District 7 welcomes visitors to the Mustering In Celebration

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The 2019 Mustering In Celebration began with a posting of colors and a 21-gun salute by the Ira Hayes Post #84.

The 2019 Mustering In Celebration was held Aug. 31 in District 7. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Gila River Royalty reflect on the year so far as they reach their midpoint

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis acknowledged the continued success of the District 7’s annual events applauding Community Council Representative Devin Redbird, the staff, and volunteers.

Gov. Lewis said, “We are here today to honor our men and women that have always had to step-up to answer the call to service.” This celebration celebrates the midway point, both reflect on the year so far after the morning run.

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Each year, Gila River Health Care celebrates Native American Day, by hosting traditional entertainment and food at GRHC facilities.

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Mud Dash course was the ‘highlight’ of the third annual event

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The Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds was the site to the 120 participants that embarked in the Third Annual Mud Dash on Friday, Sept. 6.

Six waves of 20 runners were signaled to start throughout the evening by Brenalee Sakiestewa, Tribal Wellness Center staff. Each wave consisted of men and women of all ages eager to challenge themselves and have some fun all in the name of health. Sakiestewa said, “The collaboration that took place to build the course was the highlight of this year’s event.”

Angelica Guzman returned for the second-year and said, “I enjoyed the run, it was fun, and the wall was the most challenging.”

Guzman also mentioned that “it [Mud Dash] is for everyone if you can’t do something you can always go around.” Guzman confronted every obstacle head-on and was the first woman to scale the wall without any assistance successfully.

While most attempted the obstacles throughout the course, some bypassed those that looked too challenging for their agility level. And for those that wanted to push themselves, it was encouraged and supervised by Wellness Center staff.

Juan Hernandez said, “It’s fun because it takes you out of your comfort zone; you get dirty and run through uneven terrain.” He highly encourages this course for anyone that considers obstacle course runs in their future. Hernandez is tall, but even he couldn’t get out of the army crawls that forced him, and everyone, on the ground with their faces covered in mud.

Though caked with mud from head to toe, everyone received Mud Dash promotional items and were given treats and smoothies from Kowee Coffee upon completing the run.

Vets honored at O’odham Veterans Celebration in District 5

Wesley Rhodes, left, at one of the informational booths set up at the O’odham Veteran’s Celebration. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes
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Tribal veterans and families gathered once again for the annual O’odham Veteran’s Celebration that was held on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the District 5 Multipurpose Building. The event was originally scheduled to be held in District 7 but due to unforeseen circumstances, the event was moved to District 5.

Community member Delane Enos gave a blessing to start the event, a welcome from District 5 Councilman Thomas White, and speeches from St. Peter Mission students that were on site to assist veterans and their families, including Veterans and Families Services Office, Gila River Health Care – Behavioral Health, Huhugam Heritage Center, Tucson and Phoenix Veterans Association, Arizona Department of Veterans Services, Southern Arizona V.A. Health Care System Native American Program, and more to explain what they do and what resources and services they have to offer.

Mike Leon from the Veterans Association gave a presentation on their “healing garden,” a garden that is aimed to help veterans with PTSD. The O’odham Veteran’s Celebration has been working with Leon and have created a “healing staff” made from a tree in the garden. The staff has been traveling with the O’odham Veterans to different events that they have been a part of, to share with veterans who might want to add anything to the staff before it’s return to the garden.

During the event Douglas Juan, Chairman of the O’odham Veterans Celebration, presented a flag to the Pee Posh Veterans Association for their building.

“It’s a lot of work. It’s not about us, it’s for the ones that need help,” said Juan, who discussed the event and planning. The next annual O’odham Veterans Celebration is planned to be held in District 4. For more information you can contact Juan at (602) 327-5973.
and later downloaded into evidence. After investigation revealed three suspects in the door to the victim’s residence and began to assault the victim while one suspect had a handgun and began to assault the victim while another suspect was involved in the altercation. The victim did not know the name of the female but was told the possible name of the suspect, but could identify the location where they were staying. A follow up will be conducted at a later date to possibly identify the suspect if they were seen of the victim and the injuries sustained during the altercation. Charges were filed and the investiga- tion revealed the juveniles parent was upset over an incident that occurred in the residence involving a minor. The victim informed the parent that another child (juvenile sus-pect) within the home was touching her privates and making the victim also perform the same acts on the victim. 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Status: Charges Forwarded

THEFT – Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to a theft. Contact was made with the victim/reporting party who advised that an unknown person took an “E” that was affixed on the fence in front of her residence. The victim believed it to be a family member due to going-on issues with family members located near by. There are no known suspects at this time and the case is closed pending further investigation.

Status: Closed

THEFT – Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to a theft. Contact was made with the victim who identified the suspect as the suspect was leaving the area, a GRIC employee was waved to catch the attention of. A GPS unit showing what the suspect was doing was taken from the suspect’s vehicle (GPS) unit was taken from the suspect’s vehicle. The suspect was later detained, his vehicle was towed. At approximately 10:00 pm.

Status: Closed pending investigation

THEFT – Officers were dispatched to Phoenix Premium Outlet - Tradewinds Mall in reference to a theft. Under which an unidentified female walked into the store and approached a coat rack and handed over a coat to a suspect. The suspect was later identified at the scene.

Status: Closed

THEFT – Officers were dispatched to the Tradewinds Mall in reference to a theft. The employee returned their cell phone which was stolen through a fence in front of her residence. The employee returned the phone and stated that the truck broke down (community owned) and the employee had to walk home. The employee then asked for assistance and the suspect identification was downloaded into evidence.

Status: Pending suspect identification

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Suicide Prevention Month Inspires Art, Poetry and Creative Writing

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On Thursday, Sept. 12, the Governance Center hosted a gathering of artful expressions with poetry, drawings, and essays produced by Gila River Youth from the Community. The pieces had a suicide prevention theme and the program motto: Yes2Life. Every entry emphasized how the youth use strength to overcome hardships and continue on the right path for a brighter future.

Gale Rawson, Case Management Coordinator at Tribal Education Department kicked off the program and provided the opening remarks. She thanked all the youth for participating and said, "The expressions of you tell us a story about who raised you, your community, and most of all, about the Gila River Indian Community." Rawson went on to read an excerpt from one entry that served as a shared theme reading, "...like a lone wolf crying in the night, you will be heard. Don't let this be the end of your story; say yes to life." A seventh-grader submitted those words and was applauded by all in the Governance Center.

The ceremony culminated with an awards distribution for all the entries awarded youth grades fourth to 12th. First, second, and third place winners received a certificate and gifts that complemented their entry. Essay and poetry writers received journals and pens while the artists received sketchbooks and drawing utensils. Honorably mentions for each category also received a certificate and a gift.

Sept. 8-14 is the nationwide Suicide Prevention week where activities like this take place all over the country. The goal of this time is to bring awareness about suicide prevention. This contest provides the youth an opportunity to use creativity to address a serious issue. For next year’s competition, there are plans to host readings of the submissions by the youth as part of the contest.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

“Real Life Princesses.” And while waiting in line for a ride, they were “Googled” by a curious stranger who then eagerly asked them about their title and the Community they represent. These cases are examples of the education both must provide with everyone interested in learning about the Gila River Indian Community.

While they have many responsibilities, and enduring situations unique to their roles, they find a sisterly comfort in one another. When asked of their best memories to date both agree that venturing out together has been the highlight so far. Being tasked with many engagements can wear on one person alone. Both are most thankful for having someone to share those experiences. They also admit that having a full court of attendees would have been great so that they would have a group to bond with.

Recruitment is integral to a successful pageant next year and both offer advice to anyone considering.

For anyone even thinking about running, Tyler said, “Just go for it, because whether selected as the Miss or Jr. Miss you get to learn more about yourself and the Community.” Tyler says the application and pageant process is an exercise that allows one to consider what you envision for the Community.

Susanna admits that she had her hesitations before applying but dismisses those now. She said, “I was in a position where I asked myself, ‘Should I run? Should I not?’ and didn’t know what the outcome would be, but the experience turned out to be great.” Susanna recognizes the young woman she’s become and is thankful that she decided to run.

Moving forward, they are excited to be graduating from each of their schools two months after their reign ends. But before that, they remain focused on carrying out their title responsibilities. That will also include the informational events about the pageant and title to be held in the Community leading up to the March 2020 Pageant.
Hemajkam ha Thoak ‘thag ‘The Life of the People’

In the previous five articles, we wrote about the O’otham life stages in depth and now we will conclude the O’otham life stages series. Our O’otham age groups have changed over the years to accommodate the new laws and policies adopted over time. As O’otham always do, we have adapted to the changes while remaining embedded in our “Himthag” or “Way of Life.” As O’otham we start off our lives at our “Eh ma:sig thash” “day of my birth” from there we are nurtured by “eñ Je’e” “my mother.” At this point in our lives, both sexes called “Ali” “newborn/infant” includes our infants from newborn to age five. In this modern age, both parents have full-time jobs and as soon as the maternity leave is used up, moms must return to work. At this point, our children enter the school and daycare system and begin their formal instruction. Some of our extended family members are currently enrolled in Early Head Start, which enrolls children from newborn to age five.

When our children reach the age of three they enroll in the regular Head Start Program. The last age of the “Ali” group is reached when our children turn five years of age and enroll into Kindergarten. One of the milestones is when our kids can “bañimo” “crawl” by themselves and “kekkiwa” “stand up” on their own. As our children get older, they join the “Viappo ch Chehia” “young boy and young girl age group.” This age group starts at age six and ends at age 12 in the preteen years. This is when they often “hejel ‘eñiğege” “dress by themselves and are given some responsibilities around the home. For some they “mai math ‘o hihitho” “learn how to prepare food and cook.” When our children reach the age of thirteen, they join the “Che’choj ch U’uv” “young men and young women age group.” At this point, many join “bañimo chichivi” “play in different sports like football and volleyball. During this period, some of an “mantho haichu chikpan” “start off our lives at our villages. This month’s word of Life.” As O’otham we have adapted to the changes over the years to accommodate the new laws and policies adopted over time. As O’otham always do, we have adapted to the changes while remaining embedded in our “Himthag” or “Way of Life.”

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and honors that spirit of our service history,” Lt. Gov. Robert Stone also addressed the audience that morning.

“I’m happy to be here and with you all in District 7. It’s always good to be here and to honor our veterans near and abroad currently serving.”

Lt. Gov. Stone thanked everyone for attending and was pleased with the strong presence of veterans in attendance from the Community and those visiting from neighboring tribes.

Traditional dances took place throughout the day including O’otham basket dances, Pee Posh Bird Singing, and a Yaqui Deer Dance. Later in the evening, Seven Layer Army hosted their “United We Shred” skate competition. And then rounding out the evening was an outdoor concert that had everyone taking to the dance floor with music provided by D Faktion Nyne.

Sun Sets on District 7 Skate Park
When the sun set, Saturday, Sept. 7 at the District 7 Skate Park, skateboarders competed for the last time at the park’s “United We Shred” Skate Competition. The skate park will be dismantled to make way for the development of an ambulance substation to serve the Western portion of the Community.

“This will be the last skate competition we (SLA) will have here,” said Reuben Ringlens, who was the announcer at the competition.

The decision for the location was made back in May of this year. District 7 Community Council Representative Devin Redbird shared that the substation will address the long wait times Community members face in times of emergency.

The skate competition proceeded, with the skaters participating in the final event at the soon-to-be dismantled park.

Scoping and preliminary planning meetings are underway for the site of the substation.

Winners for the competition in their respective brackets:

Van Johns (1st), Jacob Jones (1st), Jojo Johns (2nd), Antonio Hernandez (3rd), Adrian Thomas (1st), Jeremy Rhodes (2nd), Byron Donahue (3rd).

Jennifer Perchero and her son Waylon Pahona share the historical significance of Mustering In Day.

GRIC youth get a helping hand

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Essential supplies can be difficult to come by for children and families running on limited funds or in foster care, but thanks to a local organization, they can get the things they need.

Arizona Helping Hands and the Gila River Indian Community teamed up to provide donations to 500 children in care of the Community on Sept. 6.

“We want to give great thanks, these items will be donated to the residential program for youth,” said Sunshine Whitehair, acting Director for Tribal Social Services. She said the donated items will not only go to the youth home within the Community, but will also go to the family advocacy center where families go in times of crisis.

“We have partnered extensively with the Gila River Indian Community, there’s actually case workers from the Community, that show up on a fairly regular basis to pick-up primary support (supplies) for families,” said Dan Shufelt, President & CEO of AHH.

AHH provides supplies for children in foster care in the state of Arizona, including tribal centers, donating items such as new cribs or beds, diapers, toiletries, clothing and safety equipment.

Shufelt said, “We have a mutually supportive relationship with the Community, that we have received funding in the past through the state shared gaming resources.” He said filling a large 18,000-square-foot facility requires a lot help, which is why they are thankful for the support, that comes from the Community and national organizations.

Shufelt said, “It’s cool to connect with tribal communities, such as Gila River, and we understand within these communities the resources aren’t available.” He said working with communities all over the state allows, AHH to make resources available to families and children through the donations.

He said through the donations, “We try to do some little part to make these kids’ lives a little more hopeful, more stable and safer is what we are all about.”

With the donations to the Community, AHH will have donated a total of 5,500 backpacks filled with school supplies to children this year.

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Student-athlete contributing in track & field at ASU

Freshman running cross country

In his first cross-country meet in a Sun Devil uniform, Lee finished 16th out 36 entries at the Cactus Open on Aug. 31 in Tucson.

Additionally, Lee has maintained a good pace with the junior and senior classmen from other teams. Steven said, “He did what he could with the abilities that he has. He’s staying with the lead pack longer.”

Steven said, Lee has received a good reception since coming on-board, even of those from other tribes such as the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe, who are on the female cross-country team.

“They are, he says, but they really look after him and have taken him under their wing. They’re happy to see another Native runner on the team, representing his community at this level of competition.”

In his recent cross-country meet, Lee notched his place up a bit, finishing 13th overall among a field of runners representing teams from California at the USD Invitational in Mission Bay San Diego. At meet, the Sun Devils took first place edging out Cal State Fullerton for the top spot.

Tribal Social Services and Arizona Helping Hands show the items donated to the Residential Program for Youth. Courtesy of AHH

The donations are unloaded. Courtesy of AHH

Lee Nasewytewa during a competition for ASU. Courtesy of Steven Nasewytewa

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

One student is making strides at the collegiate level while representing the Gila River Indian Community. Lee Nasewytewa, an Arizona State University Track and Field freshman is starting out his first semester running cross country.

Right out of the gate, Nasewytewa has made a good impression among his teammates, contributing to the team’s first-place finish at two meets this season.

“He actually hung with the pack, with others that were junior and senior classman. He was nervous, but he wasn’t intimidated,” said Lee’s father Steven Nasewytewa.

Lee Nasewytewa during a competition for ASU. Courtesy of Steven Nasewytewa

Gila River Indian News
Gathering will bring together youth

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community member, Joseph Davis from District 5 has been organizing a first-ever four tribes youth gathering; “Vecijo O’odham Hemapa” will take place Saturday, Oct. 26. at the Sacaton Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. for O’odham youth between the ages of 13-24. The event will host speakers and demonstrations on the traditional men’s and women’s games, traditional roles and teachings for men and women, agriculture, entertainment, and much more.

The purpose of the gathering is to encourage youth to take on traditional teachings from the four sister tribes; Gila River Indian Community, Tohono O’odham Nation, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

“O’odham himagd is something that everyone, especially young people, should be utilizing and living with everyday,” says Davis. The full-day program of events will focus on teaching and celebrating O’odham culture. “This is not going to be like a regular conference. This is truly just a gathering. We’re going to get back to what we use to do and that’s putting technology down and just coming together for the sake of culture, our himagd,” said Davis who has put together a planning committee that has been working on the gathering for the past 10 months.

Davis who has been actively involved in the Community, has served on the Akimel O’odham/Pecos Posth Youth Council and developed into somewhat of a local celebrity along-side his brothers, who in the past have created comic videos on social media that related to O’odham life. “Learning our culture can be hard and it can be intimidating. But going forward, we need to work together to remove what ever obstacles there are and to carry on our teachings and culture,” said Davis, and encourages all youth to join the event and see what it’s all about.

For more information on the event or to register, you can contact Joseph Davis at (520) 858-4841 or visit the website at www.vecijdooamhemapa.com.

restoring forest
Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Projects to restore the environment are being conducted in one national forest by a Gila River Indian Community crew. This summer, the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality’s Fuels and Restoration Crew has been in the San Juan National Forest in Colorado performing fire risk mitigation and timber improvement operations.

The crew has been working on fuels management project, completing 17 of 31 acres, that they have been contracted to treat. “Last year, we took the contract to treat a 31-acre plot, and we finished 14-acres. This year, we completed the remaining that we’re left with, 17-acres,” said Dr. Russell Benford, Environmenal Program Manager of DEQ’s Wildlife and Ecosystem Management Program.

“In the San Juan National Forest where the crew is working, oak creates a fire risk by providing ladder fuel, and beetles are harmful to Ponderosa pine trees,” said Steven Poolheco, Habitat Restoration Crew Leader. He said with a crew of six people, there are no O’odham Nation, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

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Pesticide Control Office
Termites & Your Home

Termites are regarded as one of the major pests in urban community environments, often dreaded because of their devastating effects on wood in homes and structures. However, they play a vital role in the natural environment by recycling wood and other cellulose-based organic matter and returning it to the soil.

During favorable times of the year, usually associated with a rain event, the winged termites called “alates” leave the colony in large numbers, often millions, to reproduce and start new colonies. Within weeks, the female (queen) lays eggs, with the first batch developing into workers that perform various tasks within the colony and are primarily the ones responsible for the consumption of cellulose material.

Unfortunately, homes and other structures which consist of cellulose materials, such as wood and even the paper on the back of drywall, are very inviting to termites. Each year, termites cause more than $5 billion in property damage - costs that are sometimes very difficult to cover. This is why being vigilant about termite control is so important. To ensure proper treatment, the GRIC Pesticide Code requires that termines can only be treated by licensed applicators whose business is permitted by the Pesticide Control Office.

If you suspect your home may be affected by termites, please contact our office for a listing of pest management companies who are permitted to conduct pest control within the Community.

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Gila River Hotels & Casinos announced as official hotel and casino of the Arizona Cardinals

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

A partnership 15 years in the making became official between the Gila River Hotels & Casinos and Arizona Cardinals.

Gila River Hotels & Casinos is now the official hotel and casino of the Arizona Cardinals. Two Arizona Cardinals suites are currently available at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Vee Quiva Hotel launching the new partnership for patrons of those hotels.

The Wild Horse Pass Hotel suite, officially unveiled, the morning of Thursday, Sept. 17 to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Community Council Representatives Devin Redbird and Charles Goldtooth. Cardinals mascot Big Red was also in attendance for the momentous occasion.

After seeing the suite, Gov. Lewis said, “This has been a long time coming. Becoming the official hotel and casino partner of the Arizona Cardinals is something we’ve been building towards.”

Gov. Lewis further shared, “This partnership is a great step forward for us, and I know there will be a lot of great new opportunities in the future.”

Dominic Orozco, Chief Marketing Officer for Gila River Hotels & Casinos, said that the Arizona Cardinals chose to design the layout and decor for both suites.

The suite sits on the tenth floor providing a scenic view of the community’s land and surrounding areas. Fit for a true Cardinals fan the suite is adorned with a custom door, signed jersey of Larry Fitzgerald, and seat from an Arizona Cardinals board room.

a similar room can be found on the second floor at the Vee Quiva Hotel with minor differences between the two. For instance, Wild Horse Pass Hotel suite has carpeted floors while Vee Quiva suite has wood floors.

Partnerships between the NFL franchises and tribal casino entities are rare. Gila River Hotel and Casinos joins a small cohort of partnerships throughout all of Indian Country.

Orozco also said the partnership now allows Gila River Hotels & Casinos to incorporate both logos at all three entities. Patrons will see Cardinals themed rooms, decorations, promos, and poker table felts adorned with the Cardinals logo going forward.

Because Gila River Hotels & Casinos is a sports-centered brand, they are considering the possibility of establishing similar partnerships with other sports teams they sponsor. Those teams include the Arizona Diamondbacks, Arizona Coyotes, and Arizona State University.

9/11 Remembrance
GRIC holds event for Patriots Day

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community took a moment to remember the tragic event of the attacks on September 11, 2001. On the morning of the 18th anniversary Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone and others spoke during the Patriots Day ceremony at the Governance Center. First responders and members of the Armed Forces were recognized for their service in preserving our nations freedom.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone called for a moment of prayer for the families of those who lost a loved one during the attacks on 9/11, as flags were put to half staff. Gov. Lewis, who spoke about the sacrifices made by first responders at the site of the World Trade Center and those lost during the attacks on the Pentagon and passengers who stood in the face of terror on the United Airlines Flight 93, “We’re still remembering what happened to our country. Our prayers go out to those fallen and their families,” said Gov. Lewis.

Urban Giff, Ira H. Hayes Post 84 shared his recollection of the tragic events, “it committed our first responders to do their job in a most difficult situation and they did a tremendous job and some paid the price for that,” said Giff. There was a vast response from first responders all over the country, including the Gila River Fire Department to volunteer and proceed to New York to assist in anyway they could. A moment of silence was held for the victims from the World Trade Center, American Airlines flight 11, United Airlines Flight 175, Flight 93, American Airlines Flight 77 and the Pentagon in Washington. To conclude the events, Ira H. Hays Post 84 honor guard performed a gun salute and taps.

Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino hosts IIM training for tribes

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

“Securing the Future of Native Trusts” an Individual Indian Monies (IIM) training for tribes. Tribes from several regions joined together for a two-day training event hosted by the National Training Center for Indian Social Services (NTCISS) Center for Excellence. The training was held at the Wild Horse Pass Casino and Hotel, September 10-11. The training was geared to government and tribal employees working within the social service fields.

GRC Member Tim Terry from District 2 gave an opening prayer, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis shared words with attendees. Tribal members and employees from: Tonto Community, O’Odham Nation, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community, and Colorado River Indian Tribes attended the training event.

Karen Lindquist, Assistant Solicitor, Branch of Trust Services, Division of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, gave a history on IIM and when she began working with it twenty years ago where she has helped turn the four-page code of federal regulations to its current twenty-five pages, making it more comprehensive and clearer with relevance to its purpose. The goal of the training is to have a better understanding of the historical development of Individual Indian Monies and the federal laws that regulate IIM account management.

The NTCISS Center for Excellence was built to serve social service staff under both the tribes and the BIA as a training and information hub, which offers on-demand access to resources and training, it maintains a collection of centralized training materials available for Social Service staff.

Gov. Lewis (standing), with Bryan Bowker, gives a welcome address. Emma Hughes/GRIN
COMMUNITY ACTION SHEETS
Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • September 4, 2019

ACTION SHEET
Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Tel: (520) 562-9720; Fax: (520) 562-9729
CALL TO ORDER
The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, September 4, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center; Lt. Governor was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:16 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Councilman Artie Hogg

ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated Executive Officers Present: Governor Stephen R. Lewis Lt. Governor Robert Stone Council Members Present: D-1-Michael Holtmon, D-2-Carol Schurz, D-3-Avery White, Romney Jackson; D-4-Monica Antone, Delmar Jones, Pamela Johnson; D-5-Martin Dixon, Thomas White; D-6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Terrance Evans; D-7-Devin Redford
Council Members Absent: D-4-Jennifer Allison; D-5-Janice Stewart, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D-6-Charles Goldthorp

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND to table Report #11 and Resolutions #26, #29, #31 and #32, in regards to the consent agenda, accept Reports #1 through #18, #10 and #13 through #16; accept and approve Resolutions #1 through #26; accept and approve New Business #2, #3, and #4.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND to dispense New Business #1 and approve the regular agenda as amended PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 15 minutes)

1. Introduction Of Joshua Billison. First Things First Regional Director Gila River Indian Community Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Joshua Billison Mr. Isaac Salcido introduced Mr. Joshua Billison. Mr. Billison provided a brief overview of his background and his position. Various Council Members and Governor Stephen R. Lewis expressed words of congratulations and encouragement.

REPORTS


2. Casa Blanca Community School FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report Presenter: Kim Franklin ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Blackwater Community School FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report Presenter: Joseph Sharma ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Saint Peter Indian Mission School FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report Presenter: Sister Martha ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Maricopa Village Christian School FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report Presenter: Al Chatman ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Gila Crossing Community School FY19 Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report Presenter: Jim Mosley ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. FY 2018-2019 2nd Qtr. Report Ira H. Hayes Auxiliary Unit 84 Presenter: Carletta McDaniel ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. Gila River Indian Community Arizona State University Online Scholarship Rise Up Presenter: Jennifer Hinton ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Travel Report, 3rd Quarter – Fiscal Year 2019 Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller REPORT HEARD


12. 2014 RHIP Housing Construction Report Presenter: JoAnn Garcia REPORT HEARD


16. Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP – Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report (Executive Session) Presenter: Jason Hauter, Donald Pongrace ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA


1. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And Tempe Union High School District No. 213 (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda) Presenter: Isaac Salcido ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community’s State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Boys & Girls Clubs Of The Casa Grande Valley Teen Center (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community’s State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Guadalupe For The Community Action Program Human Services And Economic Assistance Programs (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community’s State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Florence For The Florence Police Department Portable Radios (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community’s State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Quartzsite For The Quartzsite Police Department Brite Computers (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community’s State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Avondale For Avondale Fire & Medical Department Water Tender (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Child Life Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

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>19. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Arizona YMCA Metropolitan Phoenix Own It Financial Education (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Scottsdale For Apollos Foundation Inc., DaCare Fund Mortgage And Rent Assistance Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>21. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Scottsdale For Cornrey's Place Quality Of Life Center For Adults With Severe Disabilities (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>22. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Scottsdale For The Office Of Diversity And Inclusion Mayor's Committee On Employment Of People With Disabilities Scholarship Awards Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>23. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Scott Valley For The Playground Zip Line Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>24. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Tempe Human Services/Dennis J. Cahill Senior Center (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>25. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Tempe Community Services Multi-Generational Facilities STEM Ater School Recreation Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>26. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Tempe Community Services Pyle Adult Recreation Center (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>27. A Resolution Establishing A Housing Owner's Team For Housing Owner's Team Planning, Financing, Development, Design And Construction Of Much Needed Living Facilities For Community Members On The Tribal Housing Waiting List And Approving The Housing Owner's Team Bylaws (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with changes)

Presenters: Javier Ramos, Michael Carter

APPROVED

>28. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Department Administration Office Of Grants And Federal Resources 9-1-1 Program Grant Agreement GFR-AZ911-20-005 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the Consent Agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Teresa Villegas

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>29. A Resolution Authorizing The Community Services Department To Conduct An Assessment Of The Needs Of Community Elders And To Apply For The U.S. Government Older Americans Act Title VI Grant (H&SSC forwards to Council with a date to be determined)

Presenter: Regina Arizona-Smith

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>30. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Calvin Ward Fred Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila A. Valenzuela

APPROVED

>31. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Operating Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office As Required By The Arizona Department Of Administration Office Of Grants (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the consent agenda)

Presenter: Teresa Villegas

TABLAED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>32. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Operating Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Pinal County Sheriff's Office As Required By The Arizona Department Of Administration Office Of Grants (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the consent agenda)

Presenter: Teresa Villegas

TABLAED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

>33. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Things First Early Childhood Summit August 26-27, 2019-Phoenix Convention Center (ESC forwards to Council for New Business for any interested Council member to attend under Dues and Delegations)

Presenter: Joshua Billson

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Tribal / Treasury Advisory Committee FAC A Designation with endorsement of Lacey Horn on the Tribal/Treasury Advisory Committee FAC A Designation with additional material

Presenters: Robert Under, Linus Everling

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. 2019 NAFOA Fall Finance & Tribal Economies Conference October 6-8, 2019 – Prior Lake, MN (G&MSC forwards to Council for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Global Gaming Expo (G2E) October 14-17, 2019 – Las Vegas, NV (G&MSC forwards to Council for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Robert Under, Linus Everling

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Interim Water Use Permitting Policies And Procedures (NRSC forwards to Council for New Business and Direct the Office of General Council to conduct one Public Meeting to be held in District 5)

Presenter: Casandra Wallace

MOTION MADE AND SECOND to accept

Governor Stephen R. Lewis and Councilwoman Monica Antone excused themselves from the meeting. Lt. Governor Robert Stone began chairing the meeting.

>6. GRHC Letter of Request of Council Orientation (H&SSC forwards to Council with a date to be determined by Gila River Health Care's Executive Assistant and Council Secretary White)

Presenter: Myron Schurz

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND to enter Executive Session

7. Report On Investigation (Executive Session) (LSC forwards to Council to schedule a Special Council Meeting to review the Investigative Report and view body camera footage)

Presenter: David Rosenbaum

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND to exit Executive Session

MOTION MADE AND SECOND to have video footage downloaded to Council devices and HAVE A SPECIAL meeting on September 12, 2019 at 9am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Glow Walk, Sacaton Middle School track, Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

- Prayers requested for Daniel Pachero's Family

- ESC Work Session with Employment & Training, Thursday, September 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

- District 7 Mustang In Days Celebration, Saturday, September 7, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:42 A.M.

Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM
HHC hosts chalk art event
Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

On Friday, Sept. 7, the Huhugam Heritage Cen-
ter (HHC) hosted a “chalk art” themed event featur-
ing O’dahom artists who demonstrated their art on the walls of the center, the ceiling of the building while crafts and art vendors lined the sides for an evening of outdoor fun, food, and games for the whole family. Fea-
tured artists from the community included: Melissa Yazzie, Tiffany Enos and Paul Molina.

Games for both children and adults included: water balloon toss, races, musical chairs and even a game of Family Feud. Brothers Anthony and Joseph Davis from District 5 served as MC’s for the eve-
ning, facilitating the games and keeping the fun going.

The Huhugam Heri-
tage Center has been closed due to construction on their exhibit space that will be completed next year. During this time the cen-
ter has and will continue to host programs and events both on and off-site during the closure.

CIVIL SUMMONS

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA

Wahpeta Andrew Johnson – Court Clerk

JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA - MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

Case: JT-19-0006

PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF

MICHAELA CONSTANCE VASQUEZ

RESIDENT ADDRESS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a CIVIL SUMMONS was served on you outside the State of Arizona, your Answer must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS of the date of service, not counting the day ofservice. If this Summons and the other court papers were served on you within the State of Arizona, your Answer must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS of the date of service, not counting the day ofservice. This is the time to start thinking about whether you will contest this matter. If you fail to appear and defend, judg-
ment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

AAPT 2019 CONFERENCE

SACATON MIDDLE SCHOOL
92 South School Center Rd.
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
Registration Required.
Hilma Gustafson 602-686-0718
Almya族群 quindi@gmail.com

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

AAPT 2019 CONFERENCE

1. Hepatitis A virus
• HA V causes sickness
• HA V can be deadly

AAPT REGION REPRESENTATIVES

Patricia Morey

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ways show signs of being sick. The Gila River Tribal Health Department would like you to know the fol-
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• HAV is spread through contact with fecal matter (poop).
• You can get it from food or water that was conta-
taminated by a person with Hepatitis A.
• HAV can also be spread through close physi-
ical contact with someone who has HAV.
• Risk factors such as being a sexual partner with someone of HAV, lack of safe water, injecting drugs, living in a household with someone who has an infected person, poor sanitation, and traveling to areas where HAV is com-
non can increase your chances of getting the Hepa-
ritis A Virus.
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Testing for the Native Language Teacher Certification
The Tribal Education Department will be administering a test for Community Members seeking certification from the Arizona Department of Education to teach the Akimel O’otham language.

Thursday October 3, 2019
9:00am

Requirements:

• At least 18 years of age
• Completed TED Application
• Copy of Tribal ID or Certificate of Indian Blood
• Valid Identity Verified Prints (IVP) Card

Contact Anthony Gray at the Tribal Education Department for more information
Email: Anthony.Gray@gric.nsn.us
Tel: (520)562-3662

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For more information or to apply, contact Thomas Throssell at (520) 796-7131 or at thomas.throssell@gila.casino