier in the night, the Lady Patriots picked up a big 79-45 win over the Lady Bears.
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The Gila River Indian Community was honored by the Children's Museum of Phoenix for their generous contribution that helped the museum with renovations and expansions.

The grand opening of the new East Wing took place on Friday, Jan. 19. Community Council Representatives, Joey Whiteman, Devin Redbird and Pamela Johnson, were all present for the opening. Also in hand was Cheryl Pablo from the Office of Special Funding.

"It is absolutely amazing how this project has been accomplished," said Whitman, referencing how the room looked before the renovations.

The renovations moved the art studio up to the third floor and in its spot a new "KidDchen" and multi-purpose room. The Gila River Indian Community was the lead donor of the project with a 3-year $434,000 capital contribution. The East Wing features a working kitchen, conference room, play space and large programing and event space called The Monroe.

With the expansion, the museum will also be expanding their programs by using the new space for day camps during school breaks, brain time programs, cooking programs in the KidDchen, holiday paid programming like Breakfast with Santa and gingerbread house building. They will also be able to bring in performances, as well as renting the Monroe for events like meetings, fundraisers, holiday parties, etc.

The Children's Museum will be launching a new program called Awakening Creativity, which is a program designed to help children and their parents identify their creative talents. The new space available will allow the museum to launch their new program in the very near future.

The Community's relationship with the Children's Museum of Phoenix dates back to before the museum was even open to the public. The museum launched the Childhood Dreams Built by You campaign which raised money in order to open the museum. The goal was $12.3 million and the Community contributed a substantial donation at the time.

The Gila River Indian Community name is permanently seen on the second-floor wall of the museum just under the East Wing sign and right before the entrance to the new space. Also, there is a donation plaque also affixed to the wall that bears the Community name.

With the generous donation from the Community, the museum now has a way to earn extra income.

The Monroe space can be rented out for events, which brings in revenue that was not available before.
The O’Odham Tash Parade will be held in downtown Casa Grande at 10:00 am. This event has over 50 entries annually from all across the state of Arizona, representing 18 different tribes and royalty participating. Make sure to arrive early to get the best seats possible for this incredible event.

Saturday & Sunday, February 17 & 18 | All-Indian Rodeo & Toka Tournament
Following the O’Odham Tash Parade, head downtown to the city of Casa Grande for an electrifying show of both rough stuff and tined events. These cowboys and cowgirls will showcase their abilities in bareback, saddle bronc, and bull riding. There will be tie down and team roping, along with steer wrestling and bronc riding. The event will host the Seventh Annual Quad-Nation Roping for all of the neighboring roopers. Slack will take place on Friday. Performances will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

The first pitch of the softball tournament is scheduled for early Saturday morning. The last game winds-up on Sunday afternoon. The softball tournament is held at the Paul Mason Sportsplex and proves to be an opportunity for male and female players to showcase their athletic abilities and skills. The Toka Tournament will be played on Sunday.

Monday, February 19 | National Team Roping: Presents by The Cowboy’s Posse.
This day will be dedicated to team roping. National All America Team Roping will host seven entries of all kinds. Entries of all kinds are accepted and range from walking groups to vintage cars, Native American and rodeo royalty and bands and dancing groups. Jankowski said.

The event will host the Eighth Annual Maple Leaf Classic, honoring the Ca- nada’s who winter in the Casa Grande area. This event will be open to Canadian ropers only.

Friday, February 23 | Exceptional Rodeo
The cowboys and cowgirls from the Central Arizona College Rodeo Team will host students from the Casa Grande School District in a series of similar rodeo events for this fun-filled morning. Horseback riding, team roping, face painting, bouncing ball riding, and visits from local rodeo royalty are among the activities planned for the day. Free spectator admission.

Student/school selection is done by the Casa Grande Elementary School District.

Saturday, February 24 | Women’s Barrell Race
This day will focus on the ladies. There are an estimated number of 200 bar- rel racers who participate and 300-400 spectators.

The WPRA timed event will be added this year. Free spectator admission.

Saturday & Sunday, February 24 & 25 | Ranch Rodeo
Fun for the whole family. The cowboys and their ranch horses compete in four team events: wild cow milking, stray gathering, calf branding, and trailer loading. There will also be a saddle bronc individual competition. Buckles, priz- es and added money reward the top teams and individuals.

The crowd will enjoy action, excitement, thrills and laughs as they cheer for their favorite teams.

For additional information, please visit www.casagrandecowboydays.com.
Inauguration

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in the desert: water. While California experiences a water crisis, Arizona has not and that’s due in large part to the cooperation we share with all of you. The Gila River Indian Community is no stranger to water rights and we are fortunate to call us our partners.”

The keynote speaker was Arizona State University President Michael Crow, who was extremely honored and thankful to be at the prestigious event. First to take the oath of office was the Honorable Kisto-Jones who was elected as Chief Judge. After being sworn in, Kisto-Jones administered the oath of office to the Honorable De-Lowe, Honorable Breckenedige, Honorable Antone-Morago and the Honorable Cassa, who were each elected as associate judges.

Next was leadership office, with Lt. Gov. Stone taking oath of office followed by Gov. Lewis. After their oath of office, each gave an inaugural address to the Community members in attendance. Following the swearing in of Chairman Edward Manuel, University of Arizona President Dr. Robert C. Robbins, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Delbert Ray, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel and Arizona congressional District 1 Representative Tom O’Halleran each gave a video congratulatory message.

Lt. Gov. Stone addressed the crowd first. He challenged Community members who speak O’otham and Pee-Posh to share that with the younger generation. He also talked about listening to the Community for their needs and along with Gov. Lewis will make the Community proud.

“Throughout the Gila River Indian Community’s history we’ve had courageous leaders who have served and fought for some of the things we enjoy today for our O’otham and Pee-Posh,” said Lt. Gov. Stone. “I stand here before you today and say it’s a great undertaking for me to follow in the footsteps of these outstanding leaders but with their spiritual presence and our creator’s guidance, let me assure you I, working along with Gov. Lewis, will lead your longest journey of our Community, united and proud O’otham and Pee-Posh people.

Following Lt. Gov. Stone was re-elected Gov. Lewis, who thanked those in attendance who did not hold a public office because he said those are the real bosses to elected tribal officials. “Thank you deeply for the opportunity to serve as your governor, thank you for the opportunity to continue doing the job that I deeply love with my heart, working every day to make our Community better for today’s generation, tomorrow’s generation and generations to come, thank you for the chance to put you first,” said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis discussed the partnership of Arizona State University and the Community as well as the economic upgrades to the Wild Horse Pass Development. He also talked about a new school for grades kindergarten through eighth grade that will be coming to the Community in Gila Crossing and open in 2019.

As well as the opening of a new healthcare facility, Redtail Hawk.

“When it comes to our people and our sovereignty and our rights, we will not back down. We will not go away and we will not give up. Our community history is a story of a 1000 years of resiliency of meeting challenges and tackling complex issues,” said Gov. Lewis. “I believe in innovation, our community, our history and our legacy is about innovation.”

Miss Gila River Garcia gave the closing remarks before the executive office gave a traditional closing song and the closing prayer was offered by Pastor Brandon Jones.

Throughout the evening many local basket dancing groups performed as well as Matachine dancers. Later in the evening a cultural circle took place featuring the Hashan Kehk traditional dancers. Fifth generation basket dancers, Achem A’adi dance group, District 5 Quail basket dancers, District 5 Vah-Ki traditional singers and dancers and the Pipash singers and dancers. Following the cultural circle, an inaugural dance took place featuring Two Rivers Band and Alex Cruz Band. The night was capped with a fireworks show.
Cottonwood
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He said in the past, fires swept through parts of the wetlands causing damage to cottonwood trees in the area. “We had to plant all the cottonwoods you see here, because we got hit by two fires and the cottonwood are not tolerant to fire, were burned...the willows, those are fire tolerant.”

With a little help the DEQ staff get from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Pima Agency Fuels Crew and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act interns, they were able to clear the poles. “We’ve been able to plant the poles, after being dredged from the ponds,” he said. “The willows are not tolerant to to that type of damage. You can get rid of them,” said Enos pointing to a cottonwood bud which has not yet bloomed.

“In about a week they’ll start puffing out and start bud- ding. When we get the poles in the ground the buds will start growing out,” he said. “Some of them are not budding yet,” said Enos.

What makes the cottonwood and willows unique is that they can be taken from one place to another and planted and once they are, they start to absorb into them at different parts of their growth cycle.

“We had to plant all the cottonwood and willow trees hasn’t been always ideal due to the high acidic level of soil in certain areas of the Community, which makes the Pee Posh wetlands an ideal place to plant the trees.”

By Billy Allen

The last weekend of February will honor the raising of the American flag or van de to Iwo Jima. Control of Iwo Jima was crucial for bombing flights to Tokyo and had to be taken, but it was defended by 22,000 Japanese soldiers.

On February 19, 1945, after the decision was made to take the island, Navy bombing began and within 30 minutes over 8,000 vol-leys were fired to cover 1,400 Marines landing on the island. An Indian Country Today article in 2012 by Konnie LeMay reported, “When the Japanese at-
tacked Pearl Harbor in December of 1941, there were 5,000 Native Americans listed in military service. By January 1942, the DOD reports, 99 percent of all eligible Native American men had registered for the draft.” Among the land-
ing group were six Navajo Code Talkers who decoded over 800 messages within a 48 hour period without a mistake.

Back home along the akimel, it was the month of Auppa I’ivakidak or Cottonwood Leafing. Life slowed along but with un-
 easiness about it for many O’otham and Piipaash vol-
teed. The O’otham and Piipaash have a long

tradition of taking the war trail, joining the military was the latest extension.

In 1940, President Roosevelt sent National Guard units to Panama to protect the canal and prepare for jungle warfare. Arizona’s Guard, 158th In-
fantry Regiment had a large contingent of O’otham and Piipaash. After Pearl Har-
bort, the regiment was re-
named as the Bushmasters. While in Panama, tribal member Sam Thomas was sent to Officer Candidate School and earned the rank of First Lieutenant. He then commanded a company for 5 months in Europe without a promotion. A chance meeting with Gen. George Patton ended the “mistake.” Jay Morago Jr. rose to the rank of Sergeant, awarded 4 Bronze Stars and a Pur-

ple Heart, his roots went back to the territorial days when the O’otham fought against the Os. When the Bureau of Indian Affairs relinquished the operation of the tribal farm to the tribe, Sam and Jay ran the farm and soon had the farm turning a profit. There were numerous tribal members who served with the Bush-
masters.

From the Bushmasters regiment several Natives were recruited for an elite Special forces unit that conducted raids and gathered intelligence in the Pacific. In 1943, under the command of Lt. General Walter Krueger, over 700 soldiers went through an intense six-week training course. The top 138 gradua-
tes became Alamo Scouts, among them were tribal members Joshua Sunn, Theodore Largo and David Milda. Going in six or sev-

en man reconnaissance and raiders teams behind enemy lines, they never lost a man to the Japanese Army.

When the flag was raised on February 23, 1945, it signaled Allied forces had taken Iwo Jima. The tide has turned against the enemy. The official end of World War II was sev-

en months away. Iwo Jima was not Ira Hayes’ first battle. As a seasoned Marine paratrooper he saw ac-
tion at Villa La Vella, New Caledonia, and Bougain-
ville. Corporal Ira Hayes returned to Bapchule, his home village on the south bank of the akimel. For the next ten years, Ira struggled with life. He was found near his home on January 24, 1955, a victim of expo-
sure. Thousands attended his services at Cook Mem-
orial Presbyterian Church and many had to stand out-
side. The service was led by Esau Joseph and Rue B. Lewis, tribal members and ordained ministers. Later Ira Hayes was taken to the Arizona State capi-
tal to lie in state. On Feb-

ruary 2, he was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cem-

era. GRIC’s Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade and Ceremony helps us honor the sacrifices and valor of our military whose actions have enabled our freedoms and rights.

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special-forces
Runners take to trails for 9th Annual Desert Run in Blackwater

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The District 1 recreation hosted the 9th Annual Desert Run in North Blackwater on Saturday morning, Jan. 27. The run featured a 2-mile walk as well as a 3-mile and 6-mile run. The overall turnout for the event was nearly 200 runners and walkers of all ages.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis participated in the event. There were elder participants and young participants who came out and had fun.

The run was hosted by District 1 but was in conjunction with the Gila River Health Initiative. The GRHI funded the event with t-shirts and water bottles that were handed out to participants.

Next year will be the 10th Annual Desert Run and with a year to plan, could be the biggest run of them yet.

Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis met with board members of the Central Arizona Project on Jan. 26, after the board members did a tour of the infrastructure being built within the Community borders. They were also shown a presentation from Dr. Dave DeJong. From left: Mark Taylor, Alexandra Arboleda, Gov. Lewis, Jennifer Brown, Candace Homana and Rod Lewis. Homana is the CAP Tribal Relations and Strategic Initiatives Analyst while Taylor, Arboleda, Brown and Lewis serve as board members.

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Runners of all ages participated in the Desert Run held in North Blackwater on Jan. 27.

CAP visit GRIC for tour of infrastructure
Sports News

January 20th Tribal Recreation Adult Co-Ed Basketball League completed their season and the winners are:

Champions - Gila River Hawks
2nd Place - Bucks
3rd Place - Warriors

This Adult basketball league is continually increasing and becoming very popular unfortunately, we had to turn away some teams. So, beginning next season we will be implementing a bigger adult league to build up to MCT. This will be a

2-mile walk & competitive 5K run. The March to MCT participants have now completed the 3K and 5K runs and upon completion of this 5K run. They will be receiving their 3rd piece of a unique medicine wheel medal. This is the 1st for the Gila River Indian Community.

February 24, The Iwo Jima Event will be the 3rd run series for March to MCT. This will be a 2-mile walk & competitive 5K run. The March to MCT participants have now completed the 3K and 5K runs and upon completion of this 5K run. They will be receiving their 3rd piece of a unique medicine wheel medal. This is the 1st for the Gila River Indian Community.

FEATURED CLASS: MATTER OF BALANCE

TUESDAY
District 4
10:00am - 11:00am

Matter of Balance, is an evidence based class. And it is for the elders who have a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in severe physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Many older adults also experience increased isolation and depression when they limit their interactions with family and friends. Matter of Balance can help people improve their quality of life and remain independent.

A Matter of Balance is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

Matter of Balance

This Community is a true asset to the program.

Sylvester Reed is a Community member from the D4 area. He has been a fitness instructor for 8 years and teaches the kick boxing class along with many other style of classes. He is available for one on ones and the youth community program. He has spent most of his life focused on helping others maintain a healthy lifestyle through various aspects. He has extensive experience with coaching. He was a strength and conditioning coach, football, and baseball coach for Tuba City schools. He was a Karate Instructor for Dine College from 1994-1996. He was also active in the Navajo Scouts as a crew boss from 95-01 as well as the Cedar City Hotshots from 2002-2010. He has also played multiple sports at the junior collegiate level. These factors have provided him with knowledge and experience of an active lifestyle to give back to his Community. He makes a conscious effort to ensure that all his clients are getting the best. He enjoys working with people of all ages and helping them reach their individual goals. He is an intense trainer and will work hard for you with a smile on his face. He is a true asset to the program.

February 24, 10:00am

Note: All classes are subject to change.
Effective January 2, 2018, a recent change in funding changed eligibility for GRHC-provided alternative therapy services. Non-GRIC members are no longer eligible for Alternative Therapies Program (ATP) services (Chiropractic, Massage, and Acupuncture).

Non-GRIC patients should call their Primary Care Physician at (520) 562-3321 for a possible referral outside of GRHC; then Purchased Referred Care may assist with determining eligibility.

As a non-GRIC patient, please be assured that this change in eligibility for ATP services does not impact other GRHC healthcare services you receive.

Thank you for your understanding.
Gila River Health Care.

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- 2/6/18 - D5 Multipurpose Building 8:30am - 3:30pm
- 2/7/18 - D3 HHKMH (under awning) 9:30am - 4:00 pm
- 2/8/18 - Sacaton Dept. of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
- 2/12/18 - D1 Multipurpose Building 8:30am - 3:00pm
- 2/13/18 - Ak-Chin (By the Clinic) 9:00am - 3:00pm
- 2/14/18 - D3 HHKMH (under awning) 7:30am - 11:00 am & 1:00pm - 4:00 pm
- 2/19/18 - D7 Multipurpose Building 9:00am - 2:00pm
- 2/20/18 - D5 Teen Clinic (By appointment only)
- 2/21/18 - D3 HHKMH (under awning) 9:30am - 4:00 pm
- 2/22/18 - D2 Multipurpose Building 8:30am - 12:00pm
- D3 HHKMH (under awning) 1:00pm - 4:00 pm
- 2/26/18 - D6 Komatke (By KHC) 9:00am - 3:00pm
- 2/26/18 - D4 Service Center 8:30am - 3:30pm
- 2/28/18 - D3 HHKMH (under awning) 9:30am - 4:00 pm
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Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

A bill to put an end to one racial slur was introduced at the Arizona State Capitol before tribal leaders and activists at a recent press conference.

State Representative for legislative District 7 Eric Descheenie (D), publicly introduced House Bill 2499 to garner support for the piece of legislation on Jan 31.

The bill would prevent the University of Phoenix Stadium and sports facilities that are publicly funded to cease broadcasting the Washington team name during NFL games.

In the press release Descheenie said, “If we are choosing to spend money on these publicly funded stadiums, I do not think that we should make offending Native people.”

According to House Democrat’s press release the bill will, “disallow publicly funded stadiums from displaying or broadcasting the name when Washington plays games in Arizona.”

To clarify his reasoning for introducing HB 2499, Descheenie said this is not about limiting free speech, but about government speech and how the state of Arizona engages in expressive conduct, stating that fans and the Washington team itself are external to what the bill represents, which is specific to government facilities, like the University of Phoenix stadium.

“I believe the State of Arizona has a bright future when it begins to gain a conscience via its electoral process, via its state government. We’re better than that and I’m proud to say that is an indigenous peoples higher philosophy of life that is presenting [this],” said Descheenie.

Projected bill would ban Native mascots from publicly funded stadiums

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

February 2, 2018

Date of Death: 01/22/2018
Date of Birth: 09/21/1946

DATE OF DEATH 1/22/2018
DATE OF BIRTH 9/21/1946

Lucille M. Peters

STEPHANIE JEAN PETERS
Petitioner/Plaintiff

STATE OF ARIZONA
IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

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CASE Number: CV-2018-0011-RO
DISTRICT 4,
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Petitioner/Plaintiff

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THANK YOU LETTER

LONNIE RAY HAYES
DATE OF BIRTH 09/21/1946
DATE OF DEATH 10/03/2018

No words can express our deepest appreciation and gratitude during the loss of our beloved mother Lucille MI-
da Moran. (07/03/1946 – 01/09/18)

Thank you to the tribal leadership, our family and friends and community for assistance given. Governor Stephen
Rose Lawes, Ak-Chin Chairman Rob-
ert Miguel and Community Council,
GRC Finance and Accounts Pay-
dable department, especially Dan-
elle Jackson, Deidra Mendez and
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and at the store, for sharing songs and
wishes, the Joaquin family of Home for Friday's leading and the Margaret Joaquin Group of Chihu-
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This year’s TPC includes Harry Her- rington and Shelly Olaf of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; Bridget Valenzu- ella of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Leonard Gold of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; 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