Arizona State Legislature opens with ceremony and State of the State address

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis attends as Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey discusses issues impacting GRIC

The Arizona’s State Legislature opening day ceremony was held on Monday, Jan. 13 at the Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis attended as the guest of House Minority Leader, Charlene Fernandez, who currently serves Legislative District 4.

In addition to the ceremony, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey gave his State of the State address, outlining his top priorities for the new year, which included education, veterans, public safety, economy, among others more specific to the state and to the Gila River Indian Community.

The Drought Contingency Plan (DCP)

“The DCP was signed to help stabilize the river in May of last year and it is de-dicated to the State and to the Gila River, groundwater, and our ag jobs,” said Gov. Ducey.

The State of the State address, you can visit the Arizona Governor’s 2020 State of the State address, for more information on Arizona’s goals in 2020 and beyond.

The widening of I-10 has been an issue for the Community. One of those issues and concerns is that when there is an accident or any type of crime, traffic gets re-routed through the Community with roads that weren’t engineered for that size of traffic. “Our Districts are very concerned about that and that’s good that Governor Ducey put that as one of his critical issues for the Community and for us, it’s important that we’re at the table,” said Gov. Lewis.

Completion of the I-10 widening will include the construction of a six-lane bridge that crosses over the Gila River. “This replaces a 56-year-old bridge. 62,000 people drive over it every day. That’s 23 million a year. So let’s break ground ASAP,” said Ducey.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the State Capitol on Jan. 13. From left, Representative Charlene Fernandez, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego and Tucson Mayor Regina Romero. GRIC Photo

The Sonoran Sucker makes its first splash thanks to a coordinated effort to reintroduce Native fish. DEQ Photo

The DEQ project brings back

Native fish to local pond

Christopher Lomaquahu
Gila River Indian News

Fish native to the state of Arizona are making a comeback, one pond at a time. In October, longfin dace was introduced into a small pond on the property of Norman Wellington. This is the first time that longfin dace has occurred in the Community in recent history.

At less than four inches long, longfin dace was historical-ly a common species in the Gila River. But changes to the river caused them to be far less common and removed completely from the Community. Presently, longfin dace lives in the Verde and Salt Rivers, and other rivers in the Colorado Basin.

“To my knowledge, they are native to the Community, since before the rivers were dammed and diverted,” said Dr. Russell Benford, Department of Quality and Environment (DEQ) Environmental Program Manager. Benford said that now, longfin dace at the Wellington Ranch are thriving and living in an environment mirroring their native habitat.

“Russell Benford contacted me, and asked if I would be willing to assist in [this] area,” said Wellington. He said the pond was dug by hand and measures 25 feet by 25 feet across on the surface. Benford said below the surface, the pond is likened to an upside down “wedding cake” and it offers substrates that accommodate several fish species.

Wellington said, “It drops two feet and then there’s a shelf, and then it drops down another three feet.” He said the fish have adapted well to their new surroundings, feeding off of algae, flies and mosquitoes on the surface of the water.

Benford said, “Our hope is to see reintroduction of a variety of native species, including the longfin dace, throughout the Community.” He said that DEQ’s Wildlife Program has plans to introduce additional native fish species to the pond at Wellington Ranch.

From DEQ’s goals in reintroduc-ing native fish are not only aesthetic, returning such species to their native range, but also func-tional. The species they’re target-ing serve important ecological functions, including cleaning dirty water and eating nuisance insects that breed in water such as mosquitoes.

DEQ’s Wildlife Program developed the initiative collaboratively with Wellington, in coordination with the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) and with a grant provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s (USFWS) “Partners in Fish and Wildlife” program.

AGFD facilitated the project by providing technical expertise and helping harvest and transport the fish. USFWS facilitated by providing necessary funding. Funding from USFWS also helped construct a pollinator gar-den at the Wellington Ranch. The garden now accommodates nee-tle-eating birds and insects.

Building on the success of the garden and translocation of longfin dace, DEQ’s Wildlife Program translocated a second species of native fish, the Sonora sucker, to Wellington’s pond on January 8 and 9, 2020. Now, both fish species are thriving in their new environment.

Translocations of longfin dace, Sonora suckers and (likely in the near future) Gila topminnow represent important and ex-citing steps in the Wildlife Pro-gram’s initiative to conserve and restore native species within the Community.

“It’s been in the works for the last two years, it is still moving forward, I’m happy to be a part of it,” said Wellington. I felt being part of the project has been so significant and meaningful to the Community,” said Wellington.

Native Sonoran Suckers are one of the species of fish Native to the Community translocated by DEQ’s Wildlife Program. DEQ Photo
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Elderly Services coordinator introduced at Elder Concerns meeting, two elders also honored

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community’s Elder Concerns meeting was held on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at the District 2 Multipurpose building. Community Services Department Director, Christopher Mendoza introduced Linda Miles as the new coordinator of the Elderly Services Program. Miles is from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, she previously worked with Tribal Social Services. “I’m happy to be here,” said Miles, who has 25 years of experience in social work and working with elders in Native communities. Some of her work includes Manager and Interim Director positions for the Senior Center in Salt River and she has worked with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Miles says she is looking forward to what she can bring and learning more from the Community.

Also during the meeting, two elders from District 2 were recognized for their continued sharing and support in the Community; Sandra Nish a retired teacher and Marvin Thomas former police officer with the Gila River Police Department, were presented with Pendleton blankets by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

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District One - (Blackwater)

No Part 1 incidents

District Two - (Sacaton Flats)

Burglary Suspect forced through the front door of the victim's residence causing criminal damage. The victim was inside the residence at the time of the break-in.

Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to the incident in progress. The suspect stole the victim's cell phone and a laptop.

Officers arrived on scene and took the suspect into custody. The victim was able to see the cell phone was returned.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

District Three - (Sacaton)

Theft Suspect(s) committed theft by taking a trailer loaded with wood with the owner's consent from property located at RGK Farms.

Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - Suspect(s) entered the victim's vehicle and stole the victim's motor vehicle title from the glove compartment.

Law enforcement was notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

District Four - (Stotonic Area)

Aggravated Assault - Suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic incident when it escalated and the suspect stabbed the victim.

Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to the incident in progress. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded and transported the victim to a local trauma hospital for further treatment. Officers located and detained the suspect.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Aggravated Assault - The suspect threatened the victim with a hammer, placing him in reasonable apprehension of immediate physical injury.

Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - Suspect(s) stole the victim's mini refrigerator while the victim was away from home.

The victim notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect was out prior to officers arriving.

Status: Charges forwarded to the Prosecutor’s office.

Aggravated Assault - Suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic incident when it escalated and the suspect stabbed the victim several times and caused severe injury.

Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to the incident in progress. Gila River Emergency Medical Services responded and transported the victim to a local trauma hospital for further treatment. Officers located and detained the suspect.

Status: Under investigation.

Lone Butte Area

Shoplifting - The suspect entered Love's Truck Stop, concealed merchandise, and left past the point of sale without paying for the items. Employees notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - Suspect(s) broke the passenger window of a vehicle in the parking lot of the Lone Butte Casino, and stole the victim’s purse from the car.

Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - The suspect(s) broke into the victim's 2002 Ford SUV, and stole money from within the vehicle.

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

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - The suspect(s) stole the victim’s purse, after it fell to the floor during an unrelated physical altercation, and promptly fled the casino property. The victim reported the theft to law enforcement. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - The suspect(s) took the victim's vehicle while inside the casino.

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

Status: Charges forwarded to the Maricopa County Prosecutor's office.

Auto Theft - The suspect took the victim's vehicle from her residence without her knowledge or consent. Upon discovering the vehicle missing, the victim notified security. Casino Security notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - The suspect(s) broke into several vehicles while in parking lot, and stole several items from the car.

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Status: Under investigation.

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Auppa I’ivakithak Mashath

The Akimel O’otham name for this month translates to ‘The budding of the Cottonwood tree Moon’ otherwise known as January by Western society.

Throughout the course of time, Auppa I’ivakithak have added words to our spoken and known language to describe new items in our universe. Take for instance the introduction of the Russian thistle in the late 1800’s, which originated in the country of Russia, hence its common English name. Known as the common tumbleweed in western folklore and has become entrenched in practically all counties throughout our state.

Let us take a little trip back in time and imagine our Hechii O’otham working in their fields and observing a wind-driven tumbleweed rolling by. Now, in their mind-set they knew that this plant was not native and introduced somehow into our O’otham country, along with other plants and food crops. It invaded the landscape and became an everyday sight throughout the growing season. One characteristic readily apparent is that they were often observed in motion on windy days. Through practical observations, the name “Vopo-tham Sha’i” was applied to the common tumbleweed, which translates to ‘rolling-moving brush.’ The next time you see a Vopo-tham Sha’i roll by, you will understand why our Hechii O’otham named it that way. O’otham have always added new words to our language collectively by describing a characteristic of the new plant by how it looks, how they are colored and the fruit and seeds they produce.

This process of applying names to everything includes birds and animals. In this article, we will now shift our focus to seven lesser known bird’s observable on the landscape. They are described by the way they look, their song, and social habits. Some birds are solitary foraging in pairs, while others travel in large communal flocks. A few live with us year-round and others spend the winters with us in our community. The Akimel O’otham translation of the seven bird names are given here in English: ‘The Whistler (Resident); Yellow Rumps/ Back (Winter); Leather Chaps [cowboy] (Winter); Dark Cloud (Resident); Wears A Red Hat (Winter); Eats Everything (Resident) and Singing Bird (Winter). Your challenge is to match the Akimel O’otham name with the bird picture using the above descriptions, and the common English name. It will make a fun family outing to take to the field and look for these seven lesser known birds. Remember that the birds who spend the winters with us will leave when spring arrives. Speak with an elder or speaker, spellings and pronunciations may be different between villages.

What is Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever?

Tribal Health Department
Gila River Indian Community

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, also known as RMSF, is a bacterial infection that is transmitted through the bite of an infected tick. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever can cause severe damage to the body and even be deadly, without proper treatment. Early signs and symptoms of RMSF include severe headaches, high fever, nausea, stomach pain, muscle pain and a rash outbreak. Antibiotic treatment is suggested for both children and adults who are suspected of having RMSF.

The best way to protect yourself, your family, and your pets from RMSF is to be aware of your environment. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ticks prefer moist and humid environments, particularly in wooded or grassy areas.

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Translation for this month: “The budding of the Cottonwood tree Moon”
GRIC youth attend work session during Tribes Legislative Day at Capitol

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, the 25th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day was held at the Arizona State Capitol. Tribal leaders from around the state converged to Phoenix for a day of listening and learning with state leaders in attendance.

As part of the days programming, Partnership with Native Americans (PWNA) hosts an annual work session called Native Youth Know for all the youth in attendance. Native Youth Know is a planning session that captures new and innovative ideas for future planning and youth programming from the youth. A report from the information collected will be distributed to tribal leaders PWNA works with as well as posting on their website.

Every year a delegation attends from the Akimel O’odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC) to provide a better understanding of how state and tribal governments work together. And members also participate in the Native Youth Know work sessions.

This year Alexis Valenzuela and Hunter Nish attended on behalf of the AOPPYC. Alexis Valenzuela was in a diverse breakout group with youth from Ft. Mohave, White Mountain Apache, and Navajo. The conversations were productive, and she said, “the session was interesting because we all come from different communities, but we all deal with the same struggles.” She enjoyed the day and encourages more youth to be a part of it next year.

Though focused for youth, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone attended the sessions. Both were allowed to introduce themselves and offer words of inspiration for the youth.

Gov. Lewis encouraged all the youth in attendance, stating, “all our ancestors that came before us instilled the engineering and ingenuity to thrive into the future. Take every opportunity to better yourselves and honor their legacy.”

Lt. Gov. Stone also offered words for the youth, telling them to “learn as much as you can, ask questions, and grasp the opportunities that challenge you to rise as a leader because you’re all the future of your communities.”

PWNA Vice President of Programs, Rafael Tapia, was honored to have GRIC leadership in attendance as their presence and words were well received. Hunter Nish, AOPPYC President, encourages any interested youth to attend the legislative day in the future along with the Native You Know portion of the day. Nish said, “If you’re active in your community or would like to understand better how to make big changes, than you should really attend next year.”

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.

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The Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley – Sacaton Branch was illuminated with 183 community members of all ages swaying to the rhythm and direction of Zumba instructor Frances James during Tribal Recreation’s Glow Zumbathon on Jan. 10. Community members from all over attended the event with elders and youth making up half of the participants.

“It was amazing seeing so many people there. It was a great showing for my second zumbathon event,” said James.

James has been instructing Zumba classes across the community since 2014, and she has seen a steady increase in the dance-style aerobics. James attributes the music as the draw for people of all ages to try. But ultimately, she believes in its effectiveness because “everybody can do it.”

The dance routines are a go-at-your-own-pace and cater to elders with limited mobility. At the Glow Zumbathon elders danced in chairs, holding lite dumbbells, and swaying to the instruction of James on stage. Due to its moderate and low impact movements, classes generally are suitable for families to enjoy together.

Angel Orque, Tribal Recreation Program Manager, noted that the first Zumba event of the year was a success with new people in attendance. Orque said, “I attribute the attendance to Frances, since joining the team, she’s pushed Zumba out in the Community to all ages.”

When asked why Zumba seems to be gaining popularity, Orque said it boils down to the instructor and their ability to connect with the clientele. Orque said, “it takes a lot to put yourself out there and move your body the way Zumba requires, but Frances makes it fun and includes health and fitness education too.”

This year Tribal Recreation will be increasing their Zumbathons throughout the year and hopes to hold a big one in the West End in the near future. Zumbathons will continue in addition to the regular classes they offer throughout the community. Last, a highlight for this year will be the “Sister Tribe’s Zumbathon” this summer. This event invites Ak-Chin Indian Community, Tohono O’odham Nation, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and GRIC members together for a vast Zumba event.

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**Gov. Lewis speaks at University of Arizona’s Native Nations Institute**

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Indigenous Governance Program (IGP), a partnership between the University of Arizona’s Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy (IPLP) Program and the University of Arizona’s Native Nations Institute (NNI), provides professional development, leadership training, and graduate education for individuals interested in a deep, practical understanding of Indigenous governance and rights. IGP’s nation building and Indigenous governance curriculum combines the expertise of world-renowned faculty with data-informed research on what works for Native Nation re(education) efforts.

Through a series of lunches, lectures and receptions, “January in Tucson” (JIT) is a cornerstone of IGP’s programming, bringing together leading faculty and an international cohort of Indigenous leaders, policymakers, and advocates. “We like to show our participants and students what tribal leadership means,” said Tony Fodder, who manages the Indigenous Governance Program at the University of Arizona.

For three weeks each year, the JIT intensive education session brings together distinguished faculty in the field of Indigenous governance and Indigenous rights. “Students from all over the world are welcome to Tucson to learn and engage in their curriculum in law and Indigenous governance,” said Fodder, giving them the opportunity to teach and hold discussions with Indigenous leaders, practitioners, and community members, as well as other individuals interested in Indigenous affairs.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was invited to speak for their Distinguished Tribal Leader Lecture, at the James E. Rogers College of Law in Tucson, on Tuesday, Jan. 14. “We like to show our participants and students what tribal leadership means,” said Fodder.

Gov. Lewis discussed his background and presented some of the Community’s accomplishments during his administration. Highlighting the newly constructed Gila Crossing Community School, the Managed Aquifer Recharge site and the continued fight and protection of the Community’s Water Rights, while emphasizing the past work and accomplishments of his father, the late Rodney B. Lewis and other tribal leaders. “It’s hard to learn more practical lessons about governance and how to gauge community and accomplish objectives; the Governor’s a great example of that,” said Fodder.

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**Leaders attend the 25th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day**

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Tribal leaders from across the State of Arizona attended the 25th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the Arizona State Capitol on Jan. 15.

The day-long event, was an opportunity for Arizona tribal communities to get to know their state legislature and show how meetings are held concern-

ing important matters to tribes. It also included break-out sessions on a variety of topics, such as missing and murdered Indigenous people, a discussion involving Native elders and a forum with Native youth.

“A lot of us share the same issues, which we need to straighten and enforce from our various locations,” said Lt. Gov. Robert Stone. He said all tribes need to work together to push solutions to issues, like water conservation, crime in Indian Country and other important topics. Stone said, “We are doing things like agriculture, water conservation, things that make [us] unique, but we know there are other tribes, trying to gain their water rights, we have to help them, too.”

He said all tribes will have to face these challenges together, to find solutions at the state and federal level.

“Other things factor into what affects tribes, we have climate change, population growth, and a changing world. These are things we can get through with the mindset,” said Stone.

The day included speakers from the Navajo Nation, Havasupai and Tohono O’odham Nation.

“The possibilities for economic growth, working to combat issues like poverty, drug and alcohol abuse are things we all need to do together,” said Jonathan Nez, President of the Navajo Nation.

Nez emphasized building ties with the state and federal government so both sides can address issues, while exploring opportunities for economic growth.

“Water is an important part of our livelihood, we rely on it for many things to survive,” said Matthew Putesoy, Vice Chairman of the Havasupai Tribe. He said recent uranium mine drilling operations, south of the Grand Canyon rim, threaten the safety of the water going into Havasupai Creek.

Among these issues, is also introducing broadband internet to places like Supai, which sits within Havasupai Canyon, and reliable transportation for community members for day-to-day use or emergency situations.
**MCT CHAIR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

February 12, 2020
District 2 Gym, Sacaton Flats, AZ

**FEE PRICE: $50.00**

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**
Walk-Ins: Cashiers Office
Governance Center
525 W. Gu' u' Ki Rd.
Sacaton, AZ, 85147
Tuesday and Thursdays (ONLY)
9:00am - 4:00pm

Cash or Credit/Debit cards are accepted at the Cashiers Office. Make payment payable to: Gila River Indian Community (Money order or cashier checks only). Please reference “MCT CHAIR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT” on cashiers check, money order, or if paying in person. ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE TURNED INTO TRIBAL RECREATION.

**26 Team Limit: Double Elimination format**

Awards:
1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**
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**Deadline: January 31, 2020**

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**MCT WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

February 14-15, 2020
District 4 Ballpark, Santan, AZ

**FEE PRICE: $50.00**

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**
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**MCT MEN’S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

March 06-08, 2020
District 5 Gym, Casa Blanca, AZ

ALL NATIVE

**FEE PRICE: $150.00**

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**
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Governance Center
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**12 Team Limit Double Elimination format with one Championship Game**

**Awards:**
1st Place - $1000.00
2nd Place - $800.00
3rd Place - $500.00, (3) All Tournament and (1) MVP

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**MCT GAMES**

February 03, 2020
District 2 Gym, Sacaton Flats, AZ

**TOURNAMENT**

March 06-08, 2020
District 5 Gym, Casa Blanca, AZ

ALL NATIVE

16 Team Limit Double Elimination format with one Championship Game
The purpose of this update is to provide the Community with a status of current housing construction pursuant to the Residential Housing Improvement Program (the "RHIP").

The Community Council established a Housing Owner's Team (the "HOT") to perform all construction activities related to RHIP housing for years 2015-2018. The HOT is comprised of Community Council members and various employees of the Community. The HOT members are Councilman Franklin Pablo, Sr.; Councilman Avery White; Governor Stephen A. Lewis; Lt. Governor Robert Stone; Acting Community Manager Kathleen Cutsey; Councilman Anzé Hogg; Councilman Delmar Jones; Acting Director Department of Public Works; Tom Guenther; Community Treasurer Robert G. Keller; Governor Kimberly Antone; Acting Director Department of Housing Development; and Senior Project Manager Tribal Projects Department.

The HOT has met regularly to fulfill the responsibilities as provided by the Community Council. The HOT is currently working on the pre-construction activities for the 2015 RHIP applicants. For example, the HOT recently hired Atek to conduct Geotechnical soils testing of home sites. HOT is in the process of contracting ID Studio Architects for design revisions and construction administration. And due to the complexity of this project, and the time that will need to be dedicated to the management, the HOT will also be looking to hire a Senior Project Manager to assist the HOT with the various aspects of housing Construction.

This information is preliminary information that the HOT will continue to provide the Community as we move forward. If you have any questions please feel to contact the Councilman Franklin Pablo, Sr., Chairman of the HOT, at 520-610-8910, for the Construction status of RHIP housing and for RHIP Policy questions, please contact Wayne Allain, Acting Director for Department of Housing Development at (520)-562-1863.
The Winter break is a chance for youth to take time from school and enjoy the holidays with friends and family. But for about 40 youth in the Gila River Indian Community, it was an opportunity to learn about tribal government and history while offering their input for the future. About 40 youth attended the Akein O’doham/Pee Posh Youth Council’s (AOPPYC) Youth Roundtable in District 4 on Jan. 2 and 3 over the break for discussions and sessions regarding the Community.

At the two-day event, the youth learned about GRIC governance, policies and historical events. They took that knowledge into a brainstorming session where they introduced new ideas for GRIC youth and the Community. A diverse group of young people participated in the event, varying in ages from 14-21. It was also a mixture of youth who reside on the Community, with some who reside in neighboring locations. The mix yielded diverse perspectives that led to new insights and solutions during the discussions.

David Romero, District 5, enjoyed the event stating, “the event teaches youth how to work together, express ideas and concerns in a healthy way, and gives opportunities to improve public speaking. Another benefit is getting educated on the history of the relationship between Native Americans and the federal and state government.”

Junior Pancott, District 2, also attended and said, “The youth are the future of the Community. Many of us have ideas and suggestions to help our Community, and they should not be overlooked. These youths are smart, intelligent, and will change the face of Indian Country.”

Ginger Martin, Michael Preston, Youth Council Coordinator, and various AOPPYC advisors led the presentations and activities throughout the event. The youth had the opportunity to make connections with others by participating in numerous team-building activities, ice breakers, and work sessions.

Every group on day two had to consider policy changes that could support youth or improve various aspects of the Community. Guided by the facilitators, the groups highlighted the following: incorporating cultural teaching in the formal education system, mentors for youth for personal growth and cultural learnings, increased funding for mental health, more streetlights for safety, financial literacy/education, and higher education opportunities and investment. These topics were only a few of the many topics that arose among the groups but stood out the most.

As stated, the discussions were lengthy and offered the opportunity to create new policy ideas based on the learnings from day one regarding government structure and the history of the Community.

Crystal Lomayestewa, District 3, said, “the highlight of the event was being able to express my opinion and be heard in a group of youth that is willing to learn with an open mind.”

And the highlight for Susanna Osife, District 2, was, “being able to see others interact and have conversations about the community and bring our ideas to our government, based on a youth perspective.”

All the data collected by the youth will generate a report for the GRIC Executive Office and reported out to Tribal Council for comments. It’s just the first step for allowing youth voices to be heard by Community leadership. But it is a powerful first step for Angel Marquez, District 1, who said, “it makes us feel like we have a voice in the Community and that we can make a difference.”
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS**

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • December 4, 2019

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<td>CALL TO ORDER</td>
<td>The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Friday, January 3, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:17 a.m.</td>
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**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

| MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORTS #4, #5, #24 AND RESOLUTION #2 | Presenter: Christopher Mendoza |
| MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #3, #6, #7, #8, AND #18 THROUGH #22 | Presenter: Christopher Mendoza |
| ON THE CONSENT AGENDA | Presenter: Christopher Mendoza |
| MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED | Presenter: Christopher Mendoza |
| PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS | Presenter: Christopher Mendoza |

**NEW BUSINESS**

| MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE ORDINANCES | Presenter: Christopher Mendoza |
| NEW BUSINESS | Presenter: Christopher Mendoza |
| MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION | Presenter: Christopher Mendoza |

**ORDINANCES**

| 1. A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TRIBAL GENERAL WELFARE EXCLUSION ACT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO A GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS AFFECTED BY A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN (G&MSC FORWARDS TO COUNCIL WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL AND FOR PLACEMENT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA) | Presenters: Kathy Garcia, Leon Manuel |
| 27. GLA RIVER GAMING ENTERPRISES, INC. MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2019 (EXECUTIVE SESSION) | Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee |

**APPROVED**

4. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services FY 19 Year-End Summary 4th Quarter Report | Presenter: Dia Lopez-Jones |
25. St. Anthony’s Church 3rd and 4th Quarter Report | Presenter: Christopher Mendoza |

**Tabled Items**

- ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION | MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION |
- MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE POLICY FOR ALLOWANCES OF A STRUCTURED LEAVE PAYOUT; GOVERNOR OR LT. GOVERNOR WILL BE THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE JUSTIFIED APPROVAL |
- MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DENY THE EMPLOYEE REQUEST |
- MINUTES | ANNOUNCEMENTS |
- MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:16 P.M. |

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s) |
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Court Date Notice
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Public Notice
The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the renewal of the air quality operating permits for the following facilities:

Wild Horse Pass Chevron: 5339 E. Wild Horse Pass Blvd., Chandler, AZ 85249

Lowes: 8282 70th W. Sundust Rd., Chandler, AZ 85249

Air Contaminants Emitters: Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

Public Notice Start Date: December 20, 2019
Public Notice End Date: January 20, 2020

Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received. Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first public notice notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code. Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review at the DEQ location office or during normal business hours and on the AQPI website at: http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education-outreach/public-notices.

Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:
Gila River Indian Community
Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Ryan Eberle
Mail Address: P.O. Box 69, Sacaton, AZ 85147
Physical Address: 6300 N. 48th St., Suite 150, Chandler, AZ 85226
Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Thank you so much Haskell Osie Antoine Post#51 for your very generous donation and support to the Gila River Basketball Team.

We have received basketball jerseys, shorts and warm-ups for our basketball team. We were able to show case our new jerseys this past weekend in the Step-Back Classic Jr. High Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Ft. McDowell Recreation Center in Ft. McDowell, AZ.

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Please take notice that a(n) Review Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 11:30 AM in Courtroom I
AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KI,
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.
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