Gila River commemorates 75 years at Iwo Jima Flag Raising parade

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community continued with one of its most honored traditions on Saturday, Feb. 22, with the 75th Anniversary of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade in Sacaton. Some of the bloodiest fighting of World War II took place at the Battle of Iwo Jima 75 years ago, which has since been linked to the Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of six Marines, including Ira H. Hayes, raising the American flag on Mt. Suribachi on Feb. 23, 1945.

On that fateful day, Joe Rosenthal took the famous photograph of the Marines, which was one act in a series of events that took place over five weeks to secure the strategic island of Iwo Jima. It was one of the fiercest battles the Marines faced throughout their island-hopping campaign to end the war in the Pacific.

The Ira H. Hayes Post 84 and Auxiliary 84 organizes the event every year and invites veterans groups from across the state and country to participate in the parade and ceremonies.

Iwo Jima survivors return every year to participate, among them Glenn Thompson and Norman Napes. Thompson said he served for three years and one month in the service and has attended the parade for over seven years.

Thompson said it is important to have events to remember all the service members including those who died during the battle, those who survived to tell their stories and the veterans who have since passed away.

Oliver Babbits, a long-time attendee of the parade and Iwo Jima survivor, said the parade is one act in a series of events that took place over five weeks to secure the strategic island of Iwo Jima.

“The Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade in Sacaton on Feb. 22, 1945, acknowledges the sacrifice of the service members who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima,” Babbits said.

The parade started at 3 p.m. with the posting of colors by Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84, followed by the Ira H. Hayes Auxiliary 84 and the Gila River Indian News’ float. The parade ended at the Gila River Indian Community’s District 4 Service Center, where the Auxiliary 84 served a light meal for all those who participated.

“Thank you to everyone who participated in the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade,” said Auxiliary 84 Commander Malcolm Babbits.

The parade was one of many events that took place throughout the island-hopping campaign to end the war in the Pacific.

Stacey Abrams discusses voter mobilization and the 2020 Census in GRIC

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Stacey Abrams, who was a nominee in the 2018 Georgia gubernatorial election, visited the Gila River Indian Community, met with tribal leaders at the Governance Center in Sacaton, and toured MAR5 on Feb. 20.

Abrams discussed voting issues particularly addressing the disparagement among voters who feel they don’t have a “seat at the table.”

“We invested in resources into communities that are marginalized during elections,” Abrams said.

Abrams founded Fair Fight, a group that is countering voter suppression in the 2020 election. Abrams also founded Fair Count to ensure accurate counting in the 2020 Census.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, “We are really trying to look at ways to motivate our Community members to vote,” said Gov. Lewis.

Lewis offered a historical perspective on the Native American right to vote when Gila River Indian Community members Rudolph Johnson and Peter Porter were denied the right to vote over 90 years ago.

“We were denied the right to vote until 1948, but before that time the state courts saw Native Americans as wards of the federal government and not allowed to vote,” said Lewis.

Abrams said that voting is an important part of an individual’s ability to exercise their power to make change. “We invested in their communities, we showed up, we just didn’t show to ask them to vote, we showed up to ask what they need,” said Abrams.

Lewis said proactive efforts are being taken by the Community to encourage voter turnout and greater participation in the census counting.

“They are two important things that we are committing resources to get an accurate count for the census and encourage our members to participate in the voting process,” said Lewis.

Abrams said, “When you’re in the face of despair, when you see poverty all around you and you can see opportunity on the horizon, but you can’t see yourself ever getting there, it’s easy to get yourself out of participating.”

She said, “That although we don’t share the same history, we have a shared notion of what democracy should be, and we have a shared history and legacy of how we have been isolated from that power.”

Abrams said it is important to educate more people in order to get future generations of youth involved in the voting process.

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Skyline girls basketball team wins CAA state championship

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Under the bright lights of a professional sports arena, a team of girls was on the hunt for a championship against their cross-town rivals in a winner take all game. The Gila River Skyline Mustangs Girls Varsity basketball team played in the Canyon Athletic Association Division 2 state championship game against the Salt River Eagles at Talking Stick Resort Arena on Feb. 25.

In a game that brought out the best of each team’s talents, there was only one champion, the Mustangs, who routed the Eagles 63-40.

From outset of the game, the Mustangs maintained a comfortable lead over the Eagles, despite slowing-down a bit by halftime. When the second half started, the Mustangs got the ball rolling, building up over the Eagles 20 or more points.

Although the game was well in control, a few turnovers and fouls slowed their pace down, which allowed the Eagles to decrease the deficit. When the clock ran out, the bench and crowd, who came out to support the Mustangs erupted in cheers, cementing their victory.

“These girls have been working hard all season, any type of expectation I put on them, they exceeded that,” said Daveda Taylor, Gila River Skyline Mustang Varsity Girls Head coach.

She said, “We had season goals from the beginning of the year. One of our goals was, to get here to this championship game and to win it. I knew at the beginning of the season this was a special team and I had special talent.”

Taylor said, there has been some big improvements for the team, including going 17-0 in the regular season. She said the girls were committed to practicing every day and dedicated to working together as a team.

She said, “They were like a family and supported each other and truly genuinely love each other and have each other’s back. With all the support from each other, we were able to make it here and improve every day.”

During the post-game awards ceremony, Daveda was awarded the game ball, including Mustang Small Forward Sequoia Lucero who was presented the “Player of the Game” award.

“It was a little bit [nervous], but I started to calm down, as soon as I got the ball in my hands,” said Lucero.

It’s not the first time Lucero has won a championship, in her freshman year, the Mustangs won a state championship and to win another in her final year at Skyline was good way to go out in her senior year.

“The support means a lot, the parents came out to support us tonight, they believed in us and that’s all we needed,” said Lucero.

Lucero said after high school, she and another teammate will attend Benedictine University in Mesa, on scholarship to attend college. Additionally, Lucero said she is happy to continue playing basketball, while advancing her education.

The Skyline Mustangs girls varsity basketball team following their victory over the Salt River High School Eagles in the CAA championship game at Talking Stick Resort Arena in Phoenix on Feb. 25. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Gila River Royalty 2019-2020 bids farewell in District 5 among family and friends

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

For the past year, Tyler Owens and Susanna Osife served as the Community’s Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River Royalty. They celebrated this time at their farewell banquet Friday, Feb. 28, at the District 5 Service Center. Both Owens and Osife served their roles with great enthusiasm and integrity and shared their experiences amongst family, Community members, and visiting tribal royalty at the banquet.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone was in attendance to share parting words for the outgoing royalty. Lt. Gov. Stone said, “Throughout your reign in the community with youth and elders, you both always showed respect, dignity, and gave from the heart with everything you did this year.”

Addressing everyone in attendance Owens said, “I thank you all so much, I hope that I represented you all to the best of my ability, and I hope that what Susanna and I did this year was enough for you all.” Understanding the weight of the role, Owens thanked everyone for the continuous support provided.

“I really hope I represented our Community well and that I made an impact with you all,” said Osife. For Osife, she saw her reign as a chance to give back for youth and elders through her platform event this year. And she also recognized the growth in herself over the year. She thanked everyone for the conversations she had with them and the teachings she received from the Community throughout the year.

The duo maintained a strong relationship that was supportive of one another’s growth. Osife said, “One of my favorite things was being paired with Tyler; she’s been a great teacher, motivator, and inspiration for me.” Osife acknowledged Owens’ strength and appreciated her guidance during the time they shared.

Similarly, Owens shared, “Luckily, I met my match, because Susanna is equally as goofy as I am, loves to laugh, and I appreciate that because it brought a youthfulness for me.” Owens worked full time for years before returning to school and serving as Miss Gila River. Osife’s youth helped Owens connect with her “fun side” again.

The families of the two were seated throughout the gym and received great admiration and gratitude from both girls. With their unconditional love and support for the girls, they both knew they “couldn’t have done it without them.”

The evening marked the closing of the yearlong reign and an interview earlier in the day of the pageant, tried forward to the year. She further added, “I look forward to making a positive change in the Community and getting to know Community members and work more one-on-one with people.”

Crowned that night as the new 58th Jr. Miss Gila River 2020-2021 was Alyse Marrietta from District 3. Marrietta is a recent graduate from Arizona State University and currently works as a media editor for Gila River Broadcasting Corporation. After being crowned Miss Gila River, essay presen-
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Aggravated Assault – Suspect(s) discharged a firearm at the victim while he was walking home through an open field. A bullet struck the victim as he fled the area. Once home a relative drove the victim to a local hospital for further treatment of his non-life threatening injury. Hospital staff notified law enforcement and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

No Part 1 Incidents

District Three - (Sacaton)

Aggravated Assault – The suspect forced entry into the victim’s residence through the front door and physically assaulted the victim with a baseball bat. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect fled the scene prior to officers’ arrival.

Status: Under investigation

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic dispute when it escalated and became physical. The suspect struck the victim with a broom and then attempted to stab her with a pair of scissors. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident. The suspect fled the area prior to officers’ arrival. Gila River Emergency Services responded to treat the victims’ non-life threatening injuries. The victim arrived home to find his home had been burglarized and notified law enforcement. Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – Suspect(s) stole mail belonging to the victim from his post office box containing checks. The suspect then proceeded to fraudulently cash the checks without the victim’s knowledge or consent. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The suspect took the victim’s Sim card from her cellular phone, while it was in his possession, without the victim’s consent or knowledge. Law enforcement was notified and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Aggravated Assault – The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic dispute that escalated and became physical when the suspect placed hands around the victim’s throat and strangled her. Law enforcement was notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Charges forwarded to the tribal prosecutor’s office for further review.

District Four - Sitgreaves Area – Aggravated Assault - The suspect waved a knife at and followed the victims while they walked home attempting to cause a confrontation. The victims ran to a residence nearby and asked to use their phone. Law enforcement was notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

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Status: Under investigation

Aggravated Assault - The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic dispute that escalated and became physical. The suspect grabbed a knife and made a gesture with the knife indicating the suspect would stab the victim. Law enforcement was notified, and Gila River police officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Forest Lakes Fire District, said the new unit will “expand on our existing services with the new technology and systems to make it more reliable for emergency services.”

Cheryl Pablo, Program Administrator for the Office for Special Funding said, “Our office manages 12% of what we give to neighboring cities, towns, and counties. The grant was submitted through Cocinono County and was awarded $250,000 to go towards the new ambulance unit.”

David Rodriguez, Fire Chief for the Forest Lakes Fire District, said the new unit will “expand on the existing services with the new technology and systems to make it more reliable for emergency services.”

Rodriguez also said, “It’s very humbling, exciting, and we’re all appreciative to have this new apparatus as part of our fleet. We’re all proud to have it and put it into service soon.”

The Forest Lakes Fire District presented to Community Council and displayed their new 4X4 ambulance for council and guests.
Jima survivor, said the parade is a unique celebration and was glad to see the crowds despite the rainy conditions. Babbits was a water distillation engineer who spent his 20th birthday on the island, and remembered the fierceness of the battle on the island. The survivors even recalled where they were when the flag was raised on Mt. Suribachi. Naples and Thompson said they feel fortunate after 75 years to still honor the veterans. They often share their story of service with other veterans, the public and students at high school Junior Reserve Officer Training programs.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis acknowledged the Native American veterans who attended to honor Hayes and veterans from Iwo Jima. “This is living history, it’s important to have these remembrances to honor those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice,” Gov. Lewis said.

Gov. Lewis also recognized Kenneth Hayes, Ira’s brother, who passed away last year and served with honor in the Korean War. Wayne Allison, a relative of Ira and Kenneth Hayes, attended and shared his family’s history. “Today is a big blessing for us, representing the Whittaker family, we come from Emma Whittaker, which is my great-grandmother, sister to Nancy Whittaker Hayes. It means a lot to be here to honor and take into consideration the things that have been passed on the memorabilia we carry,” Allison said that it was difficult without Kenneth and it means much more to honor them and remember them as veterans.

Although the parade featured over 100 entries and runners carrying flags, the weather did affect some of the pre-parade activities including the flyovers and parachutists. One of the runners, Roland Enos Jr., a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, carried Ira Hayes’ military I.D tag or dog tags. “I had Roland carry the dog tags on his dog tags and run it in, and we retrieved it here at the stage and they retrieved the flags.” A flag ceremony concluded the run at the grandstand adjacent to the Matthew B. Juan Ira Hayes Memorial Park.

After the conclusion of the parade, the event shifted to the park for remarks and flag raising and wreath-laying ceremonies at each of the monuments.

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Lt. Gov. Robert Stone sings at the grandstand. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Pea Posh Veterans participate in the annual parade. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 marches with the other veteran groups from across the country. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Marine Corps Veteran Roland Enos Jr. (right) marches with runners at the beginning of the parade. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

An American politician once said, “Baseball has long been a national pastime that many Americans have cherished,” and so it was with O’otham. Spring baseball welcomes warmer and longer days, perfect to be outside. A baseball field could center a village, community, or district. Some elders recall traveling with families to play in Chandler, Guadalupe, and Gila. When a youngster proved he belonged, he played into a new tribal circle. Teams relied on younger players to step up and play as older players struck out against father time. Some of our communities had two or more teams, and if some villages did not have enough to field a full team, a “gamer” might pop up on a neighboring village’s roster.

Kind of like that baseball movie, “Field of Dreams,” Catholic feast days added a baseball game to the church gathering – If they play it, people will come. Soon games with neighboring O’otham/Piipaash villages and area reservations were taking place. There is history between baseball, O’otham, and area towns. On September 6, 1912, the Casa Grande Grays beat the Sacaton Indians. In 1913, Sweetwater split games with a Chandler team and Sacaton won against Chandler according to chandlerpedia.org. Two of the longest running baseball tournaments are on reservations. Some GRICsters represent us at Salt River in the “Southwest All-Indian Baseball Tournament” which has been held for 57 years. Some community members make the trek upriver to play at San Carlos by Archie Russell. Their “home” field was Roeser Road Park. Salt River had a “gamer” might pop up on a neighboring village’s roster.

Here at Gila River, baseball was a big deal for Japanese-Americans who were held in “relocation centers” during WWII. What kept the internees from going crazy? One of their anchors was baseball. At Butte camp a 32 team league was organized. Ads were placed to attract semi-pro teams in the area. (I’ve wondered if GRIC teams played at the camp, but haven’t been able to get any information on so.)

A Black baseball team traveled to the camp to play. The Gila News Courier, the camp newspaper written in English and Japanese, noted the Phoenix team out-hit the internees, but lost the game because of 10 errors. The Nisei Baseball Research Project states this was the only time a baseball game between a Black League team and a Nisei team occurred in a Japanese American camp during WWII. Bill Staples writes about the game in his book, “Kenichi Zenimura, Japanese American Baseball Pioneer.”

The Tucson Badgers, a three-time high school state champion, arrived with a record of 52-0. In the 10th inning, that record became 52-1. (Readers might enjoy a YouTube video that focuses on this game: “Baseball Behind Barbed Wire.”) “Without baseball, camp life would have been miserable,” said George Omachi, a prisoner who later became a scout for Major League Baseball. Ironically, Takeo Suo, a camp prisoner, likened wearing the U.S. flag to a camp prisoner, likened wearing the U.S. flag to

Baseball has a long tradition in O’otham/Piipaash Villages. Photo Submitted by Billy Allen

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L.A. urban members meet with GRIC delegation for services and information

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Jenise Gary traveled to the United American Indian Involvement Community Center in Los Angeles to meet with representatives from the Gila River Indian Community, as did Destiny Acevedo and numerous other Community members who reside in California, for a special outreach provided by GRIC to dispense services for the urban members that live in the Golden State.

Gary called the opportunity, "comforting," as she and her daughter met with staff from the Per Capita Office.

Acevedo came with her mother and found some much needed information regarding her education. "It’s good to talk to tribal education because I know they can help me with college funding," she said.

Over 12 GRIC departments, entities or programs set up booths at the UAII center in downtown Los Angeles on Feb. 29, to answer questions, update information and provide services that may be difficult for those members hundreds of miles away.

Along with the departments and other representatives, GRIC leadership attended to meet with the L.A. urban members and provide updates on issues back in the Community.

"This is an important time to do that," said Lewis regarding the first-hand services available on Leap Day.

Gov. Lewis was joined by District 4 Community Council Representatives Monica Antoine and Pamela Johnson as well as District 6 Community Council Representative Terrance B. Evans. Each introduced themselves and took advantage of the opportunity to meet with members that don’t often get a chance to return to the Community.

One familiar face at the meeting was Omerlene Thompson. From District 6, Thompson was selected as a 2019 American Indian Heritage Month Honoree by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission, and Gov. Lewis made a special presentation to the woman who has helped so many people.

He recognized Thompson with a proclamation honoring her urban Community social work and advocacy.
Gila River Fire Department hosts training attended by local fire agencies

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Fire Department trained several other fire departments in the Valley. A first for the Gila River Fire Department (GRFD) to host and facilitate the training, which took place on Monday, March 2, at the Office of Emergency Management.

The training began with a 45-minute class on propane basics and safety, Jamison Ashton, HAZMAT Coordinator for GRFD was among one of the trainers along with GRFD Captains Adrian Hernandez and Joseph Boland.

Fire departments learned how to mitigate a hazardous materials incident. GRFD led the impressive training where hazardous materials teams are taught how to “flair” or burn off a propane tank under emergency conditions.

“We have a lot of communities out here that have these types of propane tanks, so these are kind of a high-risk call for us,” said Captain Hernandez. “We’re one of the only departments in the Valley that have this particular setup. We wanted to train everyone as to what we’re capable of; they were really responsive, they did very well.”

Staff members from Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Ferrellgas were also onsite. GRFD presented them with plaques for all their help and support to make the training possible. Ferrellgas provided the propane and OEM has allowed GRFD to use their space for the training. GRFD currently does not have their own training location.
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The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, February 19, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:08 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Councilman Joey Whitman

ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis (9:09)
Lt. Governor Robert Stone
Council Members Present:
D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg, D2-Carol Schurz;
D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone,
Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Pamela Johnson;
D5-Janice Stewart, Martin Dixon, Franklin Pablo,
Sr., Thomas White; D6-Anthony Villarreal,
Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devon Redbird

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS ARRIVED AND BEGAN CHAIRING THE MEETING
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1-#3 and #5-#9 UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA; REMOVE REPORT #4 AND RESOLUTIONS #1-#2 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA; TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL FOR NEW BUSINESS #5; ADD AND ACCEPT MATERIAL FOR NEW BUSINESS #6 AND APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS
Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

MR. KENNETH MANUEL INTRODUCED MR. WAYNE SUNDUST AND MR. JOSEPH YOUNG. MR. SUNDUST AND MR. YOUNG PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THEIR BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. Introduction – Wayne M. Allison, Director of the Department of Housing Development
Presenter: Kathleen Curley

MS. KATHYLEEN CURLEY INTRODUCED MR. WAYNE M. ALLISON. MR. ALLISON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

REPORTS
Presenters: Jason Jones, Soyet Antone, Emiliano Morondos

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
*2. Pee Posh Veterans Association 1st Qtr Report FY 2020
Presenter: Amie Bread, Sr.

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
*3. Three Rivers Indian Legal Services Quarterly Report and FY 19 Year-End Summary
Presenter: Diana Lopez-Jones

APPROVED ORDINANCES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
*1. Arizona Legislative Session (G&MSC forwards to Council with additional information and to approve the recommendations; NRSC, H&SSC, LSC, ESC, EDSC, & CRSC concur)
Presenters: Public Policy Partners, Office of the General Counsel

NEW BUSINESS
*1. Arizona Legislative Session (G&MSC forwards to Council with additional information and to approve the recommendations; NRSC, H&SSC, LSC, ESC, EDSC, & CRSC concur)

Presenters: David Ackerman, GRTI Board of Directors

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SAVE THE DATE

157th Annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration

Saturday April 04, 2020

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APRIL 18, 2020

*MASS: 10:00 am * PROCESSION: * LUNCH*
* ENTERTAINMENT * RAFFLE
* VENDORS WELCOME*

JOEY WHITMAN: $20  618.4651/ Betty Malina $20  251.1392

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_Earnings for Mr. Anthony Hill (Amendment to Agenda)_

6. United American Indian Involvement Community Center, February 29, 2020, Los Angeles, CA

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

Motion made and second for any interested council to attend

Minutes

1. February 5, 2020 (Regular)

Motion made and second to approve

Announcements

~ Iowa Jima Flag Raising Festivities, Friday, February 21, 2020 & Saturday, February 22, 2020

~ Stacey Abrams Visit, Thursday, February 20, 2020, 11:30 A.M., CCSO Conference Room B&C

~ Casa Blanca School Outreach, Thursday, February 20, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

~ Mandatory Hot Meeting, Thursday, February 20, 2020 1:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 P.M.

* Denotes tabled from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a Consent Agenda Item

**EARTH DAY 2020**

Monday, April 20th, 2020

11:00am - 2:00pm

Matthew B. Juan - Ira Hayes Memorial Park

Voak Dr. Sacaton, AZ 85147

Giveaways, Informational Booths, and More...

For more information, please contact Tison Gill at 520-562-2234 or visit www.GRICDEQ.org

My Name is Josep Manuel, I am running for Chief Judge in the Special Election, Saturday, March 14, 2020, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. in Districts 1-7. I am from D3 Sacaton, Gu'u Ki' District. My maternal grandparents the late Frank & Isabel Johnson, my paternal grandparents the late Warren & Liza Manuel, & my parents the late Herman Manuel & Lorraine Johnson were all from Sacaton. I am a full-blooded Pima, an Elder, & I'm in my mid-sixties.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Business Management degree, & a Master’s in Business Administration. I retired from Gila River Indian Community 10 years ago, after 30 years of employment. I pride myself with 37 years of Sobriety. As Chief Judge I will manage the Courts effectively, efficiently, & with Integrity. I believe Judges should remain impartial & not get involved in politics. They should live by Judge's Canon (Code of Conduct). My experience comes from being a Pro Tempore Judge here in the Community, Associate Judge in Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and a Visiting Associate Judge in the Hualapai Tribe.

Early on, I Advocated at various Indian Reservations, The Tohono O'dham Nation; White Mountain Apache Tribe; San Carlos Indian Tribe; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Hualapai Tribe; Hopi Tribe; Ak-Chin Indian Tribe; & Fort McDowell Yavapai Apache Tribe. I am a member of the San Carlos Bar. I have been your Lieutenant Governor, D3 Councilman, & have been on various GRIC Boards, such as, 4 River Indian Legal Services; GRT; GRICUA, WHPDA, the Law Enforcement Commission, & more. I have served as chairman of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association, & have been the Secretary for the Intertribal Council of Arizona. I am married & have been for 30 years. I have 4 boys. I am a Family man.

I have never been impeached as a sitting Judge. I have never been suspended for actions unbecoming of a Judge. I will never bring disrespect to the Chief Judge position. You've elected & tried my opponent. He promised many positive changes in the past elections. We have seen no changes.

I call upon my Hajun in Districts 1-7, I need your support. With wise wisdom & direction from Our Creator, together we can set the example for Our generation, & Our generations to come. Masapo.

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