Owner’s Team tours construction site for new Gila Crossing school

New 122,106-square-feet school is on track to open in July

The Gila Crossing School Construction Owner’s Team walks along the main corridor of the future school on Jan. 24 in District 6. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

The Gila Crossing School Construction Owner’s Team toured the construction site of the new 122,106 square-foot Gila Crossing Community School, which will be open in July. School construction has been underway since the groundbreaking in July 2018 and in six months, the current aging and undersized school will be replaced by brand-new facilities on West Pecos Road, in District 6.

Before the Owner’s Team toured the site, James E. LaPosta Jr., JCJ Architecture, and Laurie Post, Tela Art Resource, updated the team on the design and artwork for the new home of the Eagles on Jan. 24.

The design update included information on the playgrounds, appliances, equipment, materials and other needs integrated into the new school.

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Accounts Payable Technician named Employee of the Year

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presented the 2018 Governor’s Employee of the Year award to Jill Jackson, Finance Department, Accounts Payable Technician.

“I want to say ‘thank you’ for voting for me,” said Jackson of the honor.

“This is something special, you really support each other,” said Gov. Lewis of the staff members who attended the presentation.

He lauded the Gila River Indian Community departments for their tireless efforts in service to the Community.

“I go to all these different departments, I know that we have hard times, life happens, and you guys pull together,” he said.

Jackson was presented a Pendleton blanket, and a plaque inscribed with her name, which proclaimed her as the 2018 Governor’s Employee of the Year.

“Thank you for putting in a number of years in dedication to our Community, it goes without saying the dedication that you have put into your role,” said Lewis, “it’s the people that you work with, it’s your peers, that voted for you.”

Jackson is the fourth employee from Finance that has been selected as Employee of the Month.

Federal government reopens

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

After 35 days, the federal government has temporarily reopened after undergoing its third shutdown for 2018 which extended into 2019 making it the longest government shutdown in history. The partial shutdown began on Dec. 22 when federal officials were unable to come to an agreement on the approval of a budget that would include $5.3 billion in funding for Homeland Security for the construction of a barrier wall along the US-Mexico border, which has long been a point of contention.
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Status: Under investigation

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Status: Under investigation

District Seven (Maricopa): No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

Incident Log
January 01 - 07, 2019

Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a verbal altercation and the suspect threatened the victim with a box cutter knife during the altercation. The suspect presented a box cutter knife during the verbal argument. The suspect later took the knife and the victim put up an arm causing the altercation to the hand. The victim was transported to Chandler Regional for injuries sustained. The suspect was later arrested.

Suspect: Suspect arrested

Theft (from vehicle) – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a vehicle being burglarized. Upon arrival, dispatch advised the victims were leaving for work one vehicle had the door ajar and items were thrown around the vehicle. The glove compartment contained a check book, a seat belt and items had been taken. Photos were taken around the vehicle.

Status: Under investigation

District Three (Sicatcon): Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a domestic alteration. Dispatch advised the suspect had thrown a vase to the victim and then the suspect put both hands around the victim’s neck.

Status: Suspect arrested

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Status: Under investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Incident Log
January 11 - 17, 2019

Calls for service: 20

Arrest made: 35

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a stabbing. Upon the Officer’s arrival it was discovered the victim was asked to leave the residence by the suspect. The victim stated they were attempting to leave the residence indicating their booth had been damaged. Upon ob- servation, the metal screen was removed and a window was observed to be knocked out (ply board). The sus- pected used the chair to enter the stall that was left in the booth after the sale ended for the day.

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Incident Log
January 06 - 12, 2019

No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

No Arrests

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Status: Under investigation

Theft – Officers re- sponded to a new construc- tion residence in reference to a property. Upon arrival con- tacle was made with a construction employee who stated that one of his em- ployees noticed wires were cut throughout the inside of the residence. Evidence was seized and being reviewed.

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Status: Under investigation

Incident Log
January 01 - 07, 2019

Calls for service this week: 36

Arrest made: 0

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Skyline building strong basketball program in the CAA

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Skyline girls and boys basketball teams have been doing great the last two seasons. The boys basketball team went undefeated last season with a 16-0 record and have so far, gone undefeated again this season at 17-0, with one home game left before the playoffs on Feb. 8.

Basketball has proven to be a great outlet for these young men. They have succeeded quite a bit within these recent seasons with plenty of hard work and support from one another.

They beat the number one team in the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) a non-profit organization that facilitates communication and organizes tournaments for charter schools, public schools and home school organizations. Through CAA, Skyline is now ranked number 1 in Division 1 – Region 1 in the state.

The team’s hope is to win the playoffs and bring home another banner and most importantly bring recognition back home to their Community.

“No body has the heart these young gentlemen have. We’re building character, strength, endurance; and the ability to move forward is what I’m trying to instill in them” says Athletic Director Michael Craig. “I’m proud of them. For them to give me the opportunity to coach them, that’s a blessing to me.”

Boys basketball will have their last home game Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. Skyline Gila River District

59 Preschool Rd Bapchule, AZ

Skyline Boys’ Basketball:

#15 Allen June
#12 Micah Case
#10 D’only Michael
#5 Martese June
#11 Preston
#10 Sere

Skyline Girls’ Basketball:

#32 Sequoia Lucero
#21 Cassidy Cook
#14 Mariela Casarez
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Skyline Girls’ Basketball team. Ryan Blair/Skyline Education

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Schools will work to increase student motivation to attend school and learn as evidenced by increased attendance rates at all grade levels to 95% by June 2021.

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Native Health builds Community Gardens in the heart of Phoenix

Native Health, an urban Indian health program, which provides primary medical, dental, behavioral health, WIC and wellness programs in Phoenix recently started an initiative to reclaim their ties to traditional life ways by starting two community-based gardens.

Both gardens are located in Central Phoenix. One of the gardens is on Central Avenue among buildings and local businesses, Agave Farms, was flowing with activity, as groups of volunteers tended to a community garden, used by Native Health on Jan. 26.

Melissa Peeples, Native Health Garden Coordinator, said individuals can grow foods in the garden and harvest them, once they are ripe.

Throughout the year, the Community Garden is in constant transition with crops of vegetables rotating by season.

Peeples said, “If they are interested, we can provide them with garden space, they can contact me and I can coordinate with them to get the space they need.”

“A lot of the people are growing really neat things, and its days like today, that allow us to share with others about what we are growing and how we are preparing them,” said Peeples.

Many of the dishes available to try were made with ingredients harvested from the Community Garden, like blue corn cake, and Puffins, onion and potato hash, and salsa made with white onions, tomatoes, jalapenos, and cilantro.

She said on Feb. 23, they will get together, to kick off spring planting, which will include squash, melons, beans, tomatoes, peppers, and corn.

The other Phoenix location grows food that is more common with tribal communities and can be harvested when ready.

To present on some of the foods grown at the community garden, Twila Cassadore, a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, prepared a fresh dish of Magdalena squash, tepary beans from Ramona Farms and pumpkin seeds.

Cassadore, who works with the Western Apache Diet Project, shared her experiences working to reconnect tribal members with traditional foods.

“It’s about reconnecting with traditional foods,” said Cassadore, “How do we re-introduce it back to our community, so it won’t be forgotten?”

In her work, she said, “A lot of people have a general knowledge of traditional foods, but it takes on even more meaning, when you talk to the elders and compile hundreds of interviews on traditional food ways.”

Among her people, there are 40 documented edible foods, and 285 plant species that are identified, that serve a traditional purpose.

One thing that is common among tribes, is the approach to planting, harvesting and foraging traditional foods. “We forget the traditional part as indigenous people, there is a prayer and sometimes a song that goes with harvesting,” said Cassadore.

The near part of the community garden is that all of the materials and everything are provided to the individual, that would like to plant vegetables. There is an area for mulch, planting soil and fertilizer, growers can use to give their plants the best chance of growing.

Cassadore said she commits her time to re-searching traditional foods to prevent others from developing complications from diabetes. Most of all, she wanted to be a good example to her children and teach them about eating healthy and planting traditional foods.

It is preventing health concerns like diabetes and obesity, that is why the community gardens exist. It is also ties the individual back to their traditional practices of growing and harvesting off the land.

For individuals interested in the Native Health community garden, you can contact Melissa Peeples at: mkpeeples@nachci.com.

Fresh foods grown in the Community Garden were prepared to make healthy recipes. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Native Health Community Garden is located in Central Phoenix and provides space for local gardeners to grow their own vegetables. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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Winter storytelling comes to life at the Huhugam Heritage Center

Christopher Lomahquahu

It is usually a pattern that a lot of nouns reduplicate but will add an extra -n to form the plural. This is known as ‘enlision’ or ‘enliision’. A kimel Otham uses reduplication often and is the preferred and common way of making a word plural.

Let us make singular coyote and buzzard into plural.

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2.) buzzard 'buzzards'
3.) hawk 'hawks'
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6.) hui 'buzzards'
7.) Plural
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BIE funded schools review plans and discuss strategies at meeting

Gila River Indian Community’s Tribal Education Department hosted an event at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino on Saturday, Jan 26 for Bureau of Indian Education – Strategic Direction at Gila River. The event was intended for BIE funded schools, administrators, students and parents. The goal was to review and discuss the school’s strategic plan and overall progress for better education.

Due to the recent government shutdown, it was confirmed weeks before the event that a BIE representative would not be present and a slideshow presentation was provided on their behalf.

Tribal Education Department (TED) reviewed three priorities to improve education for all students within the Community. “Increasing the level and types of parent/family engagement in the educational process.” Something that was highly agreed on and a constant topic throughout the event. And “Develop a Community-wide plan to increase student achievement” and lastly to “Increase student motivation”. Three Community BIE funded schools presented how they’ve addressed and incorporated TED priorities in their schools and their overall strategic direction: Blackwater Community School, Casa Blanca Community School and Gila Crossing Community School.

During the presentations and discussion, all schools shared some of the same goals and concerns. One of the main focuses was parent/guardian involvement, which is a very important part in a student’s life and education, in helping them to be motivated and succeed. Some schools were utilizing newsletters to have parents and community better informed and incorporating the education of culture as much as possible.

Blackwater Community School, some of their highlights included behavioral health for students, addressing educational needs at home or at school. The school talked about their encouragement for their teachers and staff to pursue professional development, either through school or training. Casa Blanca Community School highlighted their commitment to listening by having surveys for parents and students. They’ve utilized awards to encourage attendance and counseling for students. Gila Crossing Community School announced the construction of their new school, covered their address on bullying, and highlighted their technology education, teaching the students coding skills.

Following the presentations, attendees participated in group discussions in regards to early childhood education, wellness, safety, postsecondary and career readiness. These discussions utilized technology by allowing the attendees to give their input online in a group chat that could be saved and used by TED.

“We need to be proactive and start to build strong institutions, build strong educational pipelines for all of our students to succeed and to move on and to achieve their career path, to achieve their educational goals,” said Gov. Lewis during the wrap up of the event.

“I think that’s the challenge before all of us; but it’s about working together and respecting each other. Everyone has a role, has a part to play in this. We’re at a critical point where we can start to really make generational changes on how we want to improve our educational system” Gov. Lewis also announced his 4th annual Education Summit Feb. 9 at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass at 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Isaac Saichido, Tribal Education Department director, reviews the priorities to improve education at the BIE strategic planning meeting on Jan. 26. Emma Hughes/GRIN
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Komatke Health Center (520) 550-6000
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Thank you, Dr. Jones, for all of your dedicated work over the years!

Leading by example is exactly how Dr. Darcy Jones successfully managed the eye clinic for the last seven years as Director of Optometry. GRHC would like to announce Dr. Jones’ departure from Gila River Health Care, as she starts a new phase of her career in the private sector.

Gila River Health Care would like to thank Dr. Jones, for her inspiring leadership and guidance, and for her drive for excellence on behalf of the patients we serve.
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • January 16, 2019

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, January 15, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Government Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by LT. Governor Robert Stone at 9:18 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by LT. Governor Robert Stone

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

LT. Governor Robert Stone

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carynn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antione, Jennifer Allison, Barney Eno, Jr., Pamela Fleming, Joyce Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr.D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evan (9:30); D7-Devin Redbird (9:20)

Council Members Absent:

D5-Thomas White

APPROVAL OF A GENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. Request for Council Agenda Item – Presentation – Hellsgate Fire District

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED FIRE CHIEF

JOHN WISNER AND MS. ANGIE LECHER. CHIEF WISNER AND MS. LECHER EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND A BRIEF OVERVIEW. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND GRATITUDE FOR THE VISIT.

REPORTS


Presenter: Lorn Stinson

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. October 2018 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Lorn Stinson

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Tribal Education Department FY2018 Annual Report

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

REPORT HEARD

4. GRTC Tax Grant Annual Report (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018)

Presenters: GRHC Leadership

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Gila River Transit ‘New Routes’

Presenter: Deborah Bunner

REPORT HEARD

6. Facilities Maintenance Department Annual Report

Presenter: Sean Eastham

REPORT HEARD

7. Community Veteran Statistics and Needs Analysis

Presenter: Leonard Bruce

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. Defense Services FY2018 Annual Report

Presenter: Claude Jackson Jr.

REPORT HEARD


Presenter: M. Lando Voyles

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. GRICUA’s FY18 Q4 Report (July 1, 2018-September 30, 2018)

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA


Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Johns

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Arizona Game And Fish Commission And The Gila River Indian Community, Department Of Environmental Quality (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with the additional information; NRSC & CRSC concur)

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohmmeiss, Naomi Bebo

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Homeland Security Assistance To Firefighters Grant – Health And Wellness (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections; LSC motioned to forward to Council with the corrections changing GR-18 to GR-19 in addition to submitting a summary of changes)

Presenter: Thomas Knapp

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Homeland Security Assistance To Firefighters Grant – PPE And Equipment (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections; LSC motioned to forward to Council with the corrections changing GR-18 to GR-19 in addition to submitting a summary of changes)

Presenter: Thomas Knapp

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution Approving Tribal Education Allocation Funds For Schools And School Districts Located Within The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with the condition of Sacaton Elementary School and Sacaton Middle School to be separated reflecting two total allocation amounts, ESC concurs)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Health Care Corporation For The Operation Of Facilities Associated With Health Care Activities Commonly Known As The Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, As Shown In Drawing Number 40314-0056, 40314-0056A, 40316-0725A And 40316-0725B, Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Lease Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council for recommendation for approval; ESCDC concurs)

Presenters: Casandra Wallace, Elizabeth Antone

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. A Resolution Approving An Agreement To Terminate And Cancel Business Lease Number BL00000072 Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Health Care Corporation For The Viola L. Johnson Administration Building (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; ESCDC concurs)

Presenters: Casandra Wallace, Elizabeth Antone

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For Logan Miguel Located In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 40318-0314 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Ada Salgado

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. A Resolution Approving The Appointment Of Devin Redbird To Represent The Gila River Indian Community On The Joint Control Board For A Term Of Three Years (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Casandra Wallace

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. A Resolution Granting 1.9329 Acres OfReservation Land In District Five To The Department Of Public Works For The Purpose Of Design, Construction, Operating, Managing And Maintaining Potable Water Well At The Southeast Corner Of Murphy And Nelson Roads (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Barney Bigman

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11. A Resolution Granting 2.218 Acres Of Reservation Land In District Three To The Department Of Public Works For The Purpose Of Designing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining Potable Water Well At The Southeast Corner Of Casa Blanca And Bluebird Road (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Barney Bigman

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community, Acting Through The Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project (P-MIP), To Enter Into A Title 1 Contract With The Bureau Of Indian Affairs (BIA)/San Carlos Irrigation Project, Pursuant To The Indian Self Determination And Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-368), To Complete Repair Work On The Pima Lateral And The Southside Canal (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: David De Jong

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The 2009 Gila River Indian Community Code By Repealing Current Title 16, Chapter 11 And Enacting The Apiary(Beehive) Registration Code As Title 18, Chapter 8 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Daniel Hoyt, Dale Ohmmeiss

APPROVED

2. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code By Rescinding Ordinance GR-10-13 (Taxation) And Replacing It With The 2010 Taxation Ordinance, To Be Codified At Title 13 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linda Sauer, Mark Graham

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Gaming Commission Declaration Of One (1) Vacancy (G&MSC forwards to Council to declare the vacancy and advertise for 60 days; subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

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Gov. Lewis discusses economics and water at the Valley Partnership meeting

Cheryl Lombard, President and CEO of Valley Partnership, hosted the discussion. Valley Partnership is a trade association, which advocates for development in the greater Phoenix Metropolitan area.

Gov. Lewis opened his remarks by outlining the Gila River Indian Community’s role as an “economic engine,” in Central Arizona.

“The Community, through its government and entities alone, employs approximately 9,000 people. And, in any given year, we contract with hundreds of vendors and contractors located in the Valley,” said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis shifted to the “bigger issue,” of the over allocation of the Colorado River and the Drought Contingency Plan.

“The Community has been involved in the DCP discussions for over three years now, and led an effort in 2016 to try to front load conservation to reduce the risk of falling into shortage,” said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis closed his remarks by saying that he was optimistic that the state legislature would approve the DCP and thanked those you have been involved in the processes of the plan development.

Gov. Lewis
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**Fed Gov’t reopen**, shutdown ends from Page 1

promised and demanded by President Donald Trump. The shutdown affected 80,000 federal employees. Of those, 38,000 employees were furloughed and in some cases, required to work without pay. Since the shutdown, those 80,000 workers have missed two paychecks. Although many federal agencies were impacted, which include some federal law enforcement, Department of Commerce, NASA, National Parks and Forest Services, and HUD, among dozens of other smaller agencies. Those that re-opened during the partial shutdown included: Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, the US Postal Service, Veterans Hospitals and VA benefit programs, Food Stamps, the Military and Homeland Security, all of which were deemed critical. On Jan. 25 it was announced by Trump that a deal was reached to end the shutdown and temporarily reopen. Trump first said he would not agree to any deal unless it included the funding for the border wall but did not receive that with the bill that ended the shutdown. If they do not reach an agreement on funding for the border wall, the government will experience another shutdown on Feb 15. Trump also stated the federal employees will receive their back pay “very quickly or as soon as possible.”

Tribes across the nation were beginning to feel the impact as many services, including education, healthcare and even law enforcement programs depend on federal resources. Although some services are funded through federal contract rather than direct services, the greater concerns are with long-term affects tribes might be impacted by due to the overall cost of the shutdown. The partial shutdown has cost the U.S. economy $1 billion, according the Congressional Budget Office. 

“As everyone knows, I have a very powerful alternative but I didn’t want to use it at this time. Helpful ly it will be unnecessary” said Trump, which is referring to declaring a state of emergency in order to have the border wall built.

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APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 2. Request for Community Council Work Session (G&MSC forwards to Council with the recommended dates: January 2019 at 9:00 AM with corrections)
- Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 3. District Two Letter of Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to appoint Ann Lucas-Stewart)
- Presenter: Sharon Lewis

APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Presenters: Committee APPROVED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 5. District Two Letter Of Appointment To The Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to appoint Rita Pancott)
- Presenters: Citizens Advisory Board Members

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the issuance of the air quality operating permit for the following facility:

Facility Name: Corinthian Specialties, Inc.
Facility Address: Community-wide Port-Source
Air Contaminants Emitted: Particulate Matter (PM) PM 4.0 microns in diameter (PM 4.0) Carbon Monoxide (CO) Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Sulfur Oxides (SOx) Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

Public Notice Start Date: February 1, 2019
Public Notice End Date: March 3, 2019

Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice and data, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments. Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney, and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision.

Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review at the DEQ Sacaton office (during normal business hours) and on the AZP website atchttp://www.gricqol.org/index.php/education-education/cockpit/policy-docs and written comments may be delivered or mailed to: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality

**SPECIAL THANKS**

We the family of Christophe A. Soke Sr. Would like to send special Thanks to:

- St. Johns Church for the Rosaries and Mass services as well as preparing the meal and most of all for Blessing our loved one.
- Lawman’s funeral home for setting in some cases, required to work without pay. Since the shutdown, those tiny Virginia, Williams and Juan families

- And our families for being there when we needed you all. Love you all so much.
- From the: Soke, Avery, Williams and Juan families

**PRESS RELEASE**

**FATAL HIT AND RUN COLLISION**

(Sacaton, Arizona) On September 22, 2018 between the hours of 9:30 pm and 12:00 am, the Gila River Police Department (GRPD) responded to Saint Road & SR 87 in reference a female that was fatally struck by an unidentified vehicle that left the scene prior to officer’s arrival.

Contact: Natasha Cooper is a mother of four children we are asking for help in finding justice for her family.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Gila River Police Department is asking for assistance with this case. If you have any information regarding the suspect and/or vehicle please contact the Gila River Police Department at (520) 562-6511 or you can remain anonymous by contacting Silent Witness at (520) 562-7777.

**ATTN: Ryan Ebrelle**

Making Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147
Physical Address: 5350 N. 48th St. Chandler, AZ 85226 Suite 120
For further information, please contact Ryan Ebrelle at (520) 796-3781 or visit our office located at Wild Horse Plaza Corporate Center, Suite 120. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Foundation For Rural Services 2019 Youth Tour
June 1 - 5, 2019 - Washington, D.C.

Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 20, 2019

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour gives students the chance to learn about the legislative and governmental process as well as visiting historical sites around Washington, D.C. GRTI is looking for 2 students to represent us on this years FRS Youth tour! This is an all expenses paid trip!

Eligibility requirements

- Be 16 or 17 years of age.
- Provide two personal references (I.E. Teacher, Counselor).
- Submit current grades.
- Submit an essay related to the Telecommunications industry.
- Be an enrolled member of Gila River Indian Community.
- Submit a current biography.
- Submit a current photo.

For more information contact Melanya Pasqual at 520-796-8808 or email mpasqual@gilarivertel.com.
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At one food demonstration, a unique way of using those left-over vegetables introduced participants to preserving them for future consumption. Participants were offered a chance to take vegetables, add a little spice and water and place them into a mason jar, at a demonstration held at the District 3 Tribal Health Department on Jan. 22.

Joshua Whitehead took the participants through a step-by-step process of preparing the foods for fermentation. Whitehead, along with his wife, own and operate a business called Green Table Foods, in Guelph Ontario Canada. According to the website, Green Table Foods, purchases their ingredients from the surrounding region from local farmers, which is in-line with the company’s philosophy of “local fair trade,” practices.

The participants set out to make sauerkraut with turmeric and ginger, kimchi, and ginger beet kraut, which require an average of seven days to fully ferment. To understand the fermentation process, it requires little equipment and expertise to achieve the richness of flavors and nutrients vegetables have to offer.

To understand the fermentation process, it requires little equipment and expertise to achieve the richness of flavors and nutrients vegetables have to offer. Sprawled out on a kitchen counter, ingredients like cabbage, carrots, garlic, ginger and an assortment of other vegetables, were sliced and diced into smaller pieces. To add to the colorful mixture, spices such as, turmeric, garlic and pepper were added.

After everything has been mixed together, the contents are placed into mason jars, and are compacted down as much as possible to get the air out, but to also excrete the water from the vegetables.

“You’re using the water to keep the air out and also to let good bacterial spores to get in there,” said Whitehead. He said the overflow is normal, so during the fermentation process you want to check it.

Whitehead’s taste for kimchi drew him into wanting to learn how to make it. “This was pre-internet day and it was through trial and error, a friend of mine showed me.”

He said as a youth, his mother fell ill, and required him to pitch-in to maintain a normal household, “I took over the role of cooking and doing domestic chores, and keeping up appearances, just so the house wouldn’t fall apart.”

He went into making different types of homemade foods, and was teased by his friends for his interest in preparing foods. “I just love culinary, I went to school for history and English literature, I didn’t go to school for [it],” said Whitehead on his experience with cooking.

He said their business is 100 percent GMO free and is certified organic, and is in accordance with the Canadian governments policy to maintain fair standard of organic projects.
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That’s $25,000 that guests will win at each of our three properties every month for the next 12 months – totaling $75,000 every month and almost $1 million in guaranteed giveaways throughout 2019! It’s an amazing time to play at Gila River!

Also, keep your eyes open for exclusive 25th Anniversary events including special anniversary parties, star-studded live shows, and a world record-breaking extravaganza that will be marked in the history books!

As in years past, Gila River and its team members will continue to be closely involved in creating meaningful change in the local community through charitable donations and volunteerism.

The enterprise will maintain and foster its partnerships with local sports organizations like the Arizona Diamondbacks, Arizona Cardinals, Arizona Coyotes, and ASU Athletics, as well as create new partnerships with local nonprofit organizations in an effort to aid children in the areas of health and education.

It is the year of Gila River, so make sure to be a part of our 25th Anniversary celebration and rake in the rewards as we party all year long at Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte, and Vee Quiva.

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