District 7 remembers Five Tribes Peace Treaty

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Crowds arrived in droves to District 7, Maricopa Colony, Saturday, April 6, to celebrate the 156th Annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration. The theme for this year was “Coming Together as One,” and 83rd Avenue was packed from Baseline Road to Dobbins Road with cars early in the morning to watch the parade that spanned 2 miles throughout the district and concluded at the district’s service center. Prior to the parade, a 2-mile fun run and walk was held to kick off the event at 6 a.m.

The event is no small feat as it requires nine months of planning. Devin Redbird, District 7 Community Council Representative, thanked the recreation committee members who volunteered their time leading up to the event and for the day. This year’s parade featured numerous floats from all over the Community as well as a color guard that traveled from Ft. Yuma, Calif., to partake in the festivities. The parade was a great showing of pride and awards were presented to the following: 3rd place prize, Gila River Royalty Float; 2nd place prize, Yolanda Elias-Traditional Pima Basket Dancers; and 1st place prize, Blackwater Cheerleaders Squad.

The Flag Raising Ceremony by the Pee Posh Color Guard followed the parade, and also included at 21-Gun Salute and rendition of “Taps.” Attention then turned to the amphitheater for posting of colors, the singing of the national anthem and Pledge of Allegiance by members of the First Maricopa Colony Presbyterian Church. Community member Mike Zillioux then provided a blessing for all in attendance and gave encouraging words for everyone to carry with them even after the event. Throughout the day, children enjoyed a splash pad and water slides, and Community resource booths and food vendors sprinkled the softball fields. Bird singers performed in the service center gym. A skate competition was held in the latter portion of the day for youth ages 7 and up. Closing out the night, Papago Warrior provided music to keep everyone moving until 12 a.m.

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Soldier surprises family at Sacaton Elementary School

O’Halleran holds town hall meeting in Sacaton

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Rep. Tom O’Halleran (D-CD1) held a town hall event at the District 3 Headstart Center on April 5 to address concerns from constituents including the Native American population that reside in his district. Lt. Gov. Robert Stone was in attendance and provided a blessing and opening remarks.

O’Halleran acknowledged the 12 tribes he represents within the District 1 boundaries that has the largest population of Native Americans than any other U.S. Congressional District. With that magnitude of importance working with Native Americans, he shared that if anyone should know how to work with native communities, “It better be me,” he exclaimed.

In another instance, he expressed that in order to know Native Americans and their needs, you need to be around Native Americans.

Before questions he offered his pressing concerns about the needs of Native American communities in District 1. He was delighted to share progress in some areas including new schools like Gila Crossing Community School that is currently in development. But he then somberly expressed dismay with the lack of progress in other areas like the nuclear waste sites sprinkled throughout the state that have not been cleaned up or treated.

O’Halleran expressed excitement with the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), just days prior in the House of Representatives. This new iteration also includes new provisions that protect transgender victims and restrict gun ownership in certain cases.

The program then transitioned to the question and answer portion of the agenda with questions posed directly to the congressman on a variety of issues about the V.A., budget cuts that may affect the BIA, IHS and overall healthcare costs, and inquiries about work being done to address the issue of missing and
Akicita Yellowman and Craig Allen both from Sacaton, are the newest additions to Alluvion’s Network Operations Center. Akicita and Craig were brought on-board to provide technical support to Alluvion customers, a service that was previously outsourced.

Akicita and Craig are working to obtain their CompTIA Network+ Certification through Alluvion’s training program. Once they obtain their certification, both will be able to address network issues and provide excellent customer service. Welcome to the team!

**Lifeline Program**

The Lifeline Program is a federal program that provides basic phone service at a discounted rate to qualifying customers.

New GRTI customers that qualify for Lifeline also qualify for Link-Up, Link-Up covers GRTI’s installation fee. Link-Up can only be used once per customer.

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For each additional person in the home add $5,967 to income eligibility requirements.

**Government Program**
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs

**Tribal Specific Programs**
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Tribal Head Start (Only households that meet the income qualifying standard)

**It’s Simple To Qualify**

Contact our GRTI Lifeline Rep. Nicole Baptisto at 520-796-3333 or go to the GRTI website at www.gilarivertel.com to print out an application. One per household.
Coolidge High School holds signing ceremony for GRIC basketball player

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Guadalupe Perkins, from District 1, has been playing basketball since he was a young child and has been playing all throughout high school. Perkins is one of two students from Coolidge High School who signed to play basketball for Park University.

“It’s very exciting,” said Perkins, “It’s a great opportunity for me.”

On Thursday, April 11 representatives from Park University met with the two students at a small signing ceremony inside the Coolidge High School gym where fellow students watched and cheered in support as the students signed to the university. The students toured the campus just a few weeks prior. Also in attendance for the signing was Perkins’ family and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who congratulated Perkins.

“I’m excited for him, it’s a great new adventure for them,” said Yolanda Duran, Perkins’ mother, “He’s setting an example for his brothers and sister.”

Perkins’ coaches have cited him as being a very good kid and good player. Perkins expressed his excitement in pursuing college basketball and looks forward to attending the Park University, Gilbert campus.

Viejas 2019 Senior Chair Volleyball Tournament


The students and staff are honored to announce the
Sacaton Middle School
8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
May 22, 2019
Middle School Gym
6:00 p.m.
DEQ meets the requirements to implement water quality standards through Clean Water Act

Christopher Lomaquahu
Gila River Indian News

The tribal water quality program gets a step-up in water quality standards, thanks in part to the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act. Last year, the Gila River Indian Community was granted certification to administer water quality standards under the CWA.

Willand Antoine III, GRIC Department of Environmental Quality Sr. Environmental Planner & Policy Analyst, said the authorization will allow the Community to develop water quality standards on-par with the federal government.

According to the application for certification, the Community is recognized by the Secretary of the Interior and meet the requirements set forth in the CWA, to carry out water quality standards.

“It’s a form of self-governance, and implementing our sovereignty in a way that is important to the Community, its interests,” said Antoine.

The adopted water quality standards apply to surface water, which entails natural flowing water ways and washes that occur during heavy rainstorms.

The CWA certification pertains to the management and protection of water resources, that are within the border of the Community, such as surface water quality standards. It also allows the Community to enact civil and criminal codes or ordinances governing the conduct of members of the Community and non-members on GRIC.

Antoine said the certification provides levels of standards that are meant to protect human health, to see what is happening with the quality of the water while allowing wildlife to thrive.

He said through the designation, it also opens the door to several other opportunities for training and resources locally and nationally. “We are the table, developing our own policies, which involves talking with many of our own stakeholders,” said Antoine. “We will have to make sure all the right people are in place to show the federal government, that we are doing our diligence to develop effective policies.”

The certification also provides an opportunity for the Community to attend meetings and conferences to gain valuable knowledge on water quality standards and share their information with other tribal nations.

10th Annual Cancer Awareness Day Event

“Honoring the Journey”

Saturday April 27, 2019
Ira Hayes Park
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Honor Walk/5K Run 8am-9am
T-Shirts for Honor Walk/5K Run participants
Education Booths/Arts & Crafts Booth(s)/Guest Speaker(s)
Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

If you would like additional information on the Education Booths or to volunteer, please contact Ms. Victoria Allison, West End Health Committee, at (520) 610-1002.

GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS

Native Planet - Hawaii

On Native Ground: Cherokee People

Native Report

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District 7 holds meeting to address safety issues and concerns

District 7 Councilman Devin Redbird and Interim Police Chief Timothy Chavez.

Eagle born in December should be ready leave the nest in June

Christopher Lamahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Just yards from the District 7’s Pecos Poth Wetlands, a crew of a dozen or so workers gathered around a bald eagle nest high above the ground. Last December, a pair of bald eagles produced an egg and a female eagle was hatched in January of this year. Now that the eagle has reached three months, it’s almost time for the young bird of prey to leave the nest.

Representatives from the Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona Game and Fish Department, the City of Phoenix and the Salt River Project retrieved the bird on April 5 to measure it and to provide a wellness check. The biologist gave the eagle a solar powered GPS tracker and identifying leg bands, which DEQ and AZGFD will use to track the eaglet once it fledges.

Woodrow Crumbo, DEQ Wildlife & Ecosystem Management Program Wildlife Biologist, said last year’s pair of female fledglings left the nest last June. He said one juvenile eagle migrated to Spokane, Wash., while the other took a short trip to Death Valley Calif., before stopping in Durango, Colo.

Crumbo said the nest was monitored by a group of nest watchers through a program that enlists Community members to make sure the eagles were not in any danger during their time at the site.

Recently, the fledgling took a small practice flight outside of the nest and made its way to another tree several hundred yards away, eventually making her way back to the nest. Crumbo said in that situation, the bald eagle nest watchers were quick to report the temporarily missing eagle, which could have been in danger from other predators.

Since the fledgling has spread her wings and shows signs of being capable of flight, it is anticipated that she will leave the nest in June.

Occasionally, Crumbo said large raptors like bald and golden eagles will pass through the Community en route to their final destinations, often stopping at bodies of water for food and drink. Crumbo advises that anyone who sees an injured raptor should not try to handle it, but instead should call DEQ at (520) 562-2234 to help the animal.

A still video image shows an eagle outfitted with a monitoring system. GRIN Photo

Gov. Steven Roe Lewis pledging his support for District 7 and their efforts to keep members safe. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Just days after the annual Five Tribes of Peace Treaty Celebration, District 7 Community members came together again for a different kind gathering. On April 11, Devin Redbird, District 7 Council Representative and Interim Chief of Police Timothy Chavez, called an emergency meeting to address the safety concerns in the district, specifically addressing a shooting incident south of 87th Avenue and Dobbins Road, the night of April 6. The incident involved both community and non-community members and eventually lead to the discovery of a deceased individual from a non-related event.

District 7 service centers Community Room was filled with concerned members of the community hoping to learn or provide input as to what occurred over the weekend. After a blessing, the meeting was called to order and a report of zero crime incidents at the Five Tribes event was provided. Chavez then read aloud the narrative report on file concerning the shooting and actions that lead to the discovery of the deceased.

On Saturday April 6 at 6 p.m., Gila River Police Officers responded to reports of gunshot near 87th Avenue and Dobbins Road. Reports indicated a home had been struck with multiple bullets, with no persons injured. Upon arrival GRPD encountered three individuals who fled south of Dobbins. Arizona Department of Public Safety officers assisted in the search for those involved. Eventually upon capture it was discovered that all the individuals were minors. When asked about the charges and identities of the minors Chavez shared, “This is an open investigation regarding juvenile suspects who are not community members. The case has been submitted to the Maricopa County’s Attorney’s Office (MCAO) for charging review for Minors Prohibited from Carrying Possessing firearms, Possession of a weapon by a prohibited person, Discharge Firearm in City Limits and Theft of Means of Transportation. There may be additional charges added at a later time.”

Then during pursuit of the youth, a AZDPS Trooper noted a “signature” on their monitor almost a mile south of Dobbins. When officers searched the location, they discovered the body of a deceased male. The identity and cause of death was not shared at this time other than he was not a community member. It was later revealed that this person was the owner of an abandoned vehicle found in the same area a month prior. Lastly, GRPD shared that there was reports from this individual’s spouse indicating that he was experiencing suicidal ideations in March of this year.

Saturday’s incident lead to consideration of all possible solutions to the ever-growing issues of trespassing and illegal shooting in and around District 7. Councilman Redbird supported the community’s vote to place barriers that will block off roads that outsiders utilize for shooting and target practicing. Some roads to be blocked are near 91st Avenue & Baseline, 91st Avenue & Dobbins, 87th Avenue & Dobbins, and 79th Avenue & Dobbins. This is just one progressive move to deter outsiders from coming in to commit violent and potentially harmful crimes.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was in attendance to observe and provide marks in support of District 7’s decision to protect its community members. Creating and possibly adopting new laws to combat new challenges the community faces is one idea suggested by Gov. Lewis. The community acknowledged that others need to be involved with these decisions like Maricopa County Department of Transportation and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Together with all parties involved it seems more sustainable solutions are possible.

Rounding out the meeting Councilman Redbird shared his enthusiasm and gratitude for Gov. Lewis’ support. Redbird and other community members reassured everyone that the community and district will remain proactive in combating all issues that negatively affect the community. One such option was development of areas for sub-stations for police, fire, and medical needs on the west end of the community.
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of the school who had convinced Darice to come to the campus, by telling her that Johnathan had spilled something on his shirt and needed a change of clothes.

Meanwhile, the teacher’s lounge was packed with Johnathan’s classmates, teachers, faculty, GRPD, news crew and even Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who showed up to be a part of the surprise for the Chism-Whitman family. The room was decorated with “welcome home” banners and pictures of special moments Chism had missed throughout the year, including his son’s first day of school.

Once Darice arrived, the school staff brought her into the teacher’s lounge where SPC Chism and everyone was eagerly waiting. As soon as she walked through the door, she was instantly brought to tears of joy as she saw Chism standing there with roses and toys for his children.

Whitman was so happy and emotional as well to see his family brought back together again and thanked everyone who helped and supported the joyous surprise.

Sacaton band wins bronze rating

On Saturday April 6, the Sacaton Middle School Concert Band attended the Pageant of the Bands Concert Festival and took home a bronze rating. This year the band prepared two songs for adjudication. The band students attended the festival last year, only preparing one song to be judged and received a bronze rating. “I am so proud of the accomplishments and growth my students are showing. They work hard in class and rehearse to build their skills on their instruments.” Kennedy stated.

The middle school band currently consists of 5th, 6th and 7th grade students. Next school year, the program will be open to 8th grade students. She also works with beginning 4th grade students at the elementary school. The band is under the direction of Kristin Kennedy and assistant Alex Vuyk. The band program was recently added back to Sacaton School District #18, being only three years old. Kennedy started the program back up, after learning there hasn’t been a band program since the late Mr. Swan in 2008.

The band has performed in many events within the community such as The Ira Hayes Parade, Mul-Chu-Tha and the River of Lights Parade, as well as performing for their school. Mrs. Kennedy plans to add more performing opportunities for her students as the program continues to grow.

ROBOTS ACADEMY AND AVIATION CAMP

The Tribal Education Department is happy to announce we will be accepting applications for the 2019 Robotics Academy and Aviation Camp held in Huntsville, Alabama, July 14-19, 2019. To participate, you must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community and attending school to participate in this ONCE IN A LIFE TIME camp experience.

We are searching for the following students to submit an application telling us why you would be the perfect candidate!

ROBOTICS ACADEMY

AND

AVIATION CAMP

If selected, all finalist will be required to attend an in-person interview.

To apply, go to the online application: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GRIC2019CAMP

Or you pick up an application at the Tribal Education Department at:
555 B. St. Sacaton, AZ 85147

Please contact the Tribal Education Department if you have any questions or concerns regarding the application process or camp experience at 520-562-3662 or email at Arlanna.Jackson.EDU@gric.nsn.us

Application Deadline: May 10, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

Interview Dates: May 17-18, 2019 (Times will be scheduled appropriately)
As we grew up to become proper O’otham we were given responsibilities as soon as we were able to pick up and carry items around the household and yard. In our youth we were given tasks to perform that helped maintain the home, garden and other possessions such as appliances and hand tools.

We were taught at an early age how to safely use simple tools such as brooms, shovels, rakes and axes. We often watched our older family members as they taught us how to use the different tools. One thing was for certain, we learned the commands from our parents to go and complete a delegated task. We were not allowed to loaf about the house and be an “S-pathma O’otham” “Lazy Pima” by our parents and Elders.

The boys and girls were assigned different tasks according to what was needed to be done. Back in the day we often had large families and had a few older brothers and sisters who helped with our training.

This is how we learned our action words such as vakuan and vapkuan. Vakuan is used to command someone to wash a single article such as “eh s-bithag wiyosha” “my dirty face” we were told “Him ko vakuan heg ‘e s-bithag wiyosha!” “Go wash your dirty face!” After we had worked in the garden and gotten covered in grime. After having our meals we were delegated, “Him ko vapkuan heg huasa:’a!” ‘Go wash the dishes!’ in a plural sense. So there we all stood in our assembly line, big sister or brother washed the dishes in hot soapy water then handed the dish to the rinser, who rinsed it in hot water. Next, the dish was handed to the drier who dried the dish with a dish towel, then handed the dry dish to the stacker, who returned the dish directly to the cupboard. We washed dishes three times a day after very meal. We were also delegated the task of setting the table at meal times. When we were old enough to handle an axe we were expected to keep the chip pail and wood box full of firewood for cooking on our wood burning cast iron stove.

When the wood pile went low all the males loaded into our pickup truck and went to New York Thicket to cut down firewood. One more word that is useful to know is kekchuth. Kekchuth is used when talking about cleaning, fixing or making our beds. It can be used with personal grooming in contexts like brushing your teeth or making our beds. It can be used as often when talking about personal grooming as it is more often used when talking about cleaning a house or performing other tasks. But as can be seen kekchuth is used in much the same way as vakuan and vakpuan. Now that you have learned words for washing and cleaning in O’otham try using them with your family members. Talk with elders and speakers in your family and find out how they use the words vakuan, vakpuan and kekchuth and ask what other words they use when talking about doing chores. This month’s word match will help you learn mai heg chikpan phrases and how not to be an S-pathma O’otham.

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establish an alliance among the Pee Posh, Akimel O’otham, Yuma, Hualapai, and Chemehuevi tribes on April 11, 1863.

At that time, the tribes resided in, what was then, the Territory of New Mexico. Over the course of several days while leaders from each of the aforementioned tribes met to discuss the establishment of the treaty with the assistance of military personnel. Early Americans sought the support of each tribe in order to protect the influx of Americans settlers to the Territory following the Gold Rush.

Though the treaty isn’t observed by the state, the Gila River Indian Community honors the treaty as it fostered peace among our peoples, helped establish support for Arizona to be become its own Territory, and with new residents ultimately lead to Arizona achieving statehood in 1912.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone and Redbird emphasized the importance of this event and its meaning. Redbird conveyed how substantial this celebration is stating, “It’s an honor for District 7 to hold the celebration but it’s really a statewide celebration.”

Lt. Gov. Stone followed by saying that the Five Tribes Treaty is “strong history we need to share with our younger generation, history we need to know.”

Redbird made the point for us all that day to imagine what our lands, city surroundings, and state would look like if that 5 Tribes Treaty of Peace never occurred. Further reminding everyone of the huge contributions our communities have made in our state’s history.
Workshop covers teen relationships and dating issues in District 6

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The Tribal Education Department kicked off the first of four workshops throughout the Community aimed at raising awareness about teen dating abuse and stalking.

The month-long presentations are made possible in collaboration with GRIC’s Tribal Education Department, Behavioral Health Prevention Services, Crime Victim Services, and Health Department. The Healthy Relationships portion of the series was held on April 4 at the District 6 Komatke Branch Boys and Girls Club.

Gale Rawson, Case management Coordinator for Tribal Education Department, decided that this year was best to begin workshops that address teen relationships after conversations with concerned parents about the need for this kind of awareness for youth. When asked, what participants should know about sensitive matters like this Rawson stressed that, “Teen dating violence does exist. There are ways you can protect yourself by tribal law and state law.”

Katy’s Way student intern Kim Walker was present to provide the workshop for teens that evening. Kim is a student from Arizona State University pursuing a Bachelor of Social Work degree at Northern Arizona University and is also from the White Mountain Apache Tribe. This was Kim’s first time sharing custody of children. One key portion of the law is the ability to receive an order of protection against a victim’s abuser. Moving Forward Rawson and her planning committee decided that events like this will need to continue on an annual basis. For anyone that wasn’t able to attend the Healthy Relationships or Bullying Prevention presentations, other events will occur again next year in April.

For now, Rawson declared that the initial goal for this month’s presentation is to “Reach one person” and judging by the interactions with youth in attendance it’s evident that goal was accomplished.

As Bobbi Sudberry from Katy’s Way presents at the Healthy Relationships event in District 6, Kyle Knox/GRIN

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### ANNUAL COMMUNITY ROBOTICS COMPETITION

**For HS/Middle/Elem School**

**St. Peter’s MAY11th**

**Check in (register):** 8:00 a.m.

**Practice Session:** 9:00 a.m.

**LUNCH Will be provided:** 11:30 a.m.

**FINISH Comp:** 12:30 p.m.

**Awards:** 2:00 p.m.

(Times may change due to participation)

**COMPETITION:** building a robot and performing DRONES RACING/PERCICION DROPPING/PICKING UP

**SPHEROIDS Obstacle Course**

**SPHEROIDS Racing**

Contact: Kinnamon @ E-mail jkinnamon@sacatonschools.org or Sister Carol Sister.carolm@gmail.com

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### Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning

**ATTENTION 2019 HOMESITE ASSIGNMENT ANNUAL UPDATES**

Community Members who are assigned a Tribal Homesite Lot must complete an annual update. LUPZ Subdivision Administration Team will be in Districts 1-6 in March & April of 2019. Please call to set an appointment.

You may also complete an annual update by visiting the Department at the Executive Ki’ Bldg. #2

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(520) 562-6003

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**Gila River Indian Community**

**Head Start and Early Head Start Program**

Now accepting applications for children ages 0 - 4 years old for SY 2019-2020

The Head Start & Early Head Start is a comprehensive program providing services in the following:

- Early childhood education experience
- Parent-child attachment support
- Nutrition services
- Health screenings and follow-up
- Family support services
- Family involvement and leadership opportunities

Documents needed: Child’s name & age verification, Family’s income verification

Additional documents will be requested upon acceptance — up to date child’s immunization record, child’s current Physical Exam and Lead screening, Tribal ID

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**2019 HOMESITE ASSIGNMENT**

Annual updates are required to ensure current data is updated for contact purposes per GRIC Homesite Ordinance 20.186A.
Native Nations producers hold dialog before the play’s premiere

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The producers of the upcoming Native Nations play held a community dialog at the Phoenix Indian visitors center to discuss the play and give more information on the project.

Native Nations is written by Larissa Fasthorse and directed by Michael John Garces, and will be performed on two dates and locations; the first showing will be held in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on April 20 and the next will be at the Phoenix Indian Center on April 27.

Native Nations is more than a play, said Fasthorse, it is an experience into Native culture and casts individuals from tribal communities, with little to no acting experience.

The play originally sent out a call to cast 40 individuals, but when the day of auditions arrived, Fasthorse and Garces said they ended up with almost 90 individuals, who will fill acting, stage and other auxiliary positions.

Fasthorse said the play is more than a show, it is a recognition for the people of the land, which the play will take place on the Akimel O’otham jeved (land). It also recognizes the diversity of tribal communities across Arizona, which has 22 tribes.

“We did a wide range of plays in Los Angeles with the Arts District and those from the skid row community,” said Garces. He said every community no matter how large or small deserves some form of attention to their issues, their experience and triumphs.

“It’s our duty to make sure that our local community, the one that I am a part of, is recognized and heard, that we should honor them as guests on their land,” Fasthorse said, “We don’t show up somewhere and tell the story of the people, we go where people want us to be.”

Michael Reed, Senior Director of Programs & Organizational Initiatives, Arizona State University Gammage, said the play held a community dialog at the Phoenix Indian Center on April 16, she is committing the drive from Tucson, Arizona, to Phoenix, she is committed to her role. She said that audiences will see a bit of each individual’s personal identity in their characters.

She said the production of the play, right down to the auditions and casting has been very well organized. She said going behind the scenes, there is a lot of effort that goes into writing and producing a play involving so many individuals.

“It’s challenging, everything from the script is constantly changing. But even then, makes you think about other issues related to Native people,” said Foster. For anyone interested in supporting the Community members in the play, they are Claude A. Jackson, Jr., Adrian D Thomas, Gloria Halbritter, Taimye Juan, Roxio Marquez and Kelcey Mosley-

According to Reed, the team has done a lot of work in a lot of different communities and this play is no different, requiring careful planning to introduce the idea and message to tribal communities.

Kat Foster, a Community member living in Tucson, was cast in the play along with six other GRIC members. On top of making the drive from Tucson to Phoenix, she is committed to her role. She said that audiences will see a bit of each individual’s personal identity in their characters.

She said the production team has done a lot of work, in supporting the Community, the Community Council adopted the Apairy Registration Code on January 16, 2019.

Previous legislation regulating beekeeping activities was over 30 years old, and it was important to ensure that the new code remained applicable, culturally relevant, functional, and enforceable while meeting the needs of the Community.

The Pesticide Control Office is responsible for enforcing the Apairy Registration Code, and works closely with other Community agencies to ensure that the placement of the apriaries do not violate Tribal trespass regulations or pose a nuisance to the Community.

For more information regarding the Apairy Registration Code, please visit us on the web at www.GRICDEQ.org or contact the Pesticide Control Office at (520)562-2234.
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE
“Putting Our People First”

Phoenix Indian Center raises money at Silver & Turquoise Ball, Gov. Lewis serves as committee chair

It was a pretty good night for the oldest non-profit organization in America of its kind. The Phoenix Indian Center raised over $300,000 at the 36th Annual Silver & Turquoise Ball held in Scottsdale on April 6.

“Philanthropy is key to providing the services that we offer,” said Governor Stephen Roe Lewis. “The Phoenix Indian Center is important and the impact to its customers is a direct result from people like all of you here. Your generous support and financial contributions have sustained an organization that has a legacy of helping build a better community by providing culturally relevant services and programs in four core areas: job preparedness, prevention services, cultural enrichment and youth programming,” Gov. Lewis said to the audience in his remarks.

Also, representing the Gila River Indian Community in the ball’s program was Lt. Gov. Robert Stone who delivered the evening’s blessing.

Brooke Simpson, Haliwa-Saponi tribal member, who appeared on NBC’s “The Voice,” won the Leon Grant Spirit of the Community Award, named after the late Mr. Grant who was the first Executive Director of the Phoenix Indian Center. Simpson also performed with a live band.

Although the date for the 37th Annual Silver & Turquoise Ball has not been set, it will most likely revisit this year’s location, the Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, according to Marshall.
Tribal Health Department presents at public health conference in Oklahoma

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A public health conference, hosted by the Oklahoma tribe, brought individuals together to discuss a myriad of health issues in Indian Country. The Tribal Public Health Conference, a 7th Generation and Southern Plains Tribal Health Board Collaboration, was hosted by the Muscogee Creek Nation at the River Spirit Casino Resort on April 8-11.

The conference’s theme was “Strength in Community, Power in Connection,” and covered a variety of health topics, faced by tribal communities across the nation.

Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona Health Promotions and Support Specialist Madison Fulton and Eric Hardy presented at the conference and provided a background of the Good Health & Wellness in Indian Country grant, that is administered through the Gila River Indian Community Nutrition Coalition.

Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, who are another field site for the GHWIC grant through ITCA also presented. Fulton said the GHWIC project seeks to promote wellness and culture in GRC.

The presentation covered the history of the Community, demographics and how the nutrition coalition reintroduced traditional foods into contemporary diets. Nicole Watson said the important part of the nutrition coalition was to encourage Community participation.

Lana, who is the site coordinator for Grant, stressed the importance of Community members having access to healthy foods and beverages. She said the coalition is about how Community members can contribute their knowledge of the culture and departments, and making it a part of GRIC.

“One of our main goals was to get Community member participation to be a part of our coalition,” Nicole said. “We also like to encourage indigenous foods, we wanted to bring that aspect back, because a lot of members know some of what their indigenous foods are, but want to know how to prepare them to eat.”

Part of that goal is to do food demonstrations and look for opportunities to provide ways of integrating traditional foods at public events. The recipes used traditional foods like tepary beans, squash and foods associated with the “three sisters.”

“We what we are doing is hosting Community meals, to introduce healthy indigenous foods to people, said Tamerah.

The conference is currently working on more projects that involve healthy eating and promoting physical activity.

Tribal health discusses their health initiatives in the Community at a conference in Oklahoma.

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Tribal Health Department presents at public health conference in Oklahoma

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Physical Address: Governance Center
525 W Gu U Ki
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