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NAFOA selects Lewis for years of dedication and commitment to advocating on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community.
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OCTOBER 19TH - 21ST
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October 19th: Campsite - D7 Service Center - 8035 S 83rd Ave., Laveen Az 85339
October 20th: Runs begins at sunrise at the confluence of the Gila and Salt River

Open to all O’odham & Piipaash women.
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Bring your camping gear
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Behavioral Health Services organizes family activity with horses

Families at the District 4 Ballpark connected with horses for an activity organized by Behavioral Health Services and an equine therapy organization. Community members petted, brushed and interacted with three horses on Sept. 18 to promote teambuilding, and a way to learn more about horses.

Hoofbeats with Heart, a 501(c)(3) charity out of San Tan Valley, worked with Behavioral Health Services for the event and Behavioral Health Services Prevention & Education Specialist Lead Anna Pacheco said, “The focus is on connecting with the horses and through a family night activity.”

Pacheco also said that they partner with Sacaton Elementary School District for a weekly class with the horses and families.

Hoofbeats with Heart works with many organizations to provide therapy for clients of all types. “I started the therapy center about 12 years ago, we focus with kids with disabilities, we also provide rides for any one,” said Kelly Hullihen, founder of Hoofbeats with Heart.

The organization has been working with the Community for six years and does all types of equine related activities with the children, who may have a disability both mental and physical.

“We definitely connect with other people and other groups and departments,” said Pacheco, “Activities like the family equine night are one small piece of the other things that we do for the Community.”

Pacheco said this is one of several ways Behavioral Health reaches out to the Community by providing opportunities that strengthen the family unit while building an environment that promotes a sense of belonging.

In District 4, the children spent time with the horses and learned their names and their breeds.

The horses, Arrow, Pace and Charlie are “retired” from racing, trails and horse shows, and the children quickly developed a bond by communicating with the horses and brushing their manes.

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Throughout the year, BHS will be providing different activities based around social interactions with families, but also on an individual level with trainings on a variety of subjects related prevention initiatives, that build strong relationships and educate about mental health and awareness. For anyone interested in receiving information about the BHS program, you can go to: GRHC.org/BHS.
Desert Vista runner sets new 5k school record in Casa Grande

Lee Nasewytewa finishes in the top ten at the Nike Desert Twilight XC Festival

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

Community member Lee Nasewytewa, a senior at Desert Vista High School, had a top-10 finish at the Nike Desert Twilight XC Festival held in Casa Grande on Sept. 28. He ran in the Sole Sports Sweepstakes race, the most competitive race of the night, which featured the top runners and teams from across the Southwest.

He finished the race in 15:16 which set a new school record for a 5K race, this was the second time this season that he has broken a school record. Earlier this season a 3-mile race in California, Nasewytewa set a school record with a time of 14:25.

“It was a great race,” said Nasewytewa. “I loved the competition, everybody coming down from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Nevada. I ran [15:16] which is still good. I’m satisfied but me, personally, I feel like I could have executed that race better than I just did. I guess I just went out too fast but I’m still satisfied.”

As a team, Desert Vista finished in sixth place with a team score of 217, three-points behind the top finisher from Arizona, Page High School. There was a total of 30 teams in the exclusive Sweepstakes race, which were hand-picked by the race committee to ensure top-notch competition.

El Paso Eastwood finished first place with 112 points, second was Niwot High School (113), Durango High School (167), Air Academy High School (191) then Page and Desert Vista. “We competed,” said Desert Vista head coach Chris Hanson after the meet. “I think we still have some in the tank and we’re going to find it. I wouldn’t use the word ‘disappointed’ but I wouldn’t say elated, either. We had some good teams here from the southwest, obviously, a team from Texas who is nationally ranked. We toed the line with them but we didn’t come out on top.”

The state of Colorado also had a strong showing with Niwot, Durango and Air Academy all railing from the Rocky Mountain state. The top two finishers, Valor Christian’s Cole Sprout (14:33) and Niwot’s Cruz Culppeper (14:43), were from Colorado and currently their times rank as the fastest in the nation for a 5K race.

Nasewytewa finished third among Arizona runners. Highland’s Leo Daschbach finished fifth and Page’s Bowen Martin finished eighth. Daschbach competes in Division I along with Nasewytewa. “He set a school record and that’s saying something,” said Hanson of his top runner. “He’s got more to go and more to give and he knows it. He’s fit, we just got to sharpen our racing skills a bit. You either get worse or get better and we plan to do the latter. We’re excited for Lee.”

The meet serves as the Nike Cross Nationals (NXN) Pre-Southwest Regional meet and is an opportunity to race on the same course against elite competition while earning at-large points to qualify for Nike Cross Nationals. In roughly six weeks, most of the teams will be back for the regional meet.

Desert Vista is the four-time defending state champion and will have a break before their next meet on Oct. 20 in Walnut, Calif. at the Mt. SAC Invite. “We have to focus on running as a team and work towards getting our spread down, the team aspect is way more important than the individual aspect,” said Nasewytewa on his outlook for the rest of the season.

Lee Nasewytewa competed against the top runners and teams from across the Southwest at the Nike Desert Twilight XC Festival held in Casa Grande. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Mul-Chu-Tha theme contest closes October 15

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The Communications and Public Affairs Office is accepting theme submissions for the 57th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo that will be held in March 2019. The theme contest will be open until October 15, 2018 at submissions can be emailed or hand delivered by 12 p.m.

Ideas for the theme should be limited to 15 words or less and should be an empowering positive message that highlights the legacy of the annual event held within the Gila River Indian Community.

The contest is available to all Community members, GRIC employees and employees from GRIC business entities.

Last year, a sous chef from the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass won the contest for his theme of “Honoring Our History and Everyday Heroes.” The prize for winning will be four movie ticket passes to Harkins Theaters, a family fair fun pack that includes four adult passes, two all-day ride wristbands and a VIP parking pass, as well as a reserved table at the Community BBQ and a gift card.

For more information, contact Alie Walking Badger at (520) 562-9713 or Shannon Redbird at (520) 562-9859.

Submissions can be emailed to special.events@gric.nsn.us or hand delivered to the CPAO department in the Governance Center in Sacaton.

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57th Annual Fair and Rodeo
MARCH 8-10, 2019 | SACATON FAIRGROUNDS

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Please limit submission to a short phrase/sentence limited to 15 words or less

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To submit your entry please hand deliver to CPAO Office in Governance Center, or Fax to (520) 562-9712 or email, Special.Events@gric.nsn.us.
Aggravated Assault - Victim sustained a non life threatening injury. The suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

Aggravated Assault - Victim was hit in the face with a baseball bat. The suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

Aggravated Assault - Victim stated that the suspect pushed the victim into the victim's car,2

Further investigation revealed the victim was not on the Ground floor of the victim's residence. A stolen affi davit was filled out and en tered into NCIC. The suspect was not located during a search of the vehicle in the area.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Cana Blanca): Auto Theft - Victim stated that the suspect removed the victim's residence in reference to an auto theft. Contact was made with the victim who stated the suspect took the victim's vehicle without consent. A stolen affi davit was filled out and en tered into NCIC. The suspect was not located during a search of the vehicle in the area.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke): Auto Theft - Officers were advised by dispatch the victim was wishing to report her vehicle stolen. Further investigation revealed the victim was not on the Gila River Indian Community. A stolen affi davit was filled out and en tered into NCIC. The suspect was not located during a search of the vehicle in the area.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lon e Butte Area): The suspect(s) were involved in a physical altercation. The suspect(s) entered a store, loaded a trash can into a surveillance footage. The victim stated she was looking for leggings. She was pointed in the direction of the store associate walked away. The store senior beeped but security was not notified. In reviewing the security footage, the female stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two: Aggravated Assault - The victim and suspect were involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five: The victim and suspect were involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation.

Status: Under Investigation

District One: Aggravated Assault - The victim and suspect were involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation.

Status: Under Investigation

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Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area): Burglary - Suspect(s) broke into the victim's residence by damaging a se curity video surveillance multiple items. The suspect stated they had been away from the residence for approximately two weeks. The victim found the door to their residence open upon their return.

Status: Under investigation

District Four (Lon e Butte Area): Shoplifting - Suspect(s) entered a store, located inside Phoenix Premium Outlets and stole various items. This was a delayed reporting as the incident had actually occurred approximately 2 weeks prior.

Status: Under Investigation

District One: The suspect(s) were involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two: Aggravated Assault - The victim and suspect were involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Three: Aggravated Assault - The suspect(s) were involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area): Aggravated Assault - The reporting party stated while riding in a medical transport van the victim was punched in the face by a driver's boyfriend. The victim was hit in the face with a closed fist and was then

District Five: The suspect(s) entered into an unsecured construction project through an unsecured State Route 87 and Gilbert Rd. The victim requested medical attention to the Gila River fifteen minutes after the incident. The victim was transported to a local trauma hospital, and attended to by Gila River Emergency Medical Services. The suspect stated she was looking for leggings. She was pointed in the direction of the store associate walked away. The store senior beeped but security was not notified. In reviewing the security footage, the female stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two: Aggravated Assault - The victim and suspect were involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation.

Status: Under Investigation

District One: Auto Theft - Victim stated that the suspect removed the license plate from a White Ford Expedition that was parked in front of the victim's mother's residence. The license plate was recovered and returned to the victim by Border Patrol.

Status: Under investigation

District Two: Aggravated Assault - The victim and suspect were involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four: Motor Vehicle Theft - The suspect entered the store, loaded a trash can into a surveillance footage. The victim stated she was looking for leggings. She was pointed in the direction of the store associate walked away. The store senior beeped but security was not notified. In reviewing the security footage, the female stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation. The victim stated she was not involved in a physical altercation.

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Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Cana Blanca): Aggravated Assault - Officers were dispatched the victim's residence in reference to an auto theft. Contact was made with the victim who stated the suspect took the victim's vehicle without consent. A stolen affi davit was filled out and en tered into NCIC. The suspect was not located during a search of the vehicle in the area.

Status: Under Investigation

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Aggravated Assault - The suspect and victim were involved in a domestic dispute that became physical. The suspect strangled the victim and prevented her from leaving the residence. Once the victim was able to leave they notified law enforcement. The victim refused medical attention but the suspect was taken into custody.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Status: No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Six: 

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District Seven: 

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - Officers were dispatched to a residence in District Three to respond to a residence reference to people who were not allowing a subject to leave a residence. The reporting party said back and advised subjects were now fighting at the neighbor’s residence. A female victim was located who was bleeding profusely from her mouth and was hit with a bat. Other victims were identified and taken to various hospitals for further medical treatment for their injuries.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft - Officers were dispatched to a residence in District Three reference to a stolen license plate. Contact was made with the victim who stated the license plate to her vehicle had been stolen. The victim only knew her plate was stolen after being stopped by the Arizona Department of Public Safety for no license plate.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Four (Stonton Area): 

Status: No incidents involving Part 1 crime.

District Four (Lone Butte Area): 

Auto Theft - Lone Butte Casino Security called to report an auto theft for one of their patrons. Upon further investigation, it was discovered the victim arrived at the casino with his friend, the suspect. Approximately a half an hour later the suspect left in the victim’s vehicle. The victim stated he never gave permission to the suspect to leave with the vehicle. The affidavit was filled out and the vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Vehicle was located by the Gila River Police Department.

Theft (Shoplifting) - A male subject was observed not having proper identification from the Ucha Keh Store. The suspect was not identified but the store would be contacting the other employees to identify the suspect. The morning supervisor would be able to gather video surveillance and would notify PD when it is ready for pick up.

Status: Under Investigation.

Weapon - The bus monitor observed two subjects with razors on the bus. They advised the subjects were giving the blades to another student who they knew to be a person who had self harmed in the past. The bus monitor confiscated the razor blades and the parents were all contacted.

Status: Closed

District Two (Sacaton Flat): 

No incidents involving Part 1 Crime.

District Three (Sacaton Town): 

Aggravated Assault - The victim’s residence and driver of the vehicle were at a residence in District One. The suspect advised the driver he was going to the bank in the victim’s vehicle and would be right back. The vehicle was never returned to the driver and the vehicle was reported stolen. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Vehicle was located by the Gila Grande Police Department.

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Status: Closed

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Theft - The suspect located the victim’s wallet on the ground inside the Casa Blanca Store where the victim had unknowingly dropped it. The suspect proceeded to purchase items with the money inside the wallet and then left the premises. The incident was captured on the store’s security surveillance and the suspect was identified.

Status: The juvenile suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

District Six: 

Theft - Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a stolen license plate. The victim stated her plate had been stolen after being stopped by the police officers.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Three: 

Theft - Officers were dispatched to Casa Blanca Middle School in reference to a theft on the premises. A female suspect was located and arrested.

Status: Closed

District One (Blackwater): 

Auto Theft - The suspect and driver of the vehicle were at a residence in District One. The suspect advised the driver he was going to the bank in the victim’s vehicle and would be right back. The vehicle was never returned to the driver and the vehicle was reported stolen. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

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Status: Closed

District Five (Casa Blanca): 

Aggravated Assault - The suspect committed aggravated assault by pointing a black soft gun at the face of a family member. The victim, her husband, the handgun to be real and felt their lives were in danger. The suspect fled the scene prior officer arrival and the weapon was located near the location of the suspect. The suspect was located and suspected and was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Weapon Officers were dispatched to Casa Blanca Middle School in reference to a theft on the premises.

Status: Closed

District Four (Stonton Area): 

Status: No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Three: 

Aggravated Assault - The suspect brought this type of weapon into the victim’s residence and stole money along with various personal items. The suspect stated he was gone for approximately two hours from his residence in the early evening.

Status: Under investigation.

District Two: 

Theft - The suspect grabbed merchandise from the shelves and proceeded to walk out of the store without paying. The officer called to report an auto theft was located who was wanted for a charge of shoplifting.

Status: Suspect arrested and booked into jail.

Theft - Officers were dispatched to the Casa Blanca area in reference to a report of a lost item. Upon the officer’s arrival, a male was located in the alley running with a shotgun in his hands. The suspect was later apprehended in the desert area and while in possession of the firearm, live ammunition, and 4.9 grams of marijuana. All items were seized and booked into evidence. The suspect was booked into DRS on weapons and drug charges.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

District Six (Komatke Area): 

Theft - The suspect entered the District Office and took merchandise from the counter.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Seven (Maricopa): 

Weapon Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to shots fired. No vehicles or suspects were located. Eleven spent rounds were located that will be sent to the lab for fingerprint analysis.

Status: Under Investigation.

Auto Theft - The suspect took a vehicle belonging to the victim without permission while the victim was at Arizona Quiva Casino. During the morning hours while the victim was in the shower the suspect took the victim’s car without permission. Upon getting out of the shower the driver found a note stating the suspect left to get money and would promise to return. The driver did not locate the vehicle on the premises and called and located the vehicle and the suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft (Shoplifting) - The suspect grabbed merchandise from the shelves and proceeded to walk out of the store without paying. The reporting party stated the suspect first attempted to open the refrigerator that houses the alcoholic beverages but he was stopped. Officers located the suspect and a second subject in the desert area.

Status: Suspect was arrested for shoplifting.

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A’AGA
Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

Traveling through our community, you might wonder about the traditional, historical villages. Traditions and culture change — so it would depend on when (the Hopokam, the Spanish, American or twenty years ago), that someone wants information about. Can you imagine what people may have said when the first O’otham rode a horse INTO the village? “That’s not traditional? Who do you think are?” But it sure beat walking. Native cultures have always accepted changes. Today we avoid famine, talk English, and ride in steel horses (with air on full blast). Many of us make a good living because the “guardians” of our history adapted to new and better ways of doing things.

With that written, let’s examine where our ancestors settled according to historical accounts. The area loaned a copy of From Hohokam to O’otham, The Protohistoric Occupation of the Middle Gila River Valley, and Central Arizona by E. Christian Wells andam sharing what I learned. “Traditional” villages moved up and down along the river in an effort to find better water sources, food, and for protection. Village elders who were seldom questioned usually made the travel decisions. However, families were not bound to obey, and were free to move or stay. But many hands make light work and there is safety in numbers, so the entire village usually migrated.

Four major settlement areas in which our villages moved in our early history were identified: Sacaton, Sweetwater, Casa Blanca, and the Pima Butte (Ají) areas. In the Sacaton area, a village called Tusuconor or La Encarnación existed in the 1700s. However Apache raids may have forced people to move to Sweetwater and Casa Blanca for safety. A Pípaash village existed in the area from about 1840 but was abandoned by 1870. Then beginning in about the 1850s, American facilities being built here such as a stagecoach stop, trading post, a school, and an Indian Agent’s home in Sacaton drew people from many different places into the area. Sacaton became the commercial and administrative center we know today. (Makes me think of that great baseball movie: “If you build it, they will come.”)

The Sweetwater area had several large villages dated from the 1700s. More than one early Spanish explorer mentions a large village called Urituc or corner in this area. In 1914, Charles Southworth was placed in charge of identifying early irrigation areas along the Gila River. Apaches, an O’otham who lived all his life in the Sweetwater area, told Mr. Southworth this village was called “bar-chul-jurk.” It meant a bare or open place by itself. In the early 1800s, Stotonick became the big village, as the result of O’otham tribal and military alliances dating from roughly 1697 to 1846. The alliance has been labeled as the Pima-Maricopa Confederation. Sweetwater village also appears in the 1800s and still exists. The Casa Blanca area was a large area near the center of our current reservation. The area also experienced population growth due to Apache raids. Villagers were forced to relocate to the southern bank of the river because of the village moved closer together. Sacata (full, will be known as Wetcamp) moved to the south bank but still farmed their fields on the north bank. Prior to 1850, Casa Blanca was the commercial and administrative center. In the early 1900s, the name Va’aki appears and refers to an area of land near the remains of an ancient building in the district. Early documents labeled this area La Tierra Amon-tonada (Earth Piled Up). It was also known as Tabaco Cabors (Jeed Kavuduck or Earth Hill).

In studying the Sacate (Spanish term for good grass feed) area it shows a continuous area of occupation extending from Pima Butte to Sacata. This area had an overlap of Pípaash and O’otham cultures. Early writings referred to Sacate as Sadaccson or Sutaquissón, a reference to the abundance of water in the area. Hiono Prado or Standing Bone was a Pípaash village located near the stagecoach stop of Maricopa Wells, west of Pima Butte or “M” mountain. In the 1870s, when water was being diverted upstream, the people moved. The people abandoned the village, moving to Gila Crossing, Sacate, Sacaton or Salt River. On behalf of all of us, the “guardians” of O’otham and Pípaash didn’t make it. It would be nice to begin a conversation with some of the elders you know and ask them about some of the villages names listed. It may trigger a memory of long ago. A couple of generations in the future, someone will ask where and what were the traditional villages on Gila River Indian Community. The answer may begin with, “Well, I remember a Baloney Town, Dog Town, and Beverly Hills…” Other publications were used: Forced to Abandon Our Fields by David H. Delong and Peoples of the Middle Gila by John P. Wilson.

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physical events. “Each year we are learning and adding to it and what we can offer to participants, so with next year it’s like ‘where do we go with this?’” said Walking Badger on the potential of the foam fest. “It’s about doing things that encourage physical activity. It’s about promoting how we are moving.” said Walking Badger. Some of those activities included dancing to waila music and Zumba, playing a variety of games that get the crowd shakin’ and bakin’ to dance the night away. Outside on the lawn of the Event Center, children played on several of the large inflatable jumps that doubled as water slides.

For more adventurous individuals, there was a rocking climbing wall, mechanical bull ride or a zip line. If the temperature wasn’t cool enough by the end of the evening, a snow slide was setup to turn the desert into a winter wonderland, as children literally chilled at the foam fest, and Frankie James led glow Zumba dance session.

Walking Badger is looking for more activities for next year and how they can improve the event. In the meantime, other events are scheduled to take place, which are the Women’s Prayer Run and elder

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING/ TEREO DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Career Fair 2018
FRIDAY OCT. 26TH
10:00am - 1:00pm
District 3 Sacaton, AZ

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For more information contact Elisia Manuel
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For more information about the foam fest, visit www.mygilariver.com

Families and runners exercise in the foam at Waterfall. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

chair volleyball events going on in the Community. For more information
Sergeant Joaquin Manuel finished a twenty-year career with the Gila River Police Department, and will become a reserve police officer.

Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

In 1998, the Gila River Police Department was hiring 30 new police officers as they transitioned from under the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Joaquin Manuel, from Tucson, applied and came to Sacaton for one of the positions. 20 years later, the now-sergeant is retiring from the force. But not leaving. He is retiring but will be stepping into a reserve police officer role. His career was celebrated during a department retirement luncheon on Sept. 27.

Over the course of his career, Sgt. Manuel served in a variety of capacities starting as a patrol officer before serving as a detective, corporal and sergeant of patrol officers and school resource officers. He was a part of many specialty units including the gangs/community response team, crisis intervention team, special response team and special weapons and tactical team. He was also a field training officer.

He had been in a supervisor role for the last 10 years and had a passion for working with the Community youth, serving as head of the cadet program. “It’s been a great adventure,” said Sgt. Manuel. “I owe this community everything. For them to entrust me to serve the Community for 20 years, to feel a part of the Community so long, being able to call this place my home, really.”

In the post of reserve officer, Manuel will still be commissioned to work out in the field but it’s a volunteer basis of 16 hours a month.

“I’m looking forward to still being involved in the Community and continuing to bring awareness,” said Joaquin, who has been a part of many youth initiatives like DARE among others.

During his retirement ceremony, Police Chief Kathleen Elliott thanked him for his service and commitment and joked that they weren’t going to let him go and that is why he will be serving as a reserve officer.

Also, speaking at the event was Lt. Gov. Robert Stone and Manuel Johnson, intergovernmental liaison. District 4 councilwoman Monica Antone also said a few words, reminding about the “police building” that Manuel first came to when he applied, which was a house and touched on his commitment and sacrifice over the past two decades.

Longtime friend and fellow retiree, Wayne DeLowe provided a touching tribute to Manuel. “I’m glad that you chose Gila River and became a Community member,” said DeLowe, telling the audience how many people would ask which district Sgt. Manuel was from because his last name is a common name in the area. “Oh, he’s from district 8. He got to know a lot of different people and he became like family to us and to the Community.”

DeLowe fought back tears while discussing the 2005 homicide of his son and how Manuel and Sergeant Timothy Chavez were there for him through the difficult time and how much he appreciated it. Another fellow retiree, Raymond Soto, let Manuel know that despite retiring he is not done working because the hard work starts at home, letting him know of the honey-do list that will be waiting for him at home that includes chores like vacuuming and laundry.

“He was always dedicated to this Community,” said Soto. “Even though he is non-Native, you probably wouldn’t even know that because he worked really hard and got involved in the Community. His special touch was with the youth of the Community.”

In attendance with Sgt. Manuel was his wife, three sons, two brothers, a sister-in-law and his mother. They were thanked by everyone who spoke for allowing Manuel to serve on the police department, understanding the sacrifice it takes to be on the force for 20 years.

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lar Project Journey,” which highlighted the development of a utility-scale solar project.

The award luncheon started with NAFOA President Cristina Danforth highlighting the recipients, which also included Native American Activist, Susan Masten, member of the Yurok Tribe.

Gov. Lewis’ award introduction included a video of Congressman Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.) congratulating Lewis. Lujan said Lewis is, “always willing to lend a helping hand and always willing to bring people together.”

Friend of the Lewis family, John Echohawk, Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund, formally introduced Lewis and recalled his close friendship with Lewis as well as his father, the late Rodney B. Lewis.

Lewis’ award included an alabaster sculpture by artist Robert Dale Tsosie and an eagle feather from the Grey Snow Eagle House in Oklahoma.

Lewis, in his second term as governor said, “I accept this award on behalf of my family, on behalf of my father, the late Rodney Lewis in his memory, and on behalf of all of the Gila River Indian Community, my 17-member council, and my Lieutenant Governor Robert Stone.”

Lewis also recognized the NAFOA staff and thanked the Pueblo of Santa Ana for hosting the conference. Lewis also thanked his friend, director Chris Eyre, who was in attendance.

“Governor Lewis is a pillar of our community who deserves the highest honor we can bestow,” said NAFOA President Danforth. “His lifetime dedication and commitment has paved the way for a brighter economic future for not only the Gila River Indian Community but for all Native people.”

Blackwater Community School receives federal funding for replacement school

Communication & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

On, Tuesday, September 25th, the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Tara Sweeney announced the Blackwater Community School within the Gila River Indian Community will receive $30.1 million to construct a replacement school. The replacement school will serve approximately 400 students in grades K through 5 who will learn in state of the art classrooms and in a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building.

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis commended Assistant Secretary Swee- ney and the Department of the Interior for prioritizing the construction of school facilities where Native American students can thrive and learn in environments that are conducive to academic success. Lewis stated, “The education of our youth is vital to our Community and its future. We must invest in our children’s education in order for them to reach their highest potential. The Gila River Indian Community is committed in working with the Department of the Interior to build the Blackwater Community School. It is our hope there will be continued collaboration between Indian Tribes and the Department of Interior to find innovative solutions to breaking the backlog of schools needing construction throughout Indian Country.”

Aerial view of the replacement for Blackwater Community School. ADM Group

Rendering of the replacement school that will serve approximately 400 students. ADM Group

The replacement school will be LEED certified. ADM Group

Treasurer Robert Keller was among the speakers at the NAFOA conference on Oct. 1. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Gov. Lewis’ award was made by artist Robert Dale Tsosie. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

NAFOA President Cristina Danforth congratulates Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the award luncheon on Oct. 2. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN
First grade student Kaylee Burnette reads and works on an assignment with her grandfather ahead of the Community School’s Native American Recognition week.

Grandparents and elders visit Casa Blanca Community School

Casa Blanca Community School celebrated Native American Recognition Week during Sept. 17-20 and culminated in a day for grandparents and elders to visit Casa Blanca Community School and Ramona Farms.

The week-long celebration focused on connecting the students with not only their own culture but other Native American cultures.

“It was very successful,” Priscilla Espinoza, community school liaison, said about the Native American recognition week. “We had a big turnout of grandparents. At Casa Blanca Community School, we have awesome teachers here. They are here for our students and they integrate their culture with our culture. Sometimes you hear the non-Native teachers speaking our language and that makes us feel so good. They are embracing our culture and I think that is so important.”

The week started when the school invited the Tribal Education’s Cultural Program and Ramona Farms to the school on Monday for lessons and demonstrations.

Anthony Gray, culture coordinator, provided the students with the history of the Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh. Jarrod Lewis, culture and language curriculum developer, demonstrated different dances and explained the importance and meanings of the dances. The students also joined in the dancing, celebrating their culture.

Tammy Histia, assistant culture coordinator, taught the students about the land and plants that are a part of the Community’s culture. She showed the students edible seeds from devil’s claw and saguaro cacti. The students had an opportunity to taste the seeds.

Also presenting was Ramona Farms, who discussed a traditional diet with the students. They discussed the different types of beans and seeds. They sent the students home with seeds to plant on their own.

On Tuesday, the school had a traveling museum display courtesy of the Heard Museum.

On display were the Tohono O’odham, the Navajo, the Hopi and two displays called Who Are the Apache and Remembering Our Indian School Days: The Boarding School Experience.

The displays came with photographs and artifacts for the students to observe and learn. They also provided books that discussed the history, governments and real-life stories from tribal members. The students were able to touch wool, a major supply for the Navajo Indians. Also, provided were Hopi masks and katsina dolls.

“The kids got to know that their teachers were Native,” said Espinoza, who highlighted the teachers’ tribes. “They didn’t know it was important to connect and let them know that we are different nations but we are one.”

The fourth-grade classes researched different Native American tribes and created tri-fold bulletin boards on their respective tribes. The boards were displayed in the library and each grade had the opportunity to do a walk through and learn about the different tribes.

The final day of the week was dedicated to elders and the student’s grandparents were invited to class for an activity and a lunch meal. Each class had their own activity from making a dream catcher, t-shirt painting, reading and beading.

“It was about honoring them,” said Espinoza. “We want to honor our elders and provide those connections for the children.”
Employees with 20-plus years recognized at Years of Service Awards

Gila River Indian Community employees were recognized for their years of service at a special lunch reception held to honor their commitment to serving the Community.

There was cheer and stories shared among the individuals, who came together at Fleming’s Steak House and Wine Bar for the GRIC Human Resources “Years of Service Awards” on Sept. 26.

GRIC employees who attended the event were treated to a steak and chicken lunch and a variety of entertainment provided by Human Resources Employee Assistance/Training Specialist Richard Wescroft and Training Specialist Phillip Morris and Employee Development Manager Marsha Chischilly.

The entertainment consisted of music trivia from the 80s, 90s, 00s, as well as a dance number by a group of sparkling clad ladies, who performed a round of hit songs by Tina Turner.

Although there were no spirits being served during this occasion, the spirits of the individuals were high for some that have put in over 20 years of service to the Community.

HR Employee Development Manager Marsha Chischilly, said the employees were all deserving of recognition for what they brought to the Community. Lt. Gov. Robert Stone provided the welcoming address to the employees and said he and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis are honored to recognize the employees for their hard work.

GRIC has a large workforce said Stone, which requires teamwork and communication to provide an environment that reinforces the values of the Community, which means looking after each other and making sure employees are well taken care of.

“Congratulations to each and every one of you. Some of you are retiring, thank you for your service to our Community,” said, Stone, “It’s an investment of your time and your family to commit yourself to your job and what you have been able to do all these years.”

In closing, Stone said, “It’s tireless work that you do and now that we are here together it is important to recognize you in a way that reflects your service, we are a community and that includes you all...”

Below is a list of those honored at the GRIC Years of Service Awards:

- **38 Years**
  - MELVA CHARLES
- **37 Years**
  - DANIELLE JACKSON
- **36 Years**
  - ALAN BLACKWATER
  - ABIGAIL THOMAS
- **33 Years**
  - CHERYL PABLO
  - JAY PEDRO
- **30 Years**
  - AGATHA APKAW
  - DOROTHIEA GUY
  - VALERIE JOHN-SON-ANTONE
  - MARY OSIFE
  - BARNABY LEWIS
  - RANDALL LANGE

**25 Years**
- MARY OSIFE
- RANDALL LANGE
- ALBERTA MIGUEL
- JOAQUIN MANUEL
- CLAUDINA LEWIS
- RUDY MIN
- MARY NANCE
- ROMO LEWIS
- DEBORAH MORAGO
- MARCELLA NEWTON
- DEPIK MORGAN
- RAPHAEL PEDRO
- ANTHONY STEVENS
- LYNN SIMON
- JANE TALAS
- RAYMOND TORRES
- RANDALL LANGE
- DEBORAH MORAGO
- MARCELLA NEWTON
- DEPIK MORGAN
- ANTHONY STEVENS
- LYNN SIMON
- JANE TALAS
- RAYMOND TORRES
- RANDALL LANGE

- **20 Years**
  - AGATHA APKAW
  - BARNABY LEWIS
  - MARY OSIFE
  - RUDY MIN
  - MARY NANCE
  - ROMO LEWIS
  - DEBORAH MORAGO
  - MARCELLA NEWTON
  - DEPIK MORGAN
  - ANTHONY STEVENS
  - LYNN SIMON
  - JANE TALAS
  - RAYMOND TORRES
  - RANDALL LANGE

- **15 Years**
  - RANDALL LANGE
  - CLAUDINA LEWIS
  - BARNABY LEWIS
  - MARY OSIFE
  - JOAQUIN MANUEL
  - RUDY MIN
  - MARY NANCE
  - ROMO LEWIS
  - DEBORAH MORAGO
  - MARCELLA NEWTON
  - DEPIK MORGAN
  - ANTHONY STEVENS
  - LYNN SIMON
  - JANE TALAS
  - RAYMOND TORRES
  - RANDALL LANGE

- **10 Years**
  - RANDALL LANGE
  - CLAUDINA LEWIS
  - BARNABY LEWIS
  - MARY OSIFE
  - JOAQUIN MANUEL
  - RUDY MIN
  - MARY NANCE
  - ROMO LEWIS
  - DEBORAH MORAGO
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  - DEPIK MORGAN
  - ANTHONY STEVENS
  - LYNN SIMON
  - JANE TALAS
  - RAYMOND TORRES
  - RANDALL LANGE

**5 Years**
- RANDALL LANGE
- CLAUDINA LEWIS
- BARNABY LEWIS
- MARY OSIFE
- JOAQUIN MANUEL
- RUDY MIN
- MARY NANCE
- ROMO LEWIS
- DEBORAH MORAGO
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ASU’s AISSS hosts lecture on preserving cultural traditions

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Arizona State University’s American Indian Student Support Services held a special presentation into the traditions of Native tribes across Arizona.

The lecture called “Kinship Responsibilities: Protecting a Way of Life,” was given by husband and wife Royce Manuel, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Debbie Manuel, Navajo Nation, in downtown Phoenix on Sept. 21. They shared their perspectives on the passing their culture from one generation to the next.

They said it ultimately comes down to sharing the knowledge about those who came before us.

“There are many teachers, educators and historians, such as grandparents from Native communities, that have their own experiences,” said Debbie.

Royce said for his community and the southern O’otham tribes, there is a threat of losing the language and traditions and that it is upon those individuals who have knowledge about how things were done in the past to serve as advocates for the preservation of the culture.

“We are so ingrained within [this] society around us, that the things we had a long time ago were lost and so what I try to do,” is look at what our tribes did in the past.

He said gender plays an equally important role in how it is shared, because either the men or women performed certain duties vital to their position within the O’otham society.

“A lot of people today don’t recognize some of the things that we have and how men and women functioned within the society,” said Royce.

One of these things is weaving, which according to Royce was an action performed by the men, when they made objects like the burden basket, sandals and other everyday items. The couple discussed the importance of learning traditional gender roles. Royce said, “Take for instance a little-known item like the flute, which you don’t see much anymore, it’s a man’s instrument and it was used to play at the house where a girl that he liked lived.”

He spoke about the use of the term “Pima” and how that translates into “I don’t know,” which is one word he tries to get people away from using, because it is part of the misinformation of how to correctly identify the Akimel O’otham.

Royce advised the students that language can be an interesting subject, because there are various origins to how the spelling and pronunciation came about. He said, “as an individual and a member of your own tribe you have to look beyond what you see and see where the history is and how that came to be, so you don’t get confused.”

Debbie said coming in as a non-O’otham speaker there are things that you learn that either represent the singular or plural, but also in the way it is emphasized with extended vowels, for example when explaining how far something is in the distance.

Kinship responsibilities are also expressed in traditional games such as is toka and gins. According to Royce, toka simulates the battles of male warriors, which was recreated through a game played by O’otham women. Gins is played by the men on a large board of sorts, made out of holes dug into the earth and participants positioned in the cardinal directions. Players toss sticks into the air and move tokens around the board like Hasbro’s “Sorry” according to markings on the sticks.

The insightful presentation explained the importance of gender roles within O’otham society and how both the males and females work together to sustain the livelihood of the people and culture.
These students were selected for the month of August as the role models for living this pledge. Please congratulate them for setting the bar high for citizenship on the elementary campus.

Kylie Jackson, Kindergarten  
Mrs. Dominguez, Teacher

Myia Garcia, 1st Grade  
Mrs. Burruel, Teacher

FeatherLee Williams, 2nd Grade  
Mrs. Simmons, Teacher

Fallen-Star Lewis, 3rd Grade  
Mrs. Gover, Teacher

Redcloud Terrazas, 4th Grade  
Mrs. Valdez, Teacher

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Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
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REPORT HEARD
5. 56th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo Report
Presenter: Catherine E. Langford
This chapter is adopted pursuant
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its inherent legislative, adjudicative,
and welfare of the Community, includ-
integrity, economic security or health
and welfare of the Community threat-
or affect the political inte-
and welfare of the Community;
and disclose all relevant information
and to adopt the Gila River Indian Com-
munity Ordinance and Bylaws (March 17, 1969),
and to enact ordinances governing
conduct with the exterior boundaries of
the Reservation (25 U.S.C. § 479). The Community (a) enacts this ordinance
under its inherent legislative, adjudicative,
and regulatory authority pursuant to
the express delegation of authority by
Congress under the Indian Reorganiza-
tion Act (20 U.S.C. § 461 et seq.),
which provides the Community the
authority to organize and adopt the
Gila River Indian Community Consti-
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and to enact ordinances governing
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CONTRACT FOR LAND AUCTION
APPROVED AS AMENDED
PRESENTATION INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)
REPORTS
1. Maricopa Village Christian Allocation Quarter 3 Report
Presenters: Jeffery Thomburg, Patrice Laurell
PRESENTATION AND SECOND TO TABLE
REPORT HEARD
2. District Seven Letter of Appointment to Planning &
Presenter: Anthony Gerlauch
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
APPROVED
ORDINANCES
1. Gila River Farms FY17 Audit (G&MSC forwards to
Council under New Business with recommendation to
accept and approve)
Parliamentary Procedure
1. The absence of any member shall not
result in the voiding of any action by
the Community (1960). Bylaws of the Gila River Indian
Reservation (Annalots 2000 and 2060) (G&MSC forwards to Council with
recommendation for approval with corrections; NRSC concurs)
Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater
APPROVED
4. A Resolution Approving Amendment No.1 To The
Agreement Between the States Of America And The Gila River Indian Community For The Transfer Of Long-Term Storage Credits And Commitment For Recovery Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)
Presenters: Jason Haulter, Akin Gump
APPROVED
6. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Revenue Internal Audit’s Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2019 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive Session)
Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller
APPROVED
4. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Revenue Internal Audit’s Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2019 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive Session)
Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller
APPROVED
2. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire
Presenter: Thomas Knapp
APPROVED
3. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted
Presenter: Thomas Knapp
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6. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Gaming Internal Audit’s Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2019 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive Session)
Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller
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COMMON MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:58 A.M.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET
Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729
CALL TO ORDER
The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, October 19, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona, was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:15 a.m.
INVOCAZION
Provided by Lt. Governor Robert Stone
ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS PRESENT:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Robert Stone
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:
D1- Joe Whitman, Anzie Hogg; D2- Carol Schurz;
D3- Carolynn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Monica Antoine, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart (9:21), Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr.; D6- Anthony Violal, Sr. (9:35), Charles Goldtooth (9:35), Terrance Evan (9:26); D7- Devin Redbird
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:
D4- Jennifer Allison; D5- Thomas White
APPROVAL OF A GENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED
PRESENTATION INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)
REPORTS
1. NYCPC 3rd Quarter Performance Report
Presenter: Sienna Whittington
REPORT HEARD
Presenter: Catherine E. Langford
REPORT HEARD
5. 56th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo Report
Presenter: June Shorthair, Allee Walking Badger
REPORT HEARD
6. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report FY 18 Qtr 2
Presenter: Michael Morago, Bob Gazis
REPORT HEARD
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER
EXECUTIVE SESSION
7. Monthly Activity Report Ending August 31, 2018 (Executive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
REPORT HEARD
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER
EXECUTIVE SESSION
GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECON-
VENED AT 11:25 A.M.
RESOLUTIONS
1. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Homeland Security For Assistance To Firefighters For Health And Wellness (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, LSC concurs)
Presenter: Thomas Knapp
APPROVED
2. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit An Application For A Funding Opportunity From The United States Department Of Homeland Security Assistance To Firefighters Grant – Regional Training Grant (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC concurs)
Presenter: Thomas Knapp
APPROVED
3. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Annalots 2000 and 2060) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections; NRSC concurs)
Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater
APPROVED
4. A Resolution Approving Amendment No.1 To The Agreement Between the States Of America And The Gila River Indian Community For The Transfer Of Long-Term Storage Credits And Commitment For Recovery Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive Session)
Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller
APPROVED
6. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Revenue Internal Audit’s Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2019 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive Session)
Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller
APPROVED
ORDINANCES
1. Gila River Farms FY17 Audit (G&MSC forwards to Council with New Business with recommendation to accept and approve)
Presenter: Anthony Gerlauch
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT
2. District Seven Letter of Appointment to Planning & Zoning Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval to appoint Pamela Thomas)
Presenter: Sharon Lewis
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT
PAMELA THOMAS
3. Gila River Health Care Request for Council Orientation (H&SSC forwards to Council)
Presenter: Myron Schurz
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE
ORIENTATION ON OCTOBER 15, 2018, 8:30AM
4. District Seven Letter Of Appointment For Joey Biakeddy (LSC motioned to forward Council the Letter of Appointment for Joey Biakeddy to the Citizens Advisory Board with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Joyce McAfee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT
JOEY BIAKEDDY
5. Resignation Letter for GRICUA Board Member (EDSC forwards to Council to accept the resignation and advertise for the unexpired term subject to the Council’s approval)
Presenter: Shannon White
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE
THE VACANCY SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT
[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
1. Fourth Native American Cannabis & Hemp Conference
Presenter: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE TRAVEL
7. Special Council Meeting Request
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 11, 2018, 1:00 P.M.
MINUTES
1. August 15, 2018 (Regular)
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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
WITH CORRECTIONS
2. August 30, 2018 (Special)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS
> NCAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE TRAVEL
> MEMORIAL AIRFIELD MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
> INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018, 1PM
> EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNS EXPRESSED
> IOPC MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018, 1PM
> GILA CROSSING AMERICAN INDIAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
> ADOPTION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:58 A.M.
* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

NOTIFICATION
COMPLETED LEGISLATION
ORDINANCES
TITLE 20, CHAPTER 2, HOMESTE
t This Ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinators offices and the Community Council Secretary’s Office.
The full Ordinance is effective on October 1, 2018. DPR 2.0 2018.
HOMESTE
20.201 Authority.
This chapter is adopted pursuant to Sections 1 (a), (13), (19), and
Section 4 of Article XVII and Section 2 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the Gila River Indian Community.
A. Authority; Purpose: Intent: The Gila River Indian Community ("Community") has enacted this ordinance under
its inherent legislative, adjudicative,
and regulatory authority pursuant to
the express delegation of authority by
Congress under the Indian Reorganiza-
tion Act (20 U.S.C. § 461 et seq.),
which provides the Community the
authority to organize and adopt the
Gila River Indian Community Consti-
tution and Bylaws (March 17, 1969),
and to enact ordinances governing
October 5, 2018 Gila River Indian News Page 15
The Eldery Concerns Group invites you to attend this special event with music, entertainment, raffle prizes, food and great company!

DATE: Friday, November 16, 2018
LOCATION: Rawhide Event Center
TIME: 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Registration: 7:00 A.M.
Breakfast: 7:30 A.M.

Pre-Registration is REQUIRED Please contact your District Elder Coordinator to sign up and to request transportation.

Deadline for registration is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018
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THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 25, 2018

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OCTOBER 13TH | 10AM-NOON
The Art of Chemmaith (tortillas)

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OCTOBER 20TH | 10AM-NOON
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tially open.
Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered a store, located inside the Phoenix Premium Outlets, grabbed a pair of black in color women’s tennis shoes without paying. The suspect then exits the store without paying for the merchandise. The incident was discovered as the store manager was reviewing surveillance footage.
Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered a store, located inside the Phoenix Premium Outlets, grabbed two pairs of jeans, and entered a fitting room. The suspect then exits the store without paying for the merchandise which had been concealed. The incident was discovered as the store manager was reviewing surveillance footage.
Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered a store, located inside the Phoenix Premium Outlets, and took a pair of black in color women’s tennis shoes without paying. The suspect was gone upon police arrival.
Status: Under investigation.

Theft - The suspect entered the victim’s hotel room without her permission and stole a bag. Upon further investigation the purse was recovered in the hotel lobby intact. The suspect left the premises prior to police arrival.
Status: Under investigation.

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Status: Under investigation.

Theft - The suspect entered the victim’s vehicle while it was parked in the Vee Quiva Casino Parking lot without the victim’s permission. The suspect then drove off the property with the victims vehicle.
Status: Under investigation.

Auto Theft - The victim’s exiled their vehicle and went inside the Komatke Market store. The vehicle was left on and un- locked while they were in the store. The suspect was standing outside of the store and had observed the victim leave the car running. The suspect proceeded to enter the victim’s vehicle and drive off of the property on 51st Ave. The vehicle was located and the suspect apprehended.
Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Theft – The suspect forced entry into the victim’s vehicle, while parked in the Vee Quiva Casino parking lot, by breaking the passenger-side window. The suspect then stole the victim’s purse and cell phone from inside the vehicle.
Status: Under investigation.

Burglary - Suspect(s) forced entry into the board ed up residence at an unknown time. While inside of the residence, the suspect(s) damaged the interior or wall in the laundry room and removed copper pipes. Status: Under investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) walked onto the victim’s property without permission and stole a black air compressor that had been left underneath the carport. The victim was unsure who would have taken the item.
Status: Under investigation.

District Seven:
Theft - Suspect(s) walked onto the property and took several pieces of plywood from the residence that was being used to cover the windows. District 7 Service Center staff noticed the missing items after they returned from their lunch break. Staff was on the property cleaning out and securing the abandoned residence.
Status: Under investigation.

District Six:
Aggravated Assault – The suspect struck the victim several times with his fists and a wooden back scraper. Upon the officer’s arrival the suspect prevented the victim from answering the front door and kept her confined to the bedroom. Officers could hear the victim yelling and were forced to enter the residence through the front door. The suspect was apprehended without further incident.
Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.
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