Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey visits MAR 5 site for special opening

Special dignitaries, tribal leaders and Gila River Indian Community members attended the opening of an addition to the Managed Aquifer Recharge Site #5 in District 3. The MAR 5 Interpretive Trail opened on March 1 with Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey to mark the occasion.

“The MAR 5 project is the culmination of several years of planning and hard work. It represents the very latest in a series of efforts this community has greatly contributed to the sustainable water management in Arizona,” said Gov. Ducey.

The Interpretive Trail was integrated into MAR 5 as a feature for Community members to visit the site and see the flow of the river. Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said the Interpretive Trail, which is designated solely for Community members, will be “a cultural and educational window into [GRIC’s] past and culture.”

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57th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo

Community Day kicks off Mul-Chu-Tha weekend

Coronation held for Owens and Osife

Gila River Indian News

Community Day lived up to its name during the opening of the 57th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo. All the things that the Community takes pride in were on display at the Sacaton Fairgrounds on March 8. Young scholars and artists were applauded. Veterans and elders were honored. Student athletes heard cheers. Grand marshals were given center stage, and to end the night, the reign of the outgoing Gila River Royalty gently faded away while a new reign dawned for two eager young ladies.

The Tribal Education Department started at 3 p.m. with the presentation of the Mul-Chu-Tha essay and art contest winners. Over 400 entered, and Tribal Education announced 17 names of students from fourth to 12th grade in both contests. The winning pieces of art were on display and the essay winners read their work for the crowd. All the first places winners received a $100 Foot Locker gift card with second and third place winning gift cards to AMC theaters for $75 and $50 respectively.

“Congratulations to our talented students,” said Isaac Salcido, Tribal Education Department Director.

Before the Veteran of the Year and Elder of the Year were announced, Gov. Lewis recognized high school wrestler Andrew Siquieros Jr., and the Skyline Gila River Boys Basketball team. Siquieros received a custom necklace and Skyline was presented

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Let’s Read

Gila River Royalty says farewell at Community Council meeting

Autumn Cooper, Miss Gila River, Samaira Juan, Jr. Miss Gila River and Gabriella Garcia, First Attendant to Jr Miss Gila River, all bid farewell to their titles, at a Community Council meeting at the Governance Center on March 6.

“This year has really impacted me a lot and I have grown more personally, this past year. To attend several events and represent the Community has been an eye-opening experience,” said Garcia.

Juan said, “It has been such an honor to serve as the Jr Miss Gila River 2018-2019. I am so grateful to have gotten this title to represent the Gila River Indian Community.” She said her year was marked with getting to know the Community from the youth to the elders.

“I couldn’t have done it without the help of my family and especially my teachers from St. Peter Indian Mission School,” said Juan, “The culture teachers, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Harrison taught me all I know about my culture, including the elders who taught me a lot.”

Copper said, “This year has brought me several experiences and challenges, but I’ve learned a lot from not only our elders, but our youth.” She said, one of her platforms, was to reach out to the youth and hear what challenges they are going through and how they can find positivity in themselves.

“I was able to speak to the youth at the Gila River Youth Conference last year and talk about my platform, body positivity and self-identify,” said Cooper. “I was able to talk with our elders and youth at the Caring House and youth at the Gila River Youth facilities, through different opportunities.”

For my platform, I wanted to promote health and wellness and to promote our culture too,” said Juan. During her reign, she taught the youth traditional dances, at some of the head start facilities in the Community.

Juan said, when she visited the elderly at each of the districts, they gave her good advice on her role as Jr. Miss Gila River and her ambitions to run for Miss Gila River. She visited the elders during the holidays to spend time with them and bring some Christmas cheer to their day and gain valuable advice from them.


In the March 1 issue of the Gila River Indian News an article called, “Beware of deadly diseases in the Gila River Indian Community,” should have been titled, “Overview of Rabies.”

In the March 1 issue of the Gila River Indian News a wrong date was listed for next year’s Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade. The correct date is Feb. 22, 2020.
Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Blackwater Community School FACE Program (Family and Child Education) students and parents have been cleaning up the yards of the elderly complex. A project that they’ve titled as the “elderly complex beautification and clean-up” which allows the students to become more involved with the Community through volunteer services.

The project idea came up when students and parents wanted to create and do something that would help their Community and give back. After meeting with the Community to discuss what some of the needs are and possible project ideas; one idea that was brought up was that the yards of elderly were not routinely cleaned up and were covered with weeds.

After getting approval from the Community Services Department, the school began the yard cleanup. Equipped with safety vest and gloves the students, staff and even parents pulled weeds, pick up trash and raked the yards and even offered the option for the elderly to have flower pots.

This project is just one of three that the Blackwater Community School has been working on, which also contributes to a grant from the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Program that the school has been awarded that allows them the create self-sustainable projects that gives back to their Community.

During the fall season the school has previously hosted a 3D haunted house which is held in the school’s admin building and goes off into some of the classrooms with windows blacked out and ply boards painted black, splattered with neon paint and put up to create a maze for participants to walk through and at the end of the haunted house they receive a book in either O’otham or English. The project is titled “Book & Boo” to help promote reading.

Their third and final project for the grant will be a “uniform giving shed.” The school provides one uniform to each student but of course more than one is needed for the school week and for those unable to get more uniforms, the giving shed will be able to provide those in need with new or gently used uniforms.

GRIC veteran is seeking photographs to complete special project

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Thousands of men fought in World War II from 1939-1945 and some of those young men were from the Gila River Indian Community.

Gary Anderson Sr. is a GRIC veteran who spent 22-years in the U.S Army Special Forces. Anderson is working on a special presentation project that recognizes the young men that gave the ultimate sacrifice during WWII, which will be presented during a Memorial Day and 75th anniversary of D-Day event.

Over the past four months, Anderson has been finding information of those Community members who lost their lives during WWII to give them recognition and show that they are not forgotten but needs some assistance in retrieving photographs for some of the men.

If you have any information on any of the following names listed, you can contact Anderson by email: gander2174@aol.com
- Josua Morris USMC
- Graduate Tucson Indian Boarding School (Esquela)
- DOB: 10/02/1923
- Gila Crossing, Brother Eugene Morris KIA 7/26/1944
- Anthony Jose from Bapchule. Mother Celestine Jose: DOB 07/06/1919
- KIA: 12/15/1943
- Antonio (Haskell) Ouse from Blackwater: DOB 05/28/1908
- KIA 03/17/1944
- Leander S. Shilde from Gila Crossing: DOB 2/14/1917
- KIA: 05/28/1944 St. Johns
- Antonio Irwin Non-Grad.
- KIA 04/21/1945
- Family Christine Laws (Widow)
- Dob: 01/13/1920
- Robert E. Allison from Lower San Tan: DOB 05/28/1926
- KIA 07/21/1944
- Attended Tucson Indian Boarding School (Esquela) Non-Grad
- Mother Berta Juan?
- KIA 04/21/1945
- Peter Peters DOB 04/06/1919
- KIA 06/18/1944 St. Johns
- Family Christine Laws (Widow)
- Dob: 01/13/1920
- Harry Miguel from Casa Blanca.
- KIA: 08/09/1944
- Dob: Jan 12, 1931
- Nathaniel Juan of Sacaton.
- KIA: 06/18/1944 St. Johns
- Family Christine Laws (Widow)
- Dob: 01/13/1920
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The victim stated he observed a large group of white men playing three card Monte on a cardboard box. The victim stated that is when he pulled his wallet out to put his cell phone on the other slot machine. When the victim retrieved his wallet, he noticed his four hundred dollars were missing out of his wallet and his bracelets was missing off his right wrist.

The victim contacted law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. Suspect(s) left prior to officers’ arrival. Status: Under Investigation.

Shoplifting Suspect(s) entered the Casita department store, located and stole approximately $3,475.00. Store employees contacted law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. Suspect(s) left prior to officers’ arrival.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – The suspect stole the victim’s wallet while it was parked in the Hialeah Casino parking lot.

The victim stated he noticed his four hundred dollars were missing out of his wallet and his bracelets was missing off his right wrist.

The victim contacted law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. Suspect(s) left prior to officers’ arrival.

Status: Under Investigation.

Shoplifting The suspect entered the Loves Truck Stop placed several items in her bag and left in the early evening.

The victim contacted law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

Shoplifting The suspect entered the Tommy Hilfiger department store and attempted to merchandize. When approached by officers in the vicinity the suspect dropped the merchandise and fled on foot.

The suspect was located by officers stuck in a drain manhole after fleeing from the shoplifting attempt at Tommy Hilfiger.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – The suspect entered the Loves Truck Stop while it was at the Wild Horse Pass Casino.

The victim stated he had $900 dollars, driver’s license and several credit cards in the wallet. The victim immediately canceled the cards. Casino security contacted law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – The suspect picked up the victim’s wallet from a chair and left the casino with the property.

The victim stated he was at the Wild Horse Pass Casino. The victim immediately canceled the cards. Casino security contacted law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Five:

Burglary – Sometime between 2/26/2019 and 03/05/2019 an unknown suspect unlawfully entered a vehicle and caused $1,350 worth of damage by cutting several wires and removing a battery from the engine compartment. The vehicle was left unsecured at the Light House Church. The victim contacted law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Six:

Aggravated Assault – The suspect committed aggravated assault by stab-bing the victim, with an unknown instrument. The victim’s family contacted law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The victim was transported to a local trauma hospital for treatment of his non-life threatening injuries.

Status: Under Investigation.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Komatke store, concealed a small bag of chips with a value of $1.35 and left without paying. Store employees contacted law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect was arrested at the Gila River police station prior to officers’ arrival.

Status: Under Investigation.

Shoplifting – The suspect entered the Kawasaki store, concealed a large group of white men in front of a residence located off Casa Blanca Road. The victim awoke to the vehicle missing and no injuries. The vehicle was entered into the National Crime Information Computer as a stolen vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole a vehicle (White 2011 Chevrolet Cruze) registered to the victim while it was parked in front of a residence located off Calle Blanca Road. The victim awoke to the vehicle missing and no injuries. The vehicle was entered into the National Crime Information Computer as a stolen vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation.

Theft – Suspect(s) stole a tablet that was left behind by a young child at the Gila River Indian Hospital. The victim’s guardian returned searching for the item and found it had been taken. Law enforcement was notified of the incident.

Status: Under Investigation.

District Four:

(St. Joseph’s Area) – No Incidents Regarding Part 1 Crime.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area) – Robbery – Suspect(s) hurred the victim to a secluded area of the Love’s Truck Stop parking lot. The victim stated he observed a large group of white men playing three card Monte on a cardboard box. The victim stated that is when he pulled his wallet out to put his cell phone on the other slot machine. When the victim retrieved his wallet, he noticed his four hundred dollars were missing out of his wallet and his bracelets was missing off his right wrist.

The victim contacted law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. Suspect(s) left prior to officers’ arrival.

Status: Under Investigation.

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs
DSO Offering to Help Community Members with Warrants

Submitted by Defense Services Office
Gila River Indian Community

You don’t want to have a warrant. A warrant gives the authorization for a police officer to arrest you. So if you come in contact with a police officer, the officer will undoubtedly check your record for any warrants. If there is contact could be something as minor as a traffic stop. And if the officer finds that you have a warrant, you most likely will be arrested.

That means spending at least one night in jail. If it is a warrant out of Gila River Court, then the judge will decide whether you should stay in jail or be released. Depending on the nature of the offense, a high bond could be issued against you. If the warrant is from an outside jurisdiction, you could be held at DRS for up to 72 hours for the outside jurisdiction police authorities to come take you from the Community to address your warrant somewhere else.

Sometimes the outside jurisdiction does not come to get you. Then you would be released, but the warrant is still active and you would be arrested by Gila River police if you come in contact with an officer again. All this is especially challenging if you don’t know that you have a warrant against you or if this is for an old matter. “I haven’t thought about that case in years,” you say. It doesn’t matter.

For example, a person here in the Community was once arrested on a 2002 traffic warrant. Then there are times when a person has a warrant and he or she never knew there was a summons for him or her to appear before the Court. The summons could have been sent to an incorrect address. If you suspect that you may have a warrant, you are welcome to call the Gila River Indian Community Court at (520) 562-9860 to confirm if you have one or not.

If it turns out that you do have a warrant out of the Gila River Community Court, there are some options to address your warrant status:

- Turn yourself into Department of Rehabilitative Services or a police officer voluntarily. You will be officially booked into DRS to await for your chance to see a judge the next day at an Initial Hearing, which is usually scheduled at 11:00 a.m.
- Another option is to contact the Gila River Indian Community Defense Services Office (“DSO”) at (520) 562-5700 or at claude.jackson@gric.nsn.us to see what can be done to address your warrant. DSO may be able to assist you in filing a Motion to Quash your bench warrant. If the judge accepts your motion and quashes your bench warrant, then the judge will schedule a hearing date for you to appear. You better show up this time.
- If you have a warrant from an outside jurisdiction, the best action to take is to contact the outside jurisdiction directly.

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) just completed the “Casa Blanca road transmission project” that began in the beginning of 2018, which replaced one of the oldest remaining transmission and distribution lines in the Gila River Indian Community that is owned by the San Carlos Irrigation Project (SCIP).

For the past ten years GRICUA and SCIP have been working together to design and fund the replacement project. GRICUA partnered with Wilson Construction Co. to complete the project in late November 2018.

On Friday March 8, a celebration ceremony was held at the District 5 Multipurpose Building for the completion of the Casa Blanca transmission project. GRICUA gave thanks to all the staff and crew members for a job well done. The celebration began with opening remarks from John Lewis, GRICUA Chairman Board of Directors and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, who thanked the linemen for all the hard work and even shared some of his experience in the field. Kathy Galloway, GRICUA Operations Director who oversaw the whole project, talked about the overall project and completion, thanking everyone and Community leaders for their support.

After the many thanks and words were shared from staff and board members, everyone gathered into the service center for light refreshments and cake while a slideshow of the project played in the background.

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Submitted by Defense

Attorney Advances His Training to Better Serve GRIC

Submitted by Defense Services Office
Gila River Indian Community

DSO is proud to announce that one of its attorneys, Emmanuel Antenorm, recently completed his three-year commitment to Gideon’s Promise Core 101 Program. A national defense program that encourages client-centered defense. Emmanuel is the fourth DSO attorney to complete the program.

According to Gideon’s Promise website, the Core 101 program is “designed to provide new public defenders the skills and knowledge necessary to become excellent advocates for those they represent.” Emmanuel uses the tools he acquired from Core 101 to better serve his clients and the Community.

“This program allowed me to learn from some of the very best attorneys in the criminal field who share a passion for criminal justice,” Emmanuel said. “I was surrounded by a wealth of knowledge and experience and tried to soak up as much as possible. I am grateful that the Community and my office gave me the opportunity to complete this program and I am excited to use what I learned to benefit community members.”

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Contact the Tribal Elections Office

The Gila River Indian Community Council Election Schedule is a comprehensive guide that outlines all the election-related events and activities taking place during the election season. It includes important dates, such as voter registration deadlines, election day schedules, and post-election reports. The schedule helps voters stay informed about their rights and responsibilities, ensuring a smooth and successful election process.

The table below provides a breakdown of the election schedule for the Gila River Indian Community Council Election:

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<td>Section 2116. Community Council Elections, D. 3. The certifications of Council candidates shall be conducted at the first regular Community Council meeting in April. All candidates must be in attendance.</td>
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<td>April 8, 2019</td>
<td>Voter Registration Closes; for the May 7th election</td>
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<td>Absentee Voting Opens; for GRC registered voters unable to vote at the polling sites on Election Day</td>
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<td>May 6, 2019</td>
<td>Absentee Voting Closes; absentee ballots must be accepted by your District Judge or Tribal Elections office before 5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>May 7, 2019</td>
<td>GRC 2019 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION DAY in Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; polls open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Deadline for protest to election; any registered voter shall be allowed to file a protest in writing to the Election Board Chairperson within 3 business days following the election</td>
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<td>Certification of Election Results, A. Certification of election results shall be conducted by the Community Council at its second regular meeting in May.</td>
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<td>Community Council Meeting - Newly elected/re-elected Community Council candidates are sworn into office and are to take their seat of office.</td>
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For questions in regards to this schedule, contact the Tribal Elections office at (520) 562-9735 or 9758.
Singular and Plurals: A Mini Lesson

Just about every language spoken around the world has a way to express the differences between one and many (singular vs. plural). We are going to take a look at our O’otham world and how we use the basic Singular and Plurals.

The word Singular is a fancy way of saying ‘one.’ Plurals, is another fancy way of saying ‘more than one, or many.’

Sometimes a word is too long but we want to identify singular and plurals when we work with O’otham words so we use abbreviations. Below shows how we shorten singular and plurals to show we are talking about either one item or more than one.

**Singular:** abbreviated as SG

**Plural:** abbreviated as PL

In English writing, a singular word is made plural simply by placing the letter /s/ at the end of the word that is being converted to plural form. For example in English we say “cat” when talking about one cat. We add /s/ at the end of the word which changes to “cats” when talking about more than one cat.

In O’otham Ñeo’ok, usually we change the very beginning of the word by doubling the first two letters of a word. Linguist, those who study languages call this action of doubling ‘reduplication.’

Here is an example of how to go about it:

**Goks** = one dog

In the plural form, when you want to talk about a lot of dogs you would double the first part of the word.

Go goks = more than one dog, spelled gogoks

Or a descriptive word to specify the number

Mu’i’o heg gogoks = five dogs

This is a basic and general explanation of how to make words plural in O’otham Ñeo’ok, but like in every language there are exceptions to this rule.

For example, another form of doing plurals the O’otham way is what Mil-gan call a ‘glottal stop.’ Wikipedia definition says: the glottal stop is a type of alphabet letter sound used in many spoken languages, produced by obstructing airflow in the vocal tract or, more precisely the glottis. The best example is the expression: “oh-oh” = when an innocent mistake is made, usually said to children.

Here you hear a break in between the expression: “Oh’oh!”

The symbol that O’otham use is ‘/') the apostrophe to tell you to take a break but continue to make the ending word sound.

Let us use the word ‘spoon.’ In O’otham, we call it ku:k. To talk about many spoons you don’t double the word to say kukusal, instead you say kuk’sal. You only are doubling the first letter. Another example like this is the word ko:ba (drinking container) that becomes kok’ba, using the same pattern.

Some words don’t have a separate plural form. These words will always use the singular form and cannot use the doubling of the first two letters (reduplication). The word remains single. Examples of these include where singular words will remain the same:

**Singular**

Reduplicated word

*chu-chu-ulu*

(chicken/chickens)

*cha’-cha wai* (deer)

*wa-wai*

You can already tell that the word chu:chu:ulu* sounds unacceptable. Fluent speakers will immediately know if one uses the ‘/’ words inappropriately by doubling/reduplication.

With the words above it is good to put a number or mass account when there is more than one. A person who likes Chu:chulu usually has more than one, cha is a mass number when they fall to the ground, and the wai you usually see one first than the others later, if they chose to be seen.

*Vesthama:n* ten chickens

*chu:chulu*’s-thoa’m white pile of hemapig heg hail

*cha’* three deer

It is good to memorize words that do not reduplicate.

Example of how to make words plural in O’otham Ñeo’ok; but like in English we say “cat” when talking about one cat. We add /s/ at the end of the word which changes to “cats” when talking about more than one mithol (SG)

match the O’otham singular and plural terms with their pictures!

**ko:ba**

**chu:chu:ulu**

**ku:k’al**

**mu:ch**

**cha’**

This little lesson is just to give you a small sample of how elaborate our language is and it is something our Community should continue practicing and speaking. As with everything, we encourage you to ask your elders, or speakers in your family, or any person/teachers who speaks the O’otham language. Remember there may be slight differences due to the way many variations of O’otham speech in different parts of our Community.

2019 Youth of the Year

**Allen Pratt**

GILA RIVER BRANCH - SACATON

If it wasn’t for the Club I think I would be another statistic.

Allen has been a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley for over a decade. Over those ten years, Allen has had memories to last a lifetime of making friends and learning new skills. As a staff member of the Club, he has discovered a love for children. Allen has built up a special bond with the kids and he enjoys mentoring them. Allen is a very caring individual, who lends a helping hand when someone is struggling. Allen has shown true leadership in his community, leading the charge for several Club leadership initiatives, positively impacting his community. Allen aspires to be a physical therapist someday.

2019 Youth of the Year

**Estrella Lina**

GILA RIVER BRANCH - KOMATKE

What is the point of having fear, when you can have love and happiness?

Since Estrella was seven years old she has been a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley. At the time, she was a lonely child who struggled to make friends, but remembers how loving, welcoming and caring the staff were with the Club.

These staff members helped her to make friends and build relationships through the opportunities they provided for her so that she would never feel alone. The Club quickly became her second home, and she loved being a member more than she did to attend The Arizona School or Sunnyslope College of Music; she knew how to make music with a purpose.
Susanna Osife is crowned as Jr. Miss Gila River.

Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

with a plaque commemorating their season.

Roland Enos Jr. and Burdette Morago were announced as the Veteran of the Year and Elder of the Year respectively. A video presentation aired before each winner took the stage to give remarks and accept their award. Enos served in Iraq and Afghanistan and Morago was recently inducted into the University of Arizona Sports Hall of Fame.

Gov. Lewis gives a shell necklace to Andrew Siquieros Jr.

Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Co-grand marshals were announced for this year’s parade with Barnaby Lewis and Brenda Robert son accepting the honor. Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Stone acknowledged each grand marshal and presented them with Pendleton blankets.

Barbeque was then served and entertainment for the evening was provided by the Cody Blackbird Band with special guests from the Gila River Indian Community performing as well.

The Gila River Royalty Coronation and ensuing dance added a poignant coda to Community Day and brought together Miss Gila River Autumn Cooper, Jr. Miss Gila River Samaira Osife, District 2, said she plans to make the most of her experiences before her 2019-2020 reign and Ow ens, District 5, said she was likewise enthusiastic to be Miss Gila River. “I’m so excited for this year,” said Owens, who’s platform is to uplift others through acceptance and inclusion.

Gov. Lewis thanked the outgoing royalty for their accomplishments and said, “I look forward to working with,” Owens and Osife.

The coronation ended with a dance, and Community Day resolved for all the awardees and well-wishers who shared in the goodness.
#MCTMEMORIES
Gov. Lewis joins panel at Dream Big Arizona event at Phoenix Art Museum

From left, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Sybil Francis, CEO and President of Center for the Future of Arizona, and Dr. Michael Crow, ASU President. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was a panelist at the Dream Big Arizona event hosted by the Center for the Future of Arizona and the Drought Contingency Plan project.

Gov. Lewis spoke on the Community Leaders panel of the event and was joined by Phil Boas, Editor and Director for the Arizona Republic, Edward Maxwell, President & CEO of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council Jerti Williams, Chief of the Phoenix Police Department.

Williams, a Phoenix native, said Arizona is a diverse state that is willing to sit down with one another and hear out the issues.

Lewis said, for tribal communities, there is a lot of history that goes back many generations.

"Tribes play a vital role in the history of Arizona not only historically, but as an economic force," said Lewis, "By telling our story through the dialog we are able to today, we will share the same values of dreaming big." direction, said Francis, President & CEO of CFA in a statement, "The Arizona we want is a reflection of what matters most to Arizonans. Francis said it reflects the diversity of individuals present at the gathering, who came from law enforcement, education, young talent, individuals interested in making Arizona and education a better place."

Lewis said the education progress meters, are well-measure tools, his office has acknowledged, will help identify where the state is succeeding and where there is room for improvement.

Michael Crow, President of ASU, was the keynote speaker for the event and what it means for the state as a whole in lowed GRIC to be, "a significant contributor in the GRIC process," said Lewis. A new groundwater well field was also put in with federal funds thanks to cooperation from the Bureau of Reclamation, which expanded the Community’s ability to pump water at the site.

This allowed GRIC to store water in Lake Mead which was a key element to the DCP Implementation Plan.

The DCP was eventually finalized after the Arizona legislature dropped the requirement of HB 2476. According to a GRIC press release from Feb. 22, "The purpose of HB 2476 is os to ensure that the state of Arizona and lower rates of depression for those connected to communities, there is a lot of hope. Research shows that children fare better when placed with family members. Keeping Native American children connected to their extended families and tribal communities result in better school success, lower alcohol and drug use, and lower rates of depression. It is therefore critical that the Gila River Indian Community is proud to protect ICWA.

ICWA has a proven record of stabilizing families and providing strong foundations for children to grow into positive and adult roles in the history of Arizona. It was intended to do so in a sustainable manner. The Council for Arizona Water Resources stores a portion of the Gila River Water, but it also recharges the Community’s aquifer. In addition, the Community's aquifer does not overuse its groundwater supplies.

The acceleration of the DCP discussions in 2016 was evident that with the worsening drought conditions, the Community could help Arizona by leaving a portion of its annual CAP water supplies to Lake Mead to help with the falling lake levels. In order to reduce its CAP water deliveries, the Community would need to rely more on its groundwater supplies, but only wanted to do so in a sustainable manner. The Community for Arizona Water Resources stores a portion of the Gila River Water, but it also recharges the Community’s aquifer. In addition, the Community's aquifer does not overuse its groundwater supplies.

The inclusion of three streams to the MAR 5 "tripped the size," of the storage capacity, which also under the forfeiture statute any water right holder who does not use his water rights for an uninterrupted period of five years, without a legitimate excuse specified in the statute, can be found to have forfeited that right." said Lewis.

"The attendance at the MAR 5 event was indicative of the support they gave the Community when the controversial water bill passed by Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers was introduced. "Their leadership is an inspiration to us all today because it allows us to continue our efforts in working partners with the state to make the Drought Contingency Plan a reality, and soon," said Gov. Lewis. Governor Lewis' visit is expected by O’Hallaran and Fernandez, a cultural song was sung by O’otham Male Singers ability to protect our children. These children are not the children of States, they are the children of the Tribal communities and we want them to stay within and connected to our communities," according to Governor Lewis.

A decision from the Fifth Circuit is expected later this year.
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • March 6, 2019

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Natural Resources Standing Committee Declaration of One (1) Vacancy Community-At-Large Member (NRSC forwards to Council to declare vacancy of one (1) Community-At-Large Position, advertised and to close April 22, 2019, subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenters: Natural Resources Standing Committee

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Tribal Opioid Conference-April 3-4, 2019 San Marcos Resort, Chandler, AZ (H&SSC forwards to Council under New Business to open to any interested Council Member to attend utilizing dues & delegations)

Presenters: Stephen R. Lewis

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. GRICUA’s FY18 Financial Audit (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation to Accept, EDSC concurs)

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold, Adam Cavin

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. District Three Letter Of Appointment To The Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board For Rebecca Kisto (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval the District Three Letter of Appointment for Rebecca Kisto to the Citizens Advisory Board)

Presenters: Citizens Advisory Board Members

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. Reservation Economic Summit March 25-28, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada (EDSC forwards to Council under New Business to open to any interested Council Members to attend utilizing dues & delegations)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Sun Valley Master Lease (Executive Session) (EDSC forwards to Council in Executive Session) Presenters: David White, WHPOA Board of Directors

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. 2018 Final Audit Reports (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Janice Ponziani, Anthony Gerlach

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. Council Concerns (Executive Session)

Presenters: Community Council

ITEM DISCUSSED

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ Special Council Meeting with WHPOA, Sheldes, Chandler, AZ Thursday, March 7, 2019, 9am

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:48 a.m.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancies: Board/Commission

Gila River Indian Community Health & Social Standing Committee

Board/Commission Members: Service is for One-Year Term: July 1, 2018

Number of Vacancies One(1)

April 22, 2019 12:00 pm

Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Indian Community Health & Social Standing Committee, must submit a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, and Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary’s Office located at the Government Center, 25 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147.

Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.A: All individuals who apply for a vacancy shall submit to the Community Council Secretary a letter of interest, resume, an application and financial disclosure statement in a form as may be prescribed by the Community Council for time from time to time and an affidavit attesting that he/she has not been or is not: a) convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, as defined in Title 1, chapter 2, Section 1.201.B., in the preceding five years; b) removed from office pursuant to this title in any of the preceding five years; c) currently deceased; d) able to meet any other condition imposed by the office. Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.G: Disclosures shall be made to the Community Council Secretary’s Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your resume). Community Council Secretary’s Office is located at the Government Center, 25 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147.

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Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.F: Community members interested in serving on the Community Employees: A Community Enterprise board members shall be one that would be made with the degree of care that would be reasonably prudent and competent person seeking a reasonable return on investment and preservation of financial resources. A copy of the specified job description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary’s Office.

Pursuant to GRIC 2010 Code of Conduct, Section 6.1001: Any person seeking a reasonable return on investment and preservation of financial resources. A copy of the specified job description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretar-
Committee.

In the Matter of the Employee Policies and Procedures Reference Guide for Administrative Offices and Progammatic Departments, Section 5, Job Security and You, 93. SERVICE ON COMMITTEES: Employees shall not serve as a regular member of the Committee or as a Community-at-Large member of a Standing Committee.

Traditional Counselor

Practitioner utilizes traditional beliefs and practices of the Community to treat individuals; facilitates Talking Circles, provides training to staff on cultural issues.

Human Resources Assistant (Navigator)

Compiles and maintains human resources records and data of many types and performs other administrative functions within the department by performing the following duties personally. Responsible for ensuring that all critical tasks are fulfilled on a timely basis.

Assistant Administrator

Oversees all routine operational aspects of resident care by performing managerial duties personally. Responsible for ensuring that all critical tasks are fulfilled on a timely basis.

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