Gila River Hotels & Casinos announce partnership with ASU

The partnership will provide Gila River Hotels & Casinos and Arizona State University a means to the university. The new partnership and what it means to the university means to the university. The partnership is to be held with tribal members. To kick off the reception, the voice behind ASU athletics, Tim Healey, long time Sun Devil radio announcer, ushered in the new partnership and what it means to the university. Healey said, “We have a new stadium, we have a new coach, we have a new football team, why not have a brand new exciting new partnership.”

He said the combination of ASU and Gila River Hotels & Casinos combines two well-known names in entertainment and sports together to create a dynamic partnership.


Gila River Hotels & Casinos Chief Executive Officer Kenneth Manuel said Gila River Hotel & Casinos has a long history of relationships with local institutions.

"ASU is America’s most innovative university and we are extremely proud to be partners with the distinguished institute," said Manuel.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis emphasized the tuition benefits for Community members and Gila River Hotels & Casinos team members. "This partnership benefits, both the Arizona State University family and the Gila River Indian Community as well,” said Gov. Lewis. “It’s historic and we should all recognize this for the partnership that demonstrates a tribal commitment but they old class institution like Arizona State University...it’s a first of ‘THIS PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS, BOTH THE ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY FAMILY AND THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY.’

- Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

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Gila River Indian Community

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Space Camp students present at Community Council

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Tribal Education department introduced the students who attended space camp in Huntsville, Ala., during the presentations portion of the Community Council agenda on Aug. 15. In their blue and green jump suits, the 20 students gave Community Council a summary of what they learned at the weeklong space camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

This is the third year the Community has sent a group of students to space camp, which offers them a firsthand look at space exploration and aviation through hands-on workshops. The camp is known around the world as the center for exploration into the stars and teaches Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

The camp is popular among the GRIC students, and Tribal Education has organized the trip for students interested in STEM based subjects to attend each year. The ages of students that attended the robotics portion of the camp ranged from 12-14 years old. Two other groups attended the Aviation Challenge camp, which was separated into two groups Mach II for ages 12-14 and Mach III for 15-18 year olds.

Kristopher Perkins and Iwalani Stone stood out among the students who attended the Aviation Challenge portion of the camp, and they shared their experiences during introductions.

This was Stone’s third time attending the camp and she hopes to be a student instructor sometime in the future. “I want to major in chemical engineering…I really like the whole chemistry and what it involves…I have a passion for that and I know their school is great for that major,” she said.

Perkins was among a select group of students to achieve the top gun medal for his team’s performance during one of the final exercises of the Aviation Challenge.

In a head-to-head dogfight, Perkins’ group flew a simulated air combat mission against their instructors. Perkins is a junior at Coolidge High School and said he is interested in military aviation.
Submitted by the Morago Family

There were well-deserved ovations for each new inductee to the 2018 University of Arizona Sports Hall of Fame. But the most enthusiastic was for an athlete from Gila River.

Our father, Burdette Morago, drew the loudest applause during a ceremony on Aug. 31 in Tucson for the newest members of an elite group of individuals who in their Wildcat careers proudly represented Arizona athletics. And it wasn’t just because he had the biggest booster club of more than 100 family and friends in attendance.

In an evening full of moving speeches, Burdette Morago’s mesmerized. Instead of dwelling on sepia-toned memories of self-congratulation, our father’s speech was a measured, thoughtful tribute to familial ideals: the brotherhood of sports, the bonding between native and non-native cultures, and the importance of family. He recounted how his biggest boosters — present at many of his pivotal games, sitting in the front row — were his parents, Bill and Ruth Morago. He also told a story about a special relationship his grandfather, Alfred Jackson, shared with “Pop” McKale, the legendary former athletic director of the University of Arizona.

Even for those of us who have heard a lifetime’s worth of Dad-told stories, the latter was a new one (which proves that there’s always something a parent even an 81-year-old one, can surprise you with).

If nothing else, our father’s speech was a job well done. But even for people who don’t know him as we do, it was so much more. Those in attendance it will remember it as a moment of dignity and wisdom — laced with the spirit of fraternity and grace notes of humanity. It was almost a lesson in everyday civics, if you will.

His is not just an Indian-boy-made-good story (although it is certainly that). Our father’s remarks remind us that themes of “dream big,” “practice makes perfect” and “strength of family” aren’t just old-fashioned notions.

They were embodied in a boy from the Rez who is now officially in the pantheon of the greatest athletes who ever wore U of A blue and cardinal.

It was not lost on us that some of those who championed him the most were not there to share our father’s special night — his parents, of course, and his sister Viola and brother Merle. We remember them with utmost affection.

The family and friends who were present helped make for a joyful event, not just at the induction ceremony but also the following day at the UA vs BYU football game where the inductees were present during halftime. Fanfare and fireworks! And, throughout the two-day event we heard over and over from U of A officials and other inductees about how moved they were by the speech. It was a weekend we’ll never forget.

We thank all those who shared these moments with our father, and those who could not make it but who have been equally supportive. To all of Dad’s U of A friends and sports buddies who encouraged his induction: we thank you.

To the people of Ajo where his athletic fame was nurtured: we thank you. To the tribal government who recognized the importance of this honor (especially Governor Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Governor Robert Stone): we thank you.

And to Dad: we thank you too. Now we can pass down our own story (albeit, without your eloquence) of the night that belonged to the kid from Sacaton with a heck of a right arm. Sincerely, Sheila Morago, Greg Morago, Michael Morago, Anamarie Morago, Adam Morago, Amy Morago and Pamela Manuel. And the Morago Family.

A Family Perspective

The man who made us proud – Darn right he is a Wildcat

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE

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After the reception

the highest of a primary pitching player.

In 1958, Morago pitched the Wildcats to victory in the District Championship game against Texas. The next year he shut out Texas A&M in the championship both wins sent Arizona to the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

“When I was first informed of this event,” Morago said during his acceptance speech, “I have to admit that I was pretty well choked up. It never occurred to me that some-thing like that would happen but it did.”

During his speech, he recalled a story when James Fred McKale was upset that Morago missed a few classes and threatened to drive to Sacaton and tell Morago’s grandfa-ther. He was shocked that McKale knew of Sacaton and later found out that the pair were great friends and would watch his games together occasionally.

He also said his favor-ite memory was the first game playing in a Wildcat uniform seeing his moth-er and father in the stands and the emotions that came over him in the moment is something that he hasn’t experienced since.

On Saturday evening, Hall of Fame inductees were honored during halftime of the football season opener. Other inductees included Klaus Ambrosch (Track and Field), Shelley Duncan (baseball), Kristie Fox (softball), Chaminde Gale (Track and Field), Adam Kuehl (Track and Field), Mallory Miller (soccer), Doug Towne (swimming) and Karin Wurns (gymnastics).

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Community Working to Prevent Suicides: September is Suicide Prevention Month

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Defense Services Office

Suicide could happen in a swanky apartment, hotel or motel room in Phoenix or Paris or in the back yard of someone’s property. Suicide can’t be discriminated by race, ethnicity, class or gender. If you live in poverty or in private jets, it doesn’t matter. There is no one situation or group of people to think about suicide. It could be stress, depression, health conditions, relationship problems, but we know no culture is immune from the trauma of suicide.

Nationally, Indian Country is experiencing high-rates of suicide than any other race or ethnicity. Frankly, it is difficult to understand what leads an individual to consider suicide related behaviors, however the Community cannot sit to tackle the problem head on. Gila River Indian Health Behavioral Health Services has a prevention program.

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GRPD officer teaches important lessons in children’s books

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A Gila River Police Department officer and Community member from District 1 has a novel idea of sharing life lessons through children’s books. William Lewis hasn’t hung up his badge for children’s books, but has used the idea to create stories based on things children see in the world and in themselves.

“I think a lot of it was just from my grandkids, telling them stories, that is where it started from,” said Lewis.

Currently, Lewis has two children’s books that can be purchased through Amazon called “Felipe the Fish” and “The Bears Journey.”

He said, “What I was really wanting to do is that I have different stories that you tell a story for kids, but just not to be basic, but to have a lesson involved.”

The major themes of his two books focus on self-perception and how you can be okay with who you are as a person.

“Felipe the Fish” is a story about a fish that wants to be different, but ultimately it is about being comfortable himself and learning something special about him.

Lewis said writing a book can be a straightforward process, with the help of technology can remove the middle man and allow independent writers to use self-publishing services to get their stories out onto the market.

He said when getting his books ready for print, he hired a freelance illustrator to create the imagery for his books.

“With traditional publishing, people will write a manuscript and they will send it to a publisher and you have to wait for a long time to hear back from the publisher on whether or not they want to publish your work,” he said.

The traditional process can be time consuming and so with today’s online self-publishing services individuals like Lewis can use these resources to publish their books.

“I found CreateSpace (an online book publishing company), the good thing is that you can actually create your book from start to finish for free, but the bad side is you got to do it all on your own,” said Lewis with a chuckle.

“It’s challenging, once you figure out the formats and everything they require, it’s a matter of making sure everything the way you want it and submitting it.”

He said recently the idea of writing children’s book came to mind, but that the stories began when his children were young. Lewis said the story starts in one direction then turns into another direction when he starts writing.

“I’m glad I have my grandchildren there with me... they’re the best critics I have... if I can keep their attention for bit, I’m on something,” said Lewis with a bit of humor.

Lewis hopes that his children’s books will be entertaining and meaningful to the whole who purchase them on Amazon and that are welcome to leave feedback.
Youth wins big at the White Mountain Apache Tribal Fair & Rodeo

District 3 Community member Jocelyn Co'Nei'Sen'Ney was one of a handful of local cowboys and cowgirls that competed at the 93rd Annual White Mountain Apache Tribe’s rodeo over Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31- Sept. 3, in Whiteriver, Ariz.

Co'Nei'Sen'Ney, 13, is a well-known contestant at the WMAT rodeo having participated every year since 2014 and has won the all-around cowgirl saddle each of those years in various age categories of the junior rodeo. This is where she won her first saddle.

This year she partnered with world champion team roping header, Aaron Tsingine, and placed third in the 10-13 years-old team roping event. She also decided to challenge herself and participate in the all-women’s rodeo and the all-Indian rodeo. The all-arounds are calculated on total money won.

In the all-Indian rodeo, she roped in the breakaway and returned in the top 10 but missed on her next outing. Overall, it was a great showing for Gila River rodeo contestants. Jalen Joaquin won the all-Indian rodeo saddle bronce buckle and has qualified for the Indian National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev. In October. Oriana Apkaw, from District 4, placed second in the all-women’s rodeo with a score of 69 points. Apkaw has been competing in rodeo for many years, having won first place buckles in 2014, 2015 and 2017.

Co’Nei’Sen’Ney attends San Tan Jr. High School and is straight-A student. She will be competing in the Sudden Death for jr. barrels and jr. breakaway with the Southwest Rodeo Association on Sept. 16 in Taylor, Ariz., a strong showing could land her back in the Indian National Finals Rodeo.

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Our Health
Our Community

The Tribal Health Department would like to hear from you by conducting a Community Health Assessment! The assessment will be used to improve the health and wellness of the Akimel O’odham and Pee Posh members of the Gila River Indian Community. Your responses will assist in our efforts to address the health needs of the Community. You must be 18 years or older and a GRIC tribal member or living within the GRIC boundaries to complete the survey.

Help us understand your health concerns by completing the Community Health Assessment survey in 3 easy ways:

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3. Or visit one of the Tribal Health Department locations: Sacaton or Laveen Branch
   • 433 W Seed Farm Rd, Sacaton AZ 85147
   • 5356 W Pecos Rd., Laveen AZ 85339

For more information please contact: Christina Floyd at (520)562-5100 or by email at christina.floyd@gric.nsn.us
This project is made possible by funding from the National Indian Health Board Tribal Accreditation Support Imitative Grant.
GRIC Emergency Manager named Emergency Manager of the Year

DeLeon wins the award among county, municipal and tribal entities, credits staff for success

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

At the 2018 Arizona Emergency Services Association (AESA) Annual Conference, Office of Emergency Management, Emergency Operations Director Robert “Bob” DeLeon, was recognized for his leadership as the “Emergency Manager of the Year” on Aug. 23.

The nomination came as a surprise to DeLeon, who credits the OEM staff for the honor.

“I wasn’t aware I was nominated...a couple of days before the conference I was asked if I was going to attend the conference or, because I hadn’t signed up yet and I had another meeting scheduled that day,” said DeLeon.

The prerequisites for the Emergency Manager of the Year are open to county, municipal emergency, and tribal representatives, who are dedicated to serving their community within public safety preparedness. Each nominee is evaluated through a selection board that reviews their information and background before a decision is made.

DeLeon is no stranger to emergencies, and he has been on the scene since 1980 when he started as a firefighter/paramedic with the City of Mesa and the City of Scottsdale, and as an emergency manager.

He was nominated by a peer emergency manager, but due to the closed nomination process, he was unaware of their identity.

DeLeon says that OEM has a dedicated team of workers as well as the support of the Community.

“We all work together, we take parts and components of various plans or activities and then we meet once a week to talk about what we are doing to coordinate with each other,” he said.

He said emergency management is a year-round job that requires close coordination with Community departments on a variety of events and activities related to the public.

“We are not just busy during the monsoon season, we are working on developing plans, we are working on training, which is out of [this] office…one of the things we do is work with external partners around training like the National Incident Management System,” said DeLeon.

DeLeon said with training and collaborations, OEM is prepared for a variety of emergency scenarios. OEM is unique among emergency management offices because they facilitate the rehabilitation of homes damaged by severe storms with Community departments along with GRIC infrastructure.

“We don’t just work with the Community departments, we work with the hospital, the casinos, that’s all part of it…but most of all we need to continue to work on emergency plans for each of the entities and their facilities,” said DeLeon.
Gila River Indian Community remembers Sen. John McCain

On behalf of the Gila River Indian Community I want to express my sincere condolences regarding the passing of Senator John McCain to his wife Cindy and family.

Although not born and raised in Arizona, John McCain was a true Arizonan. As a leader of a tribal nation, we were thankful that he took the time to learn our issues and to respect us as the governments we are. He believed in tribal sovereignty and self-determination and understood that tribal communities do best when we are allowed to govern at our local level.

He worked tirelessly to develop a system to the Cobell class action lawsuit involving hundreds of thousands of individual Indian money accounts.

In 2014, Senator McCain visited our Community and met with Community Council, Veterans, and Community members. He toured HuHuKam Memorial, met with children from our Head Start Program, and laid a wreath at the Ira Hayes Memorial to honor Ira Hayes and all the Community’s veterans.

In the few times I was fortunate to meet with Senator McCain, he always remembered our Head Start children singing the O’otham songs they were learning. He told me that he was a highlight of his visit that he always remembered and cherished.

Senator McCain’s door was always open and he always made himself available to meet with you, even if you didn’t agree with his opinion on something. He was willing to find compromise in order to make progress.

Senator McCain was friends with people from all walks of life, including my late father, Rodney Lewis, with their friendship spanning over 40 years. He held himself and others to a high standard and knew our time on this earth is limited. He always tried to act and make decisions with the utmost integrity. There are many lessons we can learn from him, and the Gila River Indian Community offers our prayers and healing to his family. While there is much sadness right now, I hope that all Arizonans will take some time to celebrate a life well-lived.

John McCain was a war hero, a statesman, and a patriot. For those of us in Indian Country who were privileged enough to have worked with him, he was a fierce advocate for our interests as tribes.

I and Lieutenant Governor Stone proudly represented our Community at yesterday’s Memorial Service. The service was powerful and a testament to his legacy and service to our Country.

We in the Community were blessed to have him on our side. From our water settlement, to our trust accounting, to health and education, he was always there. He was an inspiration to us all, and we will sorely miss him.

-Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis
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- **Massage Therapist will be available for walk-ins on Fridays.**
- **Acupuncturist will be available for walk-ins on Tuesdays.**
- **Chiropractor will be available for walk-ins on Thursdays.**

If you would like to see an Alternative Therapy Specialist please let your nurse know.

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**Attention! Current Behavioral Health Patients**

If you have AHCCCS insurance and your health plan is not the American Indian Health Program (AIHP), please be advised:

- As of October 1, 2018, you may no longer receive case management from Gila River Behavioral Health.
- Your new health plan will decide what services you receive and who will provide your care.

To change your plan you must see a Benefits Coordinator in the lobby at:
- HIKMII (602-528-1204 or 520-562-3321 Ext. 1204 and Ext. 2737)
- KH (520-550-6006, 520-550-6311), or
- RTHHC (520-796-3093, 520-796-3094, 520-796-3095)

You can also change your health plan at any time by calling AHCCCS at 602-417-7100 or 1-800-334-5283.

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**In observance of Native American Day**

All GRHC Outpatient Clinics and Administrative Offices will be CLOSED Friday, September 21, 2018.

Normal business hours will resume Monday, September 24th.
If you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.
The Department of Environmental Quality Fuels Crews work to restore forest in the high country among ponderosa pine, spruce and oak. Since August, two DEQ Fuels & Restoration Crews have been in Southern Colorado removing oak and pine for forest restoration.

In the San Juan National Forest, gambel oak and ponderosa pine grow together. But the dense oak thickets have become a fire hazard, and it is necessary to remove small-diameter trees.

A six-person Fuels & Restoration Crew working in the San Juan NF is led by Habitat Restoration Crew Leader Steven Poolheco. Poolheco and his team are helping the US Forest Service mitigate the removal of oak and hazardous ponderosa.

When a fire erupts in a forest with an abundance of oak, such as the San Juan NF, the underyard of oak can carry the fire from the ground and up other trees, which is referred to as “ladder fuel.”

“Our crew is up there essentially cleaning out this oak underyard…oak, because it is a hard work, it burns and burns, so the fire stays on the ground for a real long time.”

About 148 miles to the east, another DEQ Fuels Crew is located in the Rio Grande National Forest in South central Colorado marking dead spruce trees that will be harvested by a third-party contractor.

This four-person team is led by Habitat Specialist Ashton Lynch, who is working in her element. Benford added, is attributed to her passion for environmental work and her university degree in Forestry.

“In the Rio Grande National Forest, the second crew is working in spruce, so they’re at a higher elevation,” said Benford.

Benford said the project represents the culmination of two years of effort to reduce risk and improve forest health by clearing areas prone to fire. “It’s a great partnership with the Forest Service, and we’re grateful to have it. Many people in their shop and ours helped make this happen. I really have to tip my hat to GRIC’s Office of General Council; Thomas Murphy, Naomi Behe and Isaac Navajo developed the contracts and agreements with the Forest Service.”

He said the crew in the San Juan NF is clearing 50 acres in steep terrain, where they will continue to clear oak and pine. Some of the pine will be used as lumber or firewood.

“There’s so much forest that needs this kind of maintenance, we’re just taking a little bit out of a huge area…we hope to continue working in that area for the foreseeable future, it’s a great opportunity for our crew to contribute to healing the land,” said Benford.

In the Rio Grande NF, the objective is to mark boundaries around dead spruce trees to create sections that a third-party contractor will harvest. Approximately 80% of these trees are dead and need to be removed. The crew is also marking wildlife habitat and other ecological assets.

Benford said the combination of drought conditions and the spruce bud worm have contributed to the spruce trees’ demise, causing them to die in large numbers. He said, although insect pests such as spruce bud worms occur naturally, compromised trees are susceptible to a myriad of dangers to their health.

“We’re out there really trying to prevent fires from starting in the first place and trying to get the land in a condition that is healthy and productive again, instead of being sick,” said Benford.

The return for the crews’ hard work is not only good pay, but also re-investment that goes back to their program to support projects at home. This shows how valuable an asset the crews can be to the Community, the Forest Service and the people and wildlife that benefit from and appreciate healthier forests.

Tohono O’odham Nation Cultural Center & Museum

For more information please call 520.383.0200

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

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**Members from the DEQ Fuels & Restoration crew pose for a picture while working in the Rio Grande National Forest.**

Photo Courtesy DEQ

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**The crew working in the San Juan National Forest take a group shot with members of the U.S. Forest Service.**

Photo courtesy DEQ

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**Hayden Kt: Mekhiu, Hemu, Im B’I-haap**

**Celebrating the Arts**

**Saturday, September 15, 2018**

**Schedule of events:**

1:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Artist Demonstrations, Sales, and Food Sales

11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Tucson Fiddlers

11:00 a.m.—1:20 p.m. Carving Presentation by Homer Marks Jr.

12:15 p.m.—1:15 p.m. Church’s Buildings and Hidden Images Presentation by Ronald Geronimo

1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m. Pottery Presentation by Kathleen Vance

2:45 p.m.—3:45 p.m. Basketry Presentation by Rhonda Wilson

2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. South Image

3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Dinner Served

5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. G’eil Oldam N’edam

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**O’ODHAM VETERANS CELEBRATION**

**GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY**

**8900 West Park Street, Sacaton, AZ**

**DISTRICT TWO, HASHAN KERR**

Starting at 6:00 AM With Traditional Blessing

Registration Starting at 7:00 AM

Program to Start at 9:00 AM

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**

**TRADITIONAL BLESSING**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**DOOR PRIZES**

**LUNCH**

**SERVICE PROVIDERS**

**DISBURSEMENTS OF D.O.D. ITEMS TO VETERANS**

For More Information Please Contact Doug Juan (602) 327-5973

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If you are interested in running in the election, you must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Write-In is not permitted on Voting Day.
- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age as of September 20, 2018 (the date of election).
- Be an enrolled Community Member.
- Reside in District 3, 4, or 5 and have lived in the District in which you are running for at least one year prior to September 20, 2018.
- Have a high school diploma, or GED.
- Successfully undergo a background check and drug/alcohol screen.
- Obtain an Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card.
- Eligible candidates shall have no prior felony convictions, and shall not have any prior misdemeanor convictions involving sex offenses or offenses against children, and
- Submit a timely petition signed by seven (7) eligible voters from your District.

Any parent or legal guardian of a student currently enrolled at CBCS and listed as the authorized party to make decisions for that student in the School's records.

Do not use Skill Center from approximately 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Please do not use Sacaton Elementary School as a polling station.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Call for Artists/Artists Wanted

Sacaton Elementary School District #18 and GRCI Child Development & Education Support Services
Child Find—Developmental Screening Fair

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What if you are unable to attend one of these dates?

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What if I have concerns?

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GRPD spends day with Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council

The Gila River Police Department spent Saturday afternoon with the Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council for a Pizza with Police event on Aug. 18 at the Boys and Girls Club in Sacaton. The afternoon social event was a chance for the Community’s youth to talk face-to-face with officers in a relaxed setting and get to know them on a friendly level.

Officers of a wide-variety stopped by during the afternoon that was filled with different team-building activities. They talked about the types of officers that they are i.e. traffic, rangers, and their ranks, etc. and the different responsibilities in their specific posts.

The officers and youth council members started the afternoon by sitting in a circle and played a game to get to know each other’s names. They also shared interesting facts about themselves in an effort to create a relaxed setting.

“I think it was a great opportunity to connect with the Gila River Police Department,” said Randel Curran, Youth Council President. “I think people mostly see them as a badge and gun but they are really people beneath that and I think that really showed us that’s something we need to think about.”

Following team-building activities, they ate a pizza lunch together and visited amongst each other, with the AOPPYC members having a questionnaire for the officers. The youth found that many of the officers were daring and had swam with sharks during the questionnaire exercise, which was to find at least one officer that could check off a list.

Following lunch, they spent the remaining time in a roundtable discussion. Chief Kathleen Elliot spoke to the children about the importance of being open to having a positive relationship with the police department.

She said, “We were really excited to be invited to come to their program and get to know the youth a little bit better in an environment where we don’t look like authoritative figures.”

During a roundtable discussion, the youth asked questions regarding traffic laws, jurisdiction questions and even the supernatural, asking officers about any calls with the fabled Hoofer. They asked about the path it takes to become a police officer and asked about the different calls they have encountered.

A popular question was about any scary calls that they have had to investigate, while the youth council was hoping to hear about the Hoofer, officers shared that cases and calls that deal with death are the hardest and scariest to respond to.

Some officers chose to dress in plain clothes, emphasizing that although they are officers, they are regular people underneath the badge. They wanted to be transparent as possible with their answers and stressed that they chose to spend the day with the youth council, volunteering their weekend.

“Young adults from the Community, said Sergeant Timothy Chavez. “We played team-building games and also had a roundtable discussion. They expressed their concerns in the Community and also had many questions for us. I want to thank the Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council and Michael Preston for a fantastic time.”
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • August 15, 2018

ACTION SHEET
Community Council, PO 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 was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:27 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Council

ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Robert Stone
Council Members Present:
D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyne Williams; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5-Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr., Thomas White.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:48), Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird (1:14)
Council Members Absent:
D3-Rodney Jackson; D6-Charles Goldtooth

APPROVED AT A GENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED
PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)
1. Introduction Of 2018 Space Camp Students
Presenters: Cheryl Paul
MS. CHERRYL PAUL INTRODUCED MR. KENYEN THOMPSON TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE STUDENTS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS.
2. Introduction Of Wanda Burton, Principal Of Sacaton Elementary School
Presenters: Cheryl Paul
MS. CHERRYL PAUL INTRODUCED MR. ANDRE GILLESPIE, PRINCIPAL OF SACATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

REPORT HEARD
1. Minor Trust Termination Analysis
Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD
2. GRTI Third Quarterly Report April 11, 2018 – June 20, 2018 (G&MSC forwards to Council for any interested; LSC motioned to forward the report to the Citizens Advisory Board to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenters: Marilyn Mays, Bob Gazis, Michael Morago

REPORT HEARD
3. A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 3 To Section 1 Of The Gila River Indian Community’s “Employee Policies And Procedures Reference Guide” By Repealing And Replacing The Section Entitled “Employment Process” (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, LSC concurs)
Presenters: Randall Lange

REPORT HEARD
4. A Resolution Authorizing the Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation To Apply For Fiscal Year 2018 Land Maintenance Funds From The Bureau Of Indian Affairs Western Regional Office Division Of Transportation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenters: Calvin Touchin, Gregory McDowell

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 43 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2019 Through 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Johns, Lt. Governor Robert Stone

REPORT HEARD
6. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2019
Presenters: Suzanne Johns

REPORT HEARD
7. Request For Information, Official Motion By Legislative Committee On July 10, 2018 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Kathleen Elliott

REPORT HEARD
8. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2019
Presenters: Suzanne Johns

NEW BUSINESS
1. Educational Priorities For Tribal Education Department (ESC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval of the 3 goals that were established at the Governor’s Education Summit)
Presenters: Issac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
2. Gila River Indian Community Chuckwalla Population Genetics (NRSC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval; CRSC concurs)
Presenters: Russell Berndt, Dale Ohrneiss

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Directors Declaration of One (1) Vacancy
Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
4. Gila River Sand & Gravel Independent Audit Report FY17 (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business; EDSC concurs)
Presenters: Marilyn Mayes, Bob Gazis, Michael Morago

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT
5. District Four Letter of Appointment For Nada Celaya (LSC motioned to forward the appointment of Nada Celaya to the Citizens Advisory Board to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenters: Citizens Advisory Board Members

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPoint
6. Resignation Letter For District Seven Citizens Advisory Board Member (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenters: Citizens Advisory Board Members

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT
7. Resolution Approving Modification No. 4 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2019 Through 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Johns

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8. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2019
Presenters: Suzanne Johns

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9. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 43 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2019 Through 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
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APPROVED
10. Revenue Internal Audit – FY18 3rd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to...
Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A Community program grants fund educators on Akimel O’otham language and culture.

Sitting together in the main conference room of the Tribal Education Department offices, three individuals share their vision for carrying on the O’otham Neok in the classroom during a recent discussion on Aug. 29.

“[This is]...a staff of three individuals,” said Culture Coordinator Anthony Gray. “Up until a few years ago there was only one teacher teaching to the O’otham culture, which was Joyce Hughes.”

Gray is joined by Tanisha Histia and Jarred Lewis to support the culture teachers in the schools across the Community.

Histia works as the programs Assistant Cultural Coordinator, while Lewis joined the team two years ago as the Cultural & Language Curriculum Developer.

“We provide a resource for them and support them in any way that they need to get teaching to the kids,” said Gray.

To keep everyone on the same page a monthly grassroots Education Culture Committee is held among the culture teachers, but is open to Community members interested in attending the meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS DUST MITIGATION PLAN

Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (40CFR §51.930(b)(2)(iii)(A)(i)), the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) has formed the Gila River Indian Community Dust Mitigation Plan (GRIC DMP) to create a Dust Mitigation Plan addressing ways in which PM10 air pollutants, caused by dust, can be minimized. Additionally, the Dust Mitigation Plan is the only way to minimize public exposure to high concentrations of fine dust. Finally, as part of the Dust Mitigation Plan requirements, a 30-day public comment period is being held, and a warrant may be issued for failure to participate. It is important for the public to know what it is that we can do to prevent the potential for the piipaash, the O’otham word for smoke.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Raynette Logan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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COURT DATE NOTICE

In Re: Alene Makul vs. Manuel Makul Docket Number: FM-2016-034

This case has been scheduled for 11:00 AM on October 2, 2018.

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Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Football fans, your 214-day hibernation is almost over. You’ve been in a state of inactivity, and now you can emerge from your dens and start foraging. The Winter Olympics and the World Cup couldn’t hold you over, and NFL presea

son has you longing for the real thing, baby.

Football is back and so is the GRIIN’s annual NFL preview. Robstradamus is a little off last year, and the year before, and I think the year before that, but this year is different. My reception preview. Robstradamus is the real thing, baby.

If you have a young Pro Bowler’s career. His father has you longing for the most over. You’ve been in a bad shape, and not just physically. Your lack of health and fitness has really had a negative impact on your performance. You’ve had a lot of injuries that have kept you from playing at your best. But now, with the help of your coaching staff, you’re back on track and ready to make a big impact on the field.

The Los Angeles Rams have the most to build on in 2018. Last year they went from 3-6 to 9-7. They will finally win those close games that seem to dog them every season. If the injury bug doesn’t bite them too hard, they’ll be sitting pretty.

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The New York Jets are looking to turn around their fortunes after back-to-back five-win seasons with the quarterback of the future, Sam Darnold, kicking off his career in the Big Apple. Ownership is going to have to be patient while they work through their long-term goals.

The last time the Mi-

ants turned the page on the 2017 season, they did it with a bang. Their QB, baker, and the rest of the team are ready to go for it. They have a lot of potential and could be a force to be reckoned with in the NFC West.

The Washington Redskins have a new head coach in Ron Rivera, and they’re looking to turn things around this season. They have a young and talented roster, and with the additions of Derick Henry at running back and a defense that’s improved, they could make a push for the playoffs.

The Atlanta Falcons are in a good spot to keep rolling. After a tough loss to the Green Bay Packers in the playoffs, they came back to win their first round game against the Arizona Cardinals.

If running back Eze-

kiel Elliot puts up the same numbers from his rookie season, the Cowboys will be hard to stop. But if he doesn’t, they’ll need to get back on track and start playing better.

The Philadelphia Eagles are in a tough spot. They have a new head coach in Matt Patricia, and they’re going to need him to step up and show the rest of the league what they’re made of.

The Los Angeles Chargers have a new head coach in Anthony Lynn, and he’ll need to get the team on track if they want to make a playoff run. They have a talented roster, but they need to improve their defense.

The Pittsburgh Steelers have a new head coach in Mike Tomlin, and he’ll need to get the team back on track after a disappointing 2017 season. They have a solid roster, but they need to improve their offense.

The Buffalo Bills are in a tough spot. They have a new head coach in Sean McDermott, and he’ll need to get the team back on track after a disappointing 2017 season. They have a talented roster, but they need to improve their offense.

The Indianapolis Colts are in a tough spot. They have a new head coach in Frank Reich, and he’ll need to get the team back on track after a disappointing 2017 season. They have a talented roster, but they need to improve their defense.

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Salaried Position: Depending on Experience (DOE)

All applicants must be 18 years or older, pass a drug test, and meet the physical requirements of the position.

Important Information
There are suitability standards that all applicants must meet in order to obtain employment with Tribal Gaming Office. Applicants who have felonies, warrants, outstanding tickets, shoplifting or theft convictions will not be eligible for employment.

Please submit your application online at https://wingilariver.recruiting.com or in person at the Wild Horse Pass Corporate Center 5350 N. 48th St., Ste. 130 Chandler, AZ 85226 Mon - Fri | 8AM - 5PM

Questions?
Please contact Cecilia Lopez at (520) 796-7251.