



The Gila River Indian Community hosts the 5th Annual Governor's Education Summit

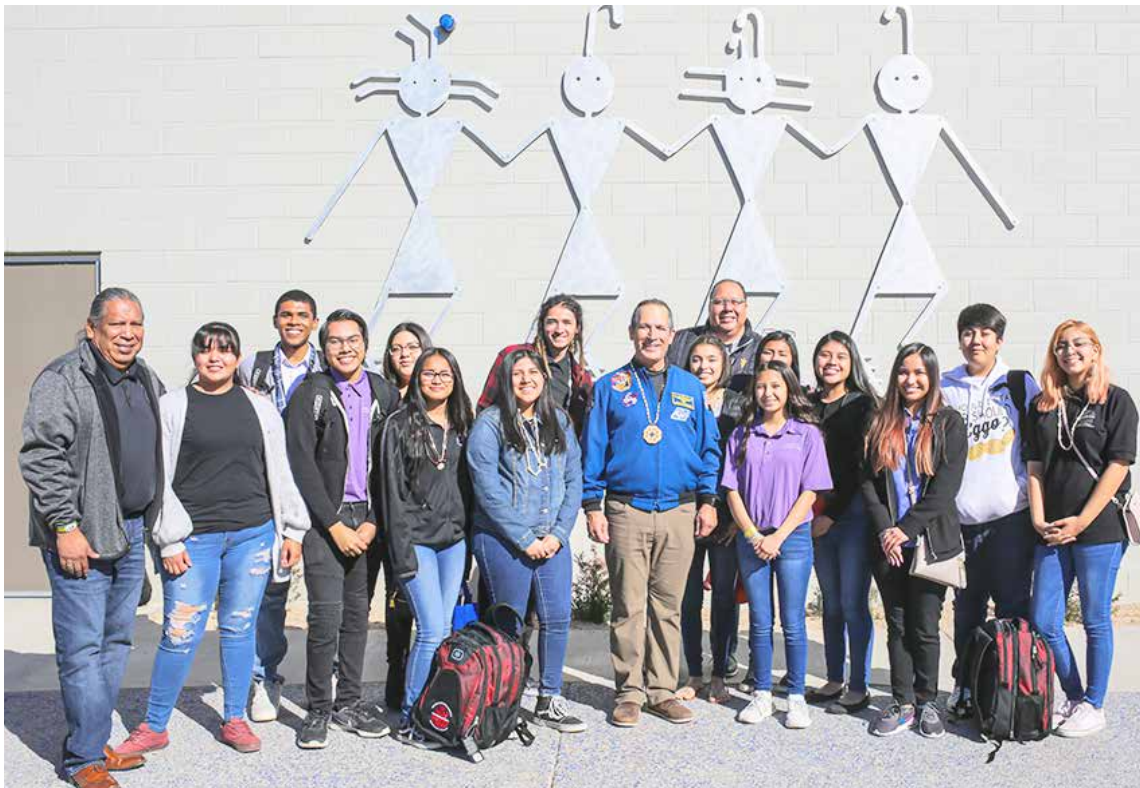
The first member of a federally recognized tribe (Chickasaw) to travel to space delivers keynote speech

Summit focuses on STEA³M learning and opportunities

Kyle Knox
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Over 300 attended the 5th Annual Governor's Education Summit on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Gila Crossing Community School in District 6. The Tribal Education Department coordinated the summit under the theme of "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow= STEA³M," (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Architecture, Agriculture, and Math).

As with previous summits, the education-focused gathering addressed all levels of learning in the Gila River Indian Community, which included presentations and a keynote speech by retired NASA astronaut John B. Herrington from



John Herrington (center) with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone and members of the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council at Gila Crossing Community School on Feb. 8. Kyle Knox/GRIN

John Herrington visits GRIC for the first time during the Summit

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John B. Herrington was impressed by all the support for education in the Gila River Indian Community. For a man who was the first Native American astronaut to go to space, his first visit to the Community was one of the highlights at the 5th Annual Governor's Education Summit on Feb 8.

"It's a Saturday, and there is an incredible number of elders, parents, and kids and everyone obviously cares about making time and opportunities to learn and see examples of STEA³M and it's neat to see the Community come out in force to make a difference in the lives of the youth and Communi-

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HB2120 passed the House Education Committee and has strong support

Gov. Lewis testified in support of the bill that would allow students from a federally recognized tribe to wear cultural regalia during graduation

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis testified before the House Education Committee on Monday, Feb. 17, in support of House Bill 2120 which would allow Native students to wear their cultural regalia during graduation ceremonies.

The bill was sponsored by State Representative David Cook (R) and supported by State Representative Arlando Teller (D) who

introduced a similar bill in the legislature. "I am proud to sponsor this bipartisan bill on behalf of the people of District 8, including the Gila River Indian Community, who have been directly affected by this issue," said Rep. Cook. State Representatives Cook and Teller originally began separate efforts to address the issue, however, decided to work together on the final House Bill 2120 that was considered by the Committee.

"This legislation is important

to the Gila River Indian Community and all Arizona tribes," said Gov. Lewis during his testimony and shared stories of students who had been denied wearing cultural wear. "Our graduating students shouldn't be forced to give up their culture on a day when it should be honored," said Gov. Lewis.

Amanda Parris from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Arizona, also expressed support for the bill, "the

ACLU and other organizations have worked hard across the country to make sure students can wear religious and cultural items to their high school graduations, however all too often we have had to bring lawsuits to ensure this actually happens, especially for Native students."

Those who testified in support of the bill, identified the importance in helping Native students maintain their cultural identity. "I appreciate the opportunity to discuss the importance of House Bill 2120 and what passage would mean to the Gila River Indian Community graduates and Native American graduates

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- Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

across our great state," said Gov. Lewis, who thanked Rep. Cook and Rep. Teller. HB2120 passed the House Education Committee with bipartisan support and more than 20 cosponsors.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis testifying before the House Education Committee on Feb. 17. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gov. Lewis following his testimony. From left, State Rep. Arlando Teller, Gov. Lewis, and State Rep. David Cook. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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Komatke Branch teen wins 2020 East Valley Youth of the Year

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley announced a Gila River Indian Community teen as the Youth of the Year 2020 during an evening gala recognizing the achievements of eight teens. Cesar Villaseñor, a teen from the Boys & Girls Club – Gila River Branch Komatke, was awarded Youth of the Year during the Giving Great Futures Dinner, held at the Marriott Phoenix Mesa on Feb. 7.

“It means a lot. I thank my club and my family for being here today,” Villaseñor said. “The club experience can really make a change to the lives of the youth,” said Cesar Villaseñor, on being named Youth of the Year.

Elaysia Colt, from the Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley – Sacaton Branch, was also in the running for Youth of the Year as a finalist. “It’s an amazing experience, I’ve never dreamed of doing this, I am proud of all of the finalists for doing such an amazing job,” said Colt.

According to a press release, the Youth of the Year title is a prestigious honor bestowed upon an exemplary young person, in recognition of leadership, service, academic excellence and dedication to live a healthy lifestyle.

Villaseñor was surrounded by other club members and staff as well as his family during the win.

“It’s great, but I feel even great for him, because he is the one that went out and did it,” said Benjamin Villaseñor, Cesar’s father.

He said Cesar is very committed to furthering his education. His son is a senior at Laveen Betty Fairfax High School and takes courses at South Mountain Community College on the weekends.

“We have so many youth, that come through that are just amazing,” said Emiliano Morondos, Komatke Branch Manager.

Morondos said the Komatke branch is like a family and is filled with youth who aspire to do great things for the Community.

“There’s a cliché idea of family you might have heard before,

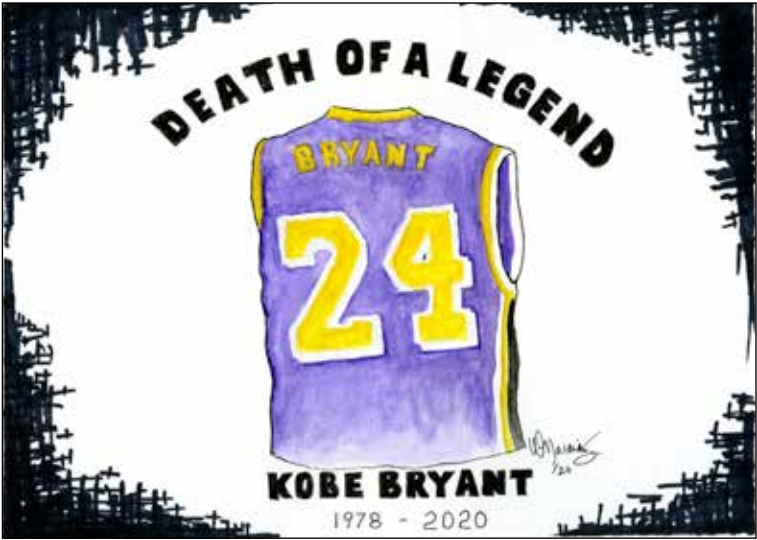


Cesar Villaseñor (center) with family at the 2020 Youth of the Year Giving Great Futures Dinner on Feb. 7. Cesar was named the 2020 East Valley Youth of the Year. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

but that idea is really happening, we promote it and we are happy Cesar is a part of it,” said Morondos.

“He’s grown so much with them, when he started as a child, from a teen leader to an employee. He’s definitely a better person for being part of the club,” said Cesar’s mother, Monica.

Villaseñor encourages youth to explore their local clubs where they will find people who care about them that will give them the chance they need.



Elaysia Colt, representing Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley - Sacaton Branch was also a finalist for Youth of the Year. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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Mul-Chu-Tha memories will be made March 6-8 at Sacaton Fairgrounds



The Gila River Indian Community is preparing for the 58th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha, March 6-8. The three-day event will include Community Day, annual parade, fair, rodeo, entertainment, games and cultural activities. GRIN Photo

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The 58th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha will take place March 6-8, bringing thousands of visitors to participate and enjoy a variety of fun and entertainment for the whole family. Events will include the rodeo, carnival, traditional dances, cultural games, food, entertainment and much more. Mul-Chu-Tha sporting events will be held during

the weeks prior to MCT weekend. Elder chair volleyball was held Feb. 12 at the District 4 Service Center and the Tee Ball tournament was held Feb. 14-15 at the District 4 ballpark. Youth co-ed basketball tournament will be held Feb. 21-22, at the District 7 gymnasium. Footraces will be held Feb. 29, at the Sacaton Fairgrounds. Community Day will be held Friday, March 6, beginning at 3 p.m. Com-

munity members can enjoy free admission. Free rides will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Community Day will also include entertainment and barbecue. Bring out the whole family to enjoy the evening's festivities. The parade is set for Saturday, March 7, starting at 9 a.m. This year's theme is "Celebrating the Legacy of Sports & Honoring Our O'otham & Pee Posh Champions." Other events set to

begin on Saturday include the Sac City Throw Down skateboard competition, a powwow, chicken scratch battle of the bands with a dance contest on Sunday. Registration for Battle of the Bands is still open until Feb. 28. For more information, you can contact (520) 562-9859. Entertainment for Saturday night will be Grupo Metál, featuring Chris Perez & Joe Ojeda -formerly of Selena y Los Dinos.



The Mul-Chu-Tha Rodeo will include junior and masters rodeos. GRIN Photo



The parade will begin at 9 a.m. on March 7. GRIN Photo

The group will pay homage to the Selena Quintanilla, Queen of Tejano. Metál will share personal stories, songs and perform her hits with on-screen visuals. Metál will also pay homage to Prince, George Michael, David Bowie and Michael Jackson. The thoka and songivu'l tournaments will be held on Sunday morning at the fairgrounds, as well as a gospel jam. The annual car show will be held at the Ira H. Hayes/Mathew B. Juan Memorial Park on Sunday as well. Don't forget to tag your memories on social media platforms with #gri-cmct and #mct2020. For more information on the Mul-Chu-Tha you can visit www.mul-chu-tha.com or call (520) 562-9713.



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L-R Lt. Bob Tinney, Lt. Governor Robert Stone, Big Sister/Detective Ester Poolaw, Big Brother/Commander Jeffrey Hunter, Big Brother/Chief Timothy Chavez. Courtesy of Ester Poolaw

GRPD Commander Jeffrey Hunter named Big Brother of the Year for mentorship work in GRIC

Submitted by Ester Poolaw
Gila River Police Department

On Thursday January 30, 2020 Commander Jeffrey Hunter was recognized as the Site Based Big Brother of the Year at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona's Big Event in Phoenix. The Big Event

is held annually in January during National Mentoring Month and honors all volunteers that give their time, skills and heart to mentor youth in the program and community.

Commander Hunter has been a volunteer Big Brother in the Gila River Site Based program at the Sacaton Boys & Girls

Club for over two years and currently mentors two Little Brothers from the Gila River Indian Community. Hunter was recognized for his consistent positive influence with his littles and his efforts to help promote the program within the Gila River Police Department and community. Both of Hunter's little brothers

congratulated him on his recognition and stated they think he is nice, funny, and kind and they enjoy playing board games with him and going to ZooLights recently. Congratulations Jeff on being selected as this year's Site Based Big Brother of the Year!

New superintendent of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is ready to work with GRIC

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Last year the National Park Service Regional Director Kate Hammond selected Benjamin Littlefield as the new superintendent over the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument. Littlefield was introduced to Community Council during a meeting at the Governance Center in Sacaton on Feb. 5.

"It's a pleasure to be here, to take the opportunity to share a little about my background and vision for

my time at the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument," said Littlefield. Littlefield comes to the position with experience in law enforcement and national parks.

The Casa Grande National Ruins Monument is home to the "Great House," or Sivan Vah-Ki, which was built around the 1300's and is the first archaeological reserve in 1892, then being a part of the National Park Service in 1918. The O'otham trace their cultural ties to the structure and ancestors, the Huhugam.

"We see 'The Great House' as a sacred site for us, and we trace so much of our history to that area, and the on-going project as a national monument is important to us," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

"I'm very excited and looking to expand my skills in collaboration and partnership, which has been very impressive between the National Park Service and the Gila River Indian Community," said Littlefield.

Littlefield said he looks to collaborate with the

Community on future projects and has been thankful for the reception he has received from GRIC.

District 1 Community Council Representative Arzie Hogg said he would like to see collaboration between Littlefield and the Community so GRIC youth can learn more about the ruins.

Littlefield thanked Community Council for their suggestions and is looking forward to future opportunities.



Ben Littlefield was selected as superintendent of Casa Grande Ruins National Monument. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Virtual Reality Simulation games were part of Governor's Education Summit promoting science and technology. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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the Chickasaw Nation. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis opened the event and highlighted the importance of STEA3M education and career opportunities. "STE3M is in our DNA. Our ancestors, the Huhugam, built the foundation of Phoenix and southern Arizona with our water lines, so it's important for us to build upon that legacy they laid here today," said Gov. Lewis. Herrington, who also served numerous years in the U.S. Navy and is the first Native American astronaut to go to space, followed Gov. Lewis remarks. Before sharing his experiences in space, Herrington discussed his upbringing and the challenges of becoming an

astronaut. During the keynote address, Herrington stressed that "everyone has the opportunity to do something remarkable with their lives." Community departments, organizations, and programs, including Arizona State University held breakout sessions following the speakers. The breakout sessions included hands-on activities and presentations on STEA3M-related areas in learning and the workplace. Families participated in activities that focused on communication, virtual reality simulations, and fiber optic mechanics as a means of telecommunications. The Department of Environmental Quality, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project, Alluvion Communications, and the ASU Ira

A. Fulton School of Engineering presented among others. Tribal Education Department Manager Trina Hart said the summit took four months of planning and was a collaborative effort of TED and the GRIC Executive Office. Hart said that the feedback was positive and encouraging from everyone that attended, including the presenters. Hart said one of the highlights was "having a Native keynote to help Community members realize that the sky is the limit, and there are opportunities in the world within reach." Rounding out the day was a student panel highlighting students who are interested in STEA3M related career fields before a closing by Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.



Herrington gives his keynote address illustrating his background and experiences in NASA. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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ty," he said in his keynote address at the Gila Crossing Community School. Herrington is no stranger to public speaking engagements. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis saw Herrington at the AISES Conference in 2019, and knew that the Community had to hear his story. Hailing from the Chickasaw Nation and growing up in Oklahoma, Herrington is a decorated former Naval officer and spent 22-years in the U.S. Navy. He started his career with NASA in 1996 where he eventually flew aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour and spent time on the International Space Station (ISS). While in space, he performed three

spacewalks and helped assemble the first truss' on the left side of the ISS. But before he was an astronaut, Herrington was a struggling college student with low grades. He was the first in his family to attend college and thanks to the guidance of his mentors, he reshaped his education by surrounding himself with other motivated students. During this time, he realized that he could get more out of life than just the "bare minimum." This attitude paved the way for a successful career in the military and with NASA. Herrington has a unique approach to his speaking engagements. "For the youth to look at me, hear my story, and say 'that guy's no different

than I am,' I've overcome some difficulties, come from a similarly rural background, a first-generation college student, listened to people who encouraged me and achieved a dream I had as a kid to be an astronaut," he said. Although he's retired, he still remains active giving talks, writing, and doing extensive research on Native students. Herrington can also be seen in the newly released IMAX documentary, "Into America's Wild," which is currently out in theaters. The film follows Herrington, Alaskan pilot Ariel Tweto, and long-distance hiker Jennifer Pharr-Davis as they journey across the U.S. and to visit some of the most remarkable sites throughout America.



Auppa Hiosig Mashath

The name for this month translates to ‘the Flowering of the Cottonwood Moon.’ Long before the Mul-Chu-Tha was established, O’otham conducted social games and festivals at their large villages. Through archaeology, we learned that every major Huhugam village had a Ball Court where games and social gatherings were conducted. We do not know exactly how the games were played, but on a clay effigy unearthed at Snaketown body armor on thighs and arms are easily recognized. We can imagine the players coming to Snaketown Ball Court from other villages to play winter games. During the winter, most of the summer plants go dormant. This would make the ideal time for the games and social gatherings. Over the years, Calendar Stick Keepers recorded social events during

the years 1875 to 1898. During 1901 and 1902, the Anthropologist Frank Russell recorded the following accounts from his research of O’otham in his book ‘The Pima Indians.’

1. 1875-76 Blackwater: For a short time the Pimas were free from enemy attacks, and they ventured into the mountains to gather mescal. While there, a race took place between a man and a woman, in which the woman won. Later in the season there was a general gathering of the villages to witness a race with the kicking-ball.

2. 1876-77 Gila Crossing: In the spring of 1877 the Gila Crossing Pimas and the Gila Maricopa villagers were pitted against each other in a relay race, the first between the two tribes. Footnote: Tc̣iriḳūs, one of the Maricopa runners, afterwards won a six-day race in San

Francisco and was a close second in a similar race in New York.

3. 1883-84 Gila Crossing: The Salt River Pimas went to a fiesta at Gila Crossing.

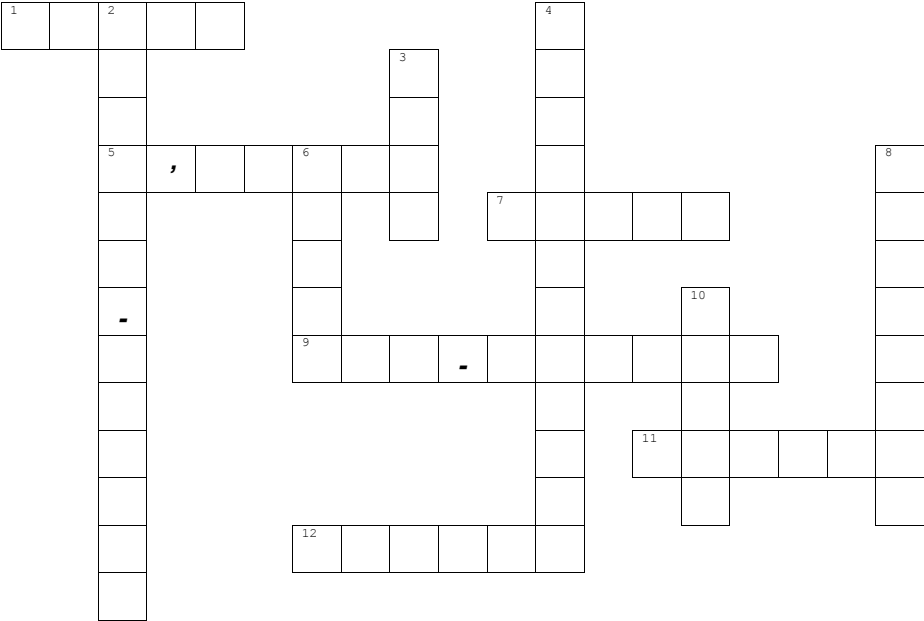
4. 1886-87 Salt River: The Medicine-man Staups gave a great dance at San Tan, which was accompanied by races and other ceremonies which attracted many visitors, among whom were a Yuma and his wife.

5. 1888-89 Gila Crossing: A prosperous season enabled the Salt River people to hold a dance festival.

6. 1888-89 Blackwater: A Papago who knew the bluebird series of songs sang for the San Tan people during the festival held by them.

7. 1889-90 Gila Crossing: The Hi’atam villagers who formerly lived at Akūtc̣iny, south of

Vapkial Eñiga Cross Word



Across

- 1. Belt
- 5. Spurs
- 7. Hat
- 9. Chaps
- 11. Rope
- 12. Quirt

Down

- 2. Boots (Cowboy Shoes)
- 3. Corral
- 4. Branding Iron
- 6. Saddle
- 8. Saddle Blanket
- 10. Bridle

Maricopa station, went to Gila Crossing to join in the dance festival held there.

8. 1897-98 Gila Crossing: The Rṣanikam people went to Akūtc̣iny to dance and run a relay race.

As the Mul-Chu-Tha 2020 rapidly approaches, we observe O’otham ‘out and about’ in preparation for the intense competition that will take place on footrace courses, in gymnasiums, the rodeo arena and other fields of competitions. With the introduction of horses and cattle,

O’otham have adapted to animal husbandry. Vapkial Himthag ‘Cowboy Way of Life’ is intact in our community. In an old copy of the Gila River News from December 1964, an article about Jewel Whitman it is written: Jewel Whitman; son of Mr. & Mrs. Dayton Whitman of Blackwater, tied second place in Steer Riding at the Florence Jr. Parada. For prize, he won a check in the amount of \$112.00, a Bull-Riggin, & a wristwatch donated by KOOL Radio-TV. Con-

gratulations JEWEL! Billy Allen in his A’aga articles wrote about the early days of Rodeo in our community. Not only did we adopt the cowboy lifestyle we adopted the language associated with the items cowboys and cowgirls normally use on an everyday basis. This month’s Crossword ‘Vapkial Eñiga’ will challenge you to identify 12 items associated with cowboys in the Akimel O’otham language.

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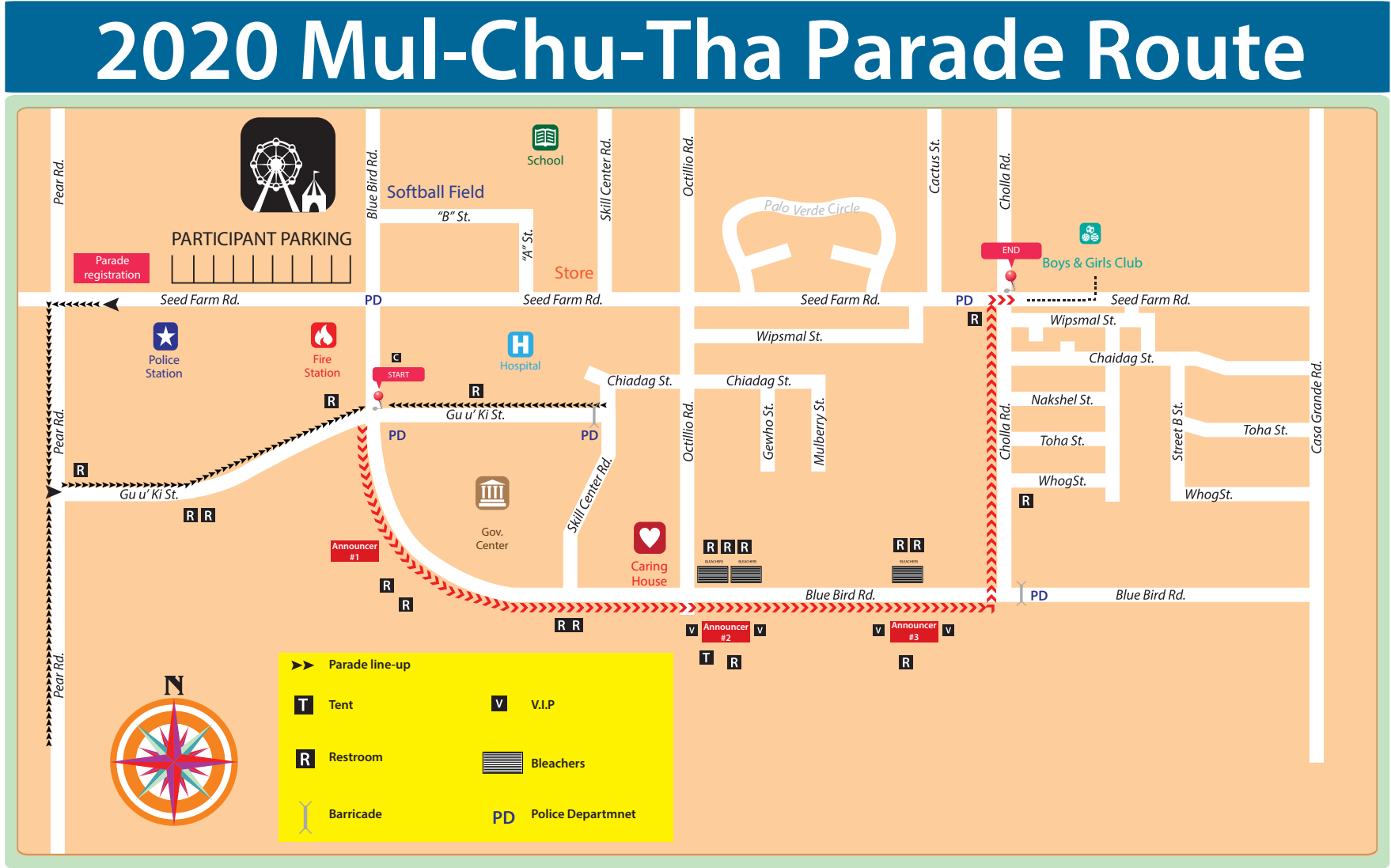


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HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE

"Putting Our People First"



Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lt. Governor

Gov. Lewis is recognized as an Honorary Champion for Change in D.C.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (center) with the Champions for Change Youth on Feb. 11 in Washington D.C. Photo Courtesy of Jarrette Werk

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was selected as an Honorary Champion for Change awarded by the Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth (CNAY) at a reception in Washington D.C., on Feb. 11.

"He's done so much for Indian Country and we're really grateful that he's able to accept this award," said Nikki Pitre, Acting Executive Director for the CNAY at the Aspen Institute.

Every year in conjunction with the National Congress of American Indians Executive Session, the CNAY hosts what they call Champions Week and select five young people as Champions for Change. The Champions for Change

program is a Native youth leadership initiative designed to highlight positive stories of impact from Indian Country.

Shavaughna Underwood (Quinault Indian Nation), Warren Davis (Navajo Nation), Isabella Madrigal (Cahuilla Band of Indians & Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians), Owen Oliver (Quinault Indian Nation (Chinook) & Isleta Pueblo), and Jazmine Wildcat (Northern Arapaho) were selected as the 2020 Champions for Change.

Gov. Lewis joins Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Sec. Sally Jewell, Rep. Deb Haaland, Rep. Sharice Davids, among other past recipients of the Honorary Champion for Change award.

Gov. Lewis was selected for championing young

women and girls with his support of VAWA and his "vision for the next generation," and "making sure that youth are empowered and that their voice matters," according to Pitre.

The CNAY was founded in 2011 by former U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan and is a policy program part of the Aspen Institute. "We have grown into a lot of leadership and recognition programs, which includes Champions for Change," said Pitre.

Gov. Lewis was joined by GRIC youth including members of the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council and Miss Gila River Tyler Owens and Jr. Miss Gila River Susanna Osife. He was also congratulated by NCAI President Fawn Sharp.



NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT

NON-MEMBER RESIDENT REGISTRATION



The Community's Residency Ordinance requires all adults (18 years of age and older) who are not enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community, but who reside within the boundaries of the Community to register their residency.



The Residency Ordinance requires all non-members who reside within the reservation to register their residency with the Enrollment Department, and must update their registration by January 31st each year.



Registration Forms are available at the Enrollment Department, District Service Centers and the Department of Community Housing.



The Registration Form maybe submitted in person at the Enrollment Office. A valid Photo ID is required.

Physical Address:
Governance Center
525 W Gu U Ki
Sacaton, AZ 85147

Phone number:
(520) 562-9790



Registration Forms submitted to the Enrollment Department by mail, fax or third party must be notarized.

Mailing address:
GRIC Enrollment Department
P.O. Box 97
Sacaton, AZ 85147

Fax number:
(520) 562-8103



Gila Crossing Community School Eagles boys basketball go 10-0

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Gila Crossing now has a new trophy and banner to show off at their new school. After countless hours of practice and preparation, the Gila Crossing Community School's Varsity Boys Basketball team ended their 2019-2020 season undefeated at 10-0.

Athletic director/coach Adam Hernandez was proud to see the boys end the season with a perfect record.

"Having achieved this level of success, we're a great contender, and now the league knows we're one of the best schools in the West," said Hernandez.

Based on Hernandez's recollection, Gila Crossing's undefeated season might be a first in the school's history. He said the girls' basketball team has also experienced success during his time at the school.

DJ Harris, who is a fourth-grade teacher at Gila

Crossing, is also on the coaching staff. This was Harris' first year as a basketball coach at the school, and he credited the players for reaching the milestone of a perfect record.

"The year was exciting, and expectations were high, and a lot of work was put into the year by the players," said Harris.

Although their record was perfect, the team still had many challenges to overcome such as filling out their roster of players and joining a new league.

They eventually filled out the eight-player roster and the rest is history.

Hernandez and Harris used their coaching experience to develop a proven program that led to the team's undefeated season with high expectations off the court.

"This year, I started weekly grade checks before the season started," said Hernandez to ensure all the players were eligible to play. By doing so, the players' grades increased



Team photo: (Front Row) Avalon Laws, Justin Davis, Rafael Soriano; (Second Row) Coach DJ Harris, Amani Francisco, Reggie Pablo, Diego Rhodes, Richard Francisco, Athletic Director Adam Hernandez; (Not Pictured) Bertram Donahue, Coach Craig Kroupa. Kyle Knox/GRIN

significantly, and the entire team improved their GPA by the end of the season.

Within the program, Hernandez also enforced his "Three R's": Being Respectful, Being Responsible, and Being Ready. He hopes these principles will stay with the athletes in the future.

Harris said students need to learn how to believe in themselves in life and in sports. "Sports is just a platform to help them become a better overall person," said Harris.

Next season will be a new chapter for the team, and Hernandez and Harris are looking to build off of the momentum of their successful year.

Ira Hayes Post and Auxiliary Unit bring Valentines to Caring House

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

St. Valentine's Day is traditionally a day when we celebrate our love for one another. The Ira H. Hayes Auxiliary Unit 84 and Post 84 celebrated St. Valentine's Day with a visit to veterans at Gila River Health Care's Caring House

in Sacaton. They wanted to honor their service to the country by bringing gifts and Valentine's day treats—something they hope to do more of in the upcoming holidays.

Words of appreciation were shared with the veterans. It became an emotional occasion, as talks of their time in the service

and remembering those who struggle with difficult memories of their military experiences and trauma came to light. But they also remembered the good times and sharing some laughs as gifts were handed out to the veterans.

It turned out to be a rewarding experience for those involved, "Just seeing

their expressions on their face, you can feel that they appreciated what we did for them, they deserve that," said Doreen Atkinson-Juan, Vice-Chair for Post 84 Auxiliary Unit. Doug Juan, also commented: "We just wanted to share that with them today, give them a token of appreciation. We're looking ahead to do other stuff for local veterans."



Ira H. Hayes Auxiliary Unit 84 hand out Valentines and treats to Caring House veterans. Emma Hughes/GRIN

CHRISTIAN & GOSPEL MUSIC OUTREACH

GOSPEL JAM

LIVE IN SACATON AZ

FEB. 29TH

MATTHEW B. JUAN - IRA HAYES

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

STARTING AT 12PM

GOSPEL ROAD

MICHAEL RAY

JEREMY ANTONE

LYDELL RAFAEL

ROBINSON JONES

EUGENE PLATERO

JAYMO MIX

BONI SISTERS

BRONSON TAYLOR

KEENAN SOKE

DELMAR HOOKE

CURTIS BROTHERS

JASON YAZZIE

SANDRA SILVERSMITH

SOLDIERS OF THE LIGHT

TRIPLE CROSS

SOUNDS OF 150

ADRIANNE RIVERA

EVERYONE WELCOME

LIGHTING SOUND SYSTEM

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THREE DRUM BEATS VINCENT NORRIS

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GILA RIVER ROYALTY 2019-2020

FAREWELL

FEBRUARY 28TH, 2020

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DISTRICT 5 3456 W CASA BLANCA RD. BAPCHULE. AZ 85121

5:00 PM

TYLER OWENS

MISS GILA RIVER

2019-2020

SUSANNA OSIFE

JR. MISS GILA RIVER

2019-2020

MUSIC PROVIDED BY


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We, thank everyone for their love and support during our time of loss. To those who led services and directed in other ways. The ones who cooked, donated food, brought beautiful flowers, sang songs of encouragement and offered up uplifting prayers, and for just being with us.


Thank you to the Gila River Police Department, and EMS; Chandler Regional Hospital, ER Department; D5 and D3 staff and Maintenance crew; J. Warren Funeral Services; Casa Grande Dispatch, Three G's Flower Shop, Christ Assembly Church: Pastor, Musicians and Singers; Praise Fellowship Church: Pastor, Choir and Guitarist; Family and Friends. May the Lord bless you, in Jesus name.

The Families of Karen M. Rivers Fleming
John 3:16



In Loving Memory of
Karen M. Fleming

June 14, 1944
January 1, 2020



Native chef gives culinary workshop in D4

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community members attended a workshop with a Native chef known for his innovative approach to healthy cooking. The Gila River Nutrition Coalition invited Sean Sherman to the Community for a cooking workshop at the District 4 Multipurpose Facility on Jan. 21.

Sherman is the owner of a self-startup catering business called The Sioux Chef, which serves the Minneapolis-Saint Paul area. Born on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota, he is of Oglala Lakota descent. Sherman has focused his culinary skills on bridging the gap between traditional food systems in a modern context.

“The workshop was designed to benefit staff and Community members, who want to expand their knowledge of cooking nutritious Native foods,” said Lynn Lane, Community Health Nutrition Program Nutritionist.

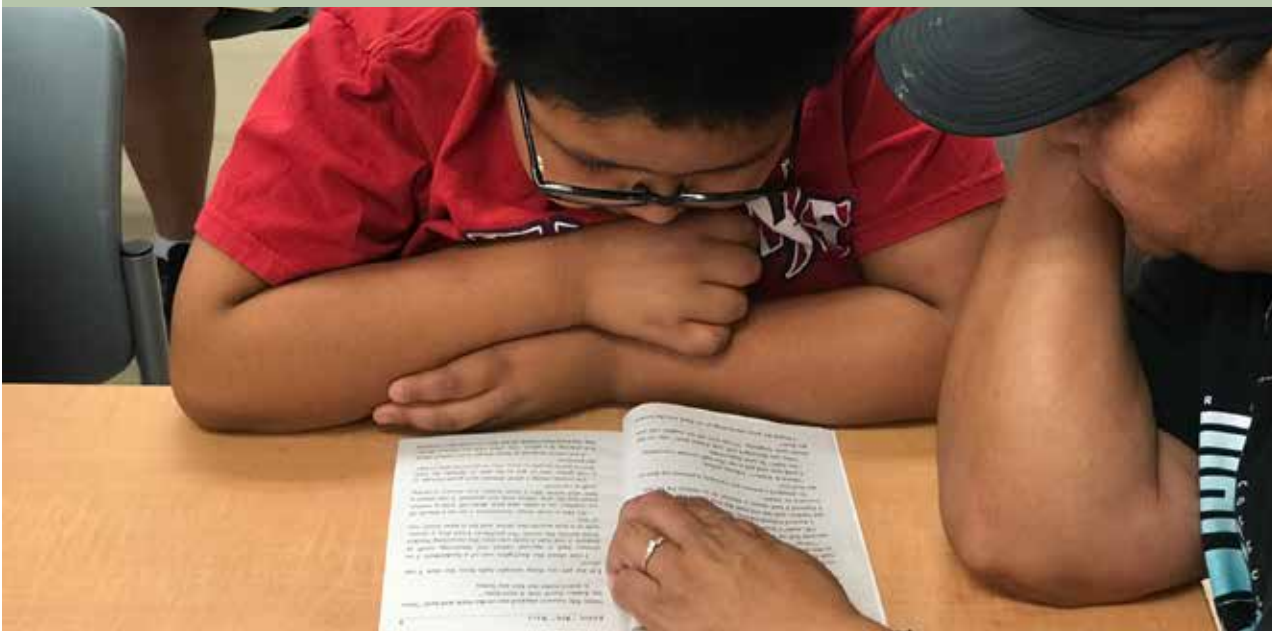
Cooks from Casa Blanca Community School, Gila River Health Care, Elderly Nutrition, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and Community Health Nutrition, and individual Community members, were present to take part in the cooking workshop.

On the menu was a three-bean turkey red chili stew, hominy, corn polenta with roasted jalapenos, squash with pesto sauce; salad with plum and toasted wheat berries, wild rice with mushrooms. Each was either made with ingredients made from Ramona Farms products or was supplied by Sherman.


At the heart of the cooking workshop the ingredients used were Ki:Kam Huun, Stotoah Bavi, S-oam Bavi, Huun Haak Chu’I, Olas Pilkan, and Kalvash were in keeping with the traditional foods used by the Akimel O’otham.

Lane said, “We hope to include a history presentation on Native American diets and help motivate participation and retention in tribal programs offering opportunities and support for preventive health care activities, healthy lifestyle choices and self-improvement or personal development.”

WHO HAS THE TIME?




AS PARENTS IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH HOURS IN THE DAY TO GET EVERYTHING DONE. READING WITH OUR CHILDREN CAN BE A NICE BREAK FROM ALL THE THINGS THAT HAVE TO GET FINISHED, AND A WONDERFUL TIME TO CONNECT WITH THEM.





The Nutrition Coalition hosted a cooking workshop with chef Sean Sherman in District 4. Photo Courtesy of Lynn Lane


Are You Talking to Me?



TALK WITH YOUR BABY.

THE MORE WORDS YOU SPEAK, SING, OR READ TO YOUR BABY THE FASTER THEY WILL LEARN TO TALK AND READ.

A BABY'S BRAIN GROWS SUPER FAST. RESEARCH SHOWS THE NUMBER OF LOVING WORDS A BABY HEARS IN THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF LIFE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE.



IWO JIMA MEMORIAL RUN

SACATON FAIRGROUNDS
FEBRUARY 22, 2020



10K/2 MILE

Registration Opens: January 29, 2020
Registration Closes: February 19, 2020

2 Mile Walk/Run is on-site
Onsite Registration Starts: 6:30am
Route Closes at 7:15am

To be considered for medals you must be pre-registered.
Walk ons are welcome but do not qualify for competitive medals.

Run Starts at 7:00am



Blackwater Community School is making progress on new replacement school project



Rendering of the completed Blackwater Community School. Courtesy of Larry Hudak

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Blackwater Community School (BWCS) received \$30.1 million in 2018 from the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), to construct a replacement school. Ground breaking for construction began that same year. It is the beginning of a new era for Blackwater as they transition from the current school that was built in 1939.

The original school was built to hold 100 students at the most; the new replacement school will serve its current 400 students, grades K-5 who will learn in state-of-the-art classrooms and in a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building.

In partnership with

the Community, BIE and parents, the replacement school project is making great progress. Construction is going as planned, which is being done in phases to allow the school to remain open and in session. Classes have been moved to modular buildings not far from the school yard while construction is being completed. District 1 has greatly assisted by allowing the school use of the annex building as a cafeteria and the multipurpose building for any school activities or needs.

“There was a lot of hurdles for us but the Community, council, the board, everybody worked really hard to get this project off the ground,” said Jack Sharma, BWCS Principal, while discussing all the efforts in getting the replace-

ment school. Although the funding from BIE covers the cost of the new replacement school, there are some costs that are not covered, such as a green house and museum that the school is working to have—that’s where the help of the Community comes in. “We really want to thank the Community and parents; without their support, we couldn’t have done it,” said Sharma.

The new classrooms building will be two-story, approximately 50,000 sq. foot with K-5 classrooms, science lab, art classroom, fine arts, computer lab and cultural classrooms. The cafeteria building will be a 9,000-sq. foot, single story, with an all new kitchen and maintenance area. Gymnasium/media center building will be a single story,



Construction on a double-story portion of the replacement school project in Blackwater. Courtesy of Larry Hudak

15,000 sq ft. which will include a new library, concession stand, gymnasium and performance stage.

The new administration building will also be a single story with new offices, waiting area, and staff work rooms. The old administration building will be preserved and turned into a museum at the request of elders. “A lot of the elders came to Blackwater school as students,” said Sharma, “they wanted us to convert it into a museum.” The new classrooms will be completed by October of this year and the gym and admin building will be completed in July 2021.



Construction on the new cafeteria is part of the plans for the replacement school. Courtesy of Larry Hudak

DOWNTIME

THE DOINGS

GILA RIVER BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Welcomes YOU to attend a LIVE entertainment production!

MARCH 6, 2020 - SACATON FAIR GROUNDS

DOWNTIME - 4PM

THE DOINGS - 7PM

By entering the tent, you are agreeing to your image or likeness to possibly be filmed. All electronics will need to be placed on vibrate or silent.



GRIC RECYCLING CALENDAR 2020



	HOLIDAY
	DISTRICT 3
	ALL OTHER DISTRICTS

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (520) 562-3343

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (520) 562-2234

****D3 RECYCLE PICK UP IS ON MONDAYS****
****ALL OTHER DISTRICTS ARE EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY****
December 31, 2019 – Districts 5-7 January 2, 2020 – Districts 1, 2 & 4
****SCHEDULES MAY CHANGE DUE TO HOLIDAYS OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES****



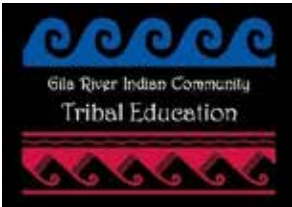
Testing for the Native Language Teacher Certification

The Tribal Education Department will be administering the test for Community Members seeking certification from the Arizona Department of Education to teach the Akimel O’otham language.

District 3 Head Start Center Thursday, March 5, 2020

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
- > Must be employed or have recently applied for employment with the Gila River Indian Community or an educational institute which services Gila River Indian Community Members.
- > \$60 Fee to be paid to the Arizona Department of Education



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

Deadline for TED application is Friday, February 21, 2020

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • February 5, 2020

ACTION SHEET
Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729
CALL TO ORDER
The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, February 5, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:16 a.m.
INVOCATION
Provided by Pastor Lee Miguel
ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Robert Stone
Council Members Present:
D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg (9:25); D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:33), Charles Goldtooth; D7-Devin Redbird
Council Members Absent:
D4-Pamela Johnson; D5-Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Terrance Evans
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE RESOLUTION #2 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 THROUGH 13; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #1 AND #3 THROUGH #6; NEW BUSINESS #3 THROUGH #6 AND #9 ON THE CONSENT AGENDAS
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CORRECT NEW BUSINESS #8 TO READ ADVERTISE FOR 60-DAYS; TABLE PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTION #1 & NEW BUSINESS #1
PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS
1. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Introduction of GRGE Pathways Mentorship Program Mentee Graduates (G&MSC forwards to Council under Presentations with additional material)
Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
2. Introduction – Jill Follensbee, Administrator of Residential Program for Youth
Presenter: Kathyleen Curley
MS. KATHYLEEN CURLEY INTRODUCED MS. JILL FOLENSBEE. MS. FOLENSBEE PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS.
3. Introduction of Benjamin Littlefield, Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Superintendent
Presenter: Benjamin Littlefield
MR. BENJAMIN LITTLEFIELD PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND AND HIS POSITION. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.
REPORTS
>1. St. Anthony’s Church 3rd and 4th Quarter Report
Presenters: Donald Antone, Sr., Regina Antone-Smith
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>2. Sacaton Elementary School - Quarter 1 Tribal Allocation Report SY19 – 20
Presenter: Wanda Burton
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Sacaton Middle School - Quarter 1 Tribal Allocation Report SY19 – 20
Presenter: Cherryl Paul
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>4. Gila Crossing Community School – Quarter 1 Report SY19-20
Presenters: Jim Mosley, Anthony Hill
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>5. Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Tribal Child Count
Presenter: Joann Nelson
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>6. FY19 Annual Report – Office of Special Funding
Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>7. FY19 Annual Report – Pension Administration
Presenter: Sharon Harvier
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>8. FY19 Annual Report – Per Capita Office
Presenter: Neomi Martinez
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>9. FY19 Annual Report – Benefits Office
Presenter: Christy Reed
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>10. FY19 Annual Report – Property & Supply
Presenter: Lawrence Makil
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>11. FY19 Annual Report – Finance Department
Presenter: Suzanne Johns
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>12. Gila River Asset Management – Great Call Rapid Response System 1st Quarter Report
Presenters: Miane Gonzales, Board of Directors
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>13. GRIC Urban Members Assoc. Inc. FY 2019 Annual Rpt
Presenter: Anthony Newkirk
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
14. Treasurer’s Report – Fiscal Year 2019 (Executive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
15. FY 20 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending December 2019 (Executive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
16. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for December 2019 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee
ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG WAS APPOINTED TO CHAIR THE MEETING. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:26 A.M.]
RESOLUTIONS
>1. A Resolution Approving Membership Of The Gila River Indian Community In The National Indian Gaming Association For Calendar Year 2020 And Authorizing Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) For The Community’s Annual Dues (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Shannon White
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Bahothoni Development To Assist With

Updating The Gila River Indian Community’s General Land Use Plan (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)
Presenter: Corinna Ortiz
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>3. A Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Casino Expansion Owner’s Team, The Wild Horse Pass Development Authority, And Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation To Undertake And Develop A Conceptual Infrastructure Plan To Support Future Development Projects Within The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; NRSC & EDSC concur)
Presenter: Barney Enos, Jr.
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>4. A Resolution Amending Resolution GR-75-06 And Approving The Amended Articles Of Incorporation Of The Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)
Presenter: Elizabeth Antone
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>5. A Resolution Establishing A Preliminary Project Budget For The New Casa Blanca Community School Covering The Preconstruction Phase Of The Project In The Amount Of Eight Million Dollars (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; NRSC & ESC concur)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>6. A Resolution Authorizing The Casa Blanca School Construction Owners Team To Seek Financing For A New Casa Blanca School And For Other Purposes (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and ESC concur)
Presenters: Michael Carter, Treasurer Robert Keller
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
7. A Resolution Establishing A Crime Task Force For The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with noted changes)
Presenter: Michael Carter
APPROVED
8. A Resolution Certifying The Membership Count Of The Gila River Indian Community As Of December 31, 2019 (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with additional information)
Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela
APPROVED
ORDINANCES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Gila River Indian Irrigation & Drainage District Board of Directors One (1) Appointment
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MS. KARIN JACKSON
2. Amendments To The Constitution (LSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business for discussion and possible action)
Presenters: Javier Ramos & CPAO
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS
NEW BUSINESS

Action Sheets Cont’d on page 16

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58TH ANNUAL MUL-CHU-THA

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RODEO

MARCH 7-8, 2020 | MUL-CHU-THA RODEO GROUNDS

SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2020: EVENT TIME 1:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M. RODEO

SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2020: EVENT TIME 1:00 P.M. RODEO

Event	Limit	Entry Fee	Added Money
Bareback	20	\$100	\$900
Saddle Bronc	20	\$100	\$900
Bull Riding	40	\$100	\$900
Steer Wrestling	30	\$100	\$900
Tie Down Roping	30	\$100	\$900
Ladies Barrel Racing	30	\$100	\$900
Ladies Breakaway	30	\$100	\$900
Ladies Team Roping (2x)	30	\$200/Team	\$1,800
Team Roping (2x)	100	\$200/Team	\$1,800
**Century Team Roping (2x)	30	\$200/Team	\$1,800
**4 Tribes Team Roping	30	\$200/Team	\$1,800

ADDED PRIZES FOR MEN’S & WOMEN’S ALL-AROUND WINNER!

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** ADDED \$5,000 PRIZE MONEY EACH WINNER **

- CONTESTANTS MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE
- Buckles to each event Winner.
 - Buckles and prize money (\$500) to Men’s and Women’s All Around [W: LBR, LB, LTR / M: BB, SB, BR, SW, TDR,TR].
 - **A onetime \$20 Rodeo Admin fee for each contestant must be included with entry fee. (\$40 admin fee per team)**
 - **WILL NOT count for All Around.
 - Century Team Roper participants must be 50 years or older.
 - 4-Tribes Team Ropers must be an enrolled member of Gila River, Tohono O’odham, Ak-Chin, or Salt River and provide proof upon request.
 - ***Only Highest Placing Money won in Team Roping will count towards All Around.

Walk-In/Mail-In Information:

ENTRIES OPEN: Friday, January 10, 2020; 9:00 am.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:00pm (mail in entries must be postmarked by close date)

ALL PAYMENTS MUST INCLUDE RODEO CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM.

Mail-ins MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER CHECKS ONLY.

ALL TEAM ROPING ENTRIES MUST BE MAILED IN ONE ENVELOPE. SINGLE ENTRY FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Walk-Ins:

Gila River Indian Community Cashiers Offices
Governance Center Monday thru Friday 9:00am-5:00pm
525 W. GU’ u’ Ki Rd., Sacaton, AZ 85147

District 6 Service Center
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm
5230 W. St. Johns Rd., Laveen, AZ 85339

Mail-Ins:

Gila River Indian Community c/o
Mul-Chu-Tha All Indian Rodeo
P.O. Box 2160
Sacaton, AZ 85147

Late Walk-ins will be taken on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at the
Sacaton Governance Center, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

NO Phone Entries
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note. Rodeo Secretary MUST be contacted 24 hours prior to start of
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Contestant must stay in their own age category.
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Contestants must provide proof of Indian Blood and Age upon
request by the Rodeo Secretary (NO EXCEPTIONS)
All contestants must sign waiver
Event winners must complete a W-9 and provide ID to receive payout.
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