

Gov. Lewis, Lt. Gov. Stone, Chief Judge and Associate Judges take oath of office



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The Gila River Indian Community swore in several of its highest elected officials during the 2018 Oath of Office Ceremony on Jan 1. From left, Associate Judge Sherri Cassa, Chief Judge Donna Kisto-Jones, Associate Judge Dallas De Lowe, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, and Associate Judges Janice F. Breckenridge and Lucille Antone-Morago.

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Just ten hours after the world rang in the new year with celebrations and fireworks, the Gila River Indian Community swore in several of its highest elected

officials during the 2018 Oath of Office Ceremony held inside the Council Chambers on the morning of Jan. 1.

The Council Chambers was packed with around 200 Community members who witnessed the swearing in of re-elected Gover-

nor Stephen Roe Lewis, newly elected Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, and newly elected Chief Judge Donna Kisto-Jones.

The following four Associate Judges were also sworn into their positions during the ceremony: Janice F. Breckenridge, Sherri

Cassa, Dallas De Lowe, and Lucille Antone-Morago.

Master of Ceremonies, GRIC Intergovernmental Liaison, Manuel Johnson, said GRIC's oath of office is a pledge to uphold the rule of law, and when officials take the oath, they are giving their word to do the best for their people.

"As Lewis and Stone take the oath of office, they will be taking the highest seats in the Community," said Johnson. "Leadership is not leading by position of office but rather by example. It is making decisions during the good times and in the more challenging times. It's not always telling others what to do but it's listening for input and at times having the courage to say, 'I do not have all the answers.' Leadership is both inspiring and visionary. True leadership is not about the one who leads but rather about the journey of those being lead," he said.

Following Johnson's opening remarks, a Presbyterian church choir sang several hymns, followed by music performed by St. Anthony's Church choir.

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Former governor, William R. Rhodes, passes away at age 84

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

William R. Rhodes, former Gila River Indian Community governor, chief judge, and Korean War veteran, passed away surrounded by family and loved ones on Dec. 28, 2017. He was 84-years-old. Rhodes served two terms as governor from 2006-2011.

Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis announced the passing of former Governor, William R. Rhodes. "It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of one of the leaders and elders of our Community," stated Governor Lewis. "On behalf of our tribal government, and our Community members, I extend our deepest condolences to the Rhodes family, and we extend our sincerest thoughts and prayers. As we reflect on the life of Governor Rhodes we are grateful for his service, commitment and devotion to the Community."

Rhodes served the Gila River Indian Community for over 30 years, serving at various times in all three branches of the tribal government. He served as Chief

Judge of the Gila River Indian Community Court for 15 years during the 1970's and '80's. During that formative period for tribal courts he worked with such organizations as the National Indian Court Judges Association to provide leadership to his own tribal community and to other tribal communities seeking to develop their own tribal courts. Thereafter, he was elected Lt. Governor, and then was elected as Council representative from District Four, where he served three terms. He returned to the Court when he was again elected as Chief Judge of the Gila River Indian Community Court. During Chief Judge Rhodes' most recent tenure, the Gila River Indian Community Court modernized its facility and procedures to reflect the changing times and increasing case-load, and also increased the number of elected judges to deal with the increasing number of court cases. In 2003, he was elected as Governor of the Gila River Indian Community. He was re-elected to a second term as Governor, where he served until his retirement. Following his retirement from public office, he continued to remain active in family, church and community activities.



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The late William R. Rhodes, former governor the Gila River Indian Community, waves during an appearance.

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TOY DRIVE



Thank You

On behalf of this year's Toy Drive Committee we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who wrapped presents, sponsored or donated gifts and made this year's Toy Drive a success! We would like to acknowledge the following departments/entities who contributed time and resources for the toy drive.

Gila River Fire Department
Gila River Gaming Enterprise
Gila River Health Care
Red Mountain Behavioral Health
USMCR Toys for Tots (Pinal County)
Gila River EMS
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Thank you to the following entities that helped make this year's Toy Drive Christmas Party memorable for the youth and their families.

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Lt. Governor
Robert Stone

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Chief Azul Day honors accomplishments of late chief

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

For the many individuals that travel through the intersection of Sacaton and Casa Blanca roads, the empty dirt lot across from the Matthew B. Juan and Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park may seem of little importance, but once a year it is the start of a historical journey that tells the story of Chief Antonio Azul's many accomplishments.

Braving the cold morning weather several Community members came together to honor the Gila River Indian Community's last traditional chief on Dec. 16.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, GRIC Basket Dancers, Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51, and a contingent of Community members on horseback made the half-mile walk from the West Cemetery where Chief Azul's grave is located, just west of Cholla Avenue across from District 3's Head Start building.

As the procession entered the cemetery, the group formed a circle north of Chief Azul's gravesite, where military and traditional honors were offered.

Master of ceremonies, Pacer Reina said Azul was a warrior, who served in the U.S. Arizona Volunteer Infantry Guard.

To recognize Azul's service in the military he was honored with a flag raising and singing of the national anthem.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said Azul was, "A warrior, a statesman and ambassador and a person of moral authority."

He said bringing Community members together on a day set aside to recognize Azul is a way of remembering the legacy he left behind.

One of those lasting influences was Azul's ability to lead his people during times of hardship and the turbulent history of relations with the government.

Lewis said Azul was an advocate for education, encouraging many GRIC members to go and learn from schools outside of the Community.

Today, his influence on education has given way to the creation of the Chief Azul Scholar award, which recognizes students for their academic achievements.

Azul, known for his military prowess in bridging alliances between his tribe and the Pee Posh, contributed to Arizona's first volunteer army in 1865 with the formation of Company B and C.

Eight years earlier, a decisive battle was fought, when Azul led a force of Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh warriors into battle against Yuma, Mohave, Apache and Yavapai tribes at the Battle of Pima Butte, also known as the Battle of Maricopa Wells near the village of Sacate.

The battle was one of the largest in Arizona's history and would be a victory for the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh, who were successful in repelling the Yuma and Mohave tribes from the area.

Taking from his experience as a military leader, Azul also wielded his political skill in preventing his tribe from relocating to Oklahoma, which would have



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A wreath is placed at the gravesite of Chief Antonio Azul during a special ceremony on Dec. 16 in District 3, Sacaton.

taken the Akimel O'otham from their ancestral homeland.

Lewis said as a military leader, "Chief Azul united the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh people. It is a history that is commemorated with the annual Mustering In day celebration, when both people came together to protect our neighbors and community."

Lewis said Azul was a diplomat as well and one of our first water protectors, he protected our water at the very earliest critical points as we see in our O'otham

history.

While honoring Chief Azul was the main theme of the celebration, educating Community members about their last traditional chief was a key element of the day.

"It's important what Chief Azul left for us his teaching, his example of traditional O'otham leadership that sometimes we don't see very often. We commit ourselves to not forget about those teachings," said Lewis.

To end the morning ceremony at the gravesite, Gov. Lewis and the family of Chief Azul placed wreaths, while Taps was played in honor of his military service.

After members of the procession paid their respects at Chief Azul's gravesite, they made their way across the street to District 3's Head Start building for a hot lunch and musical entertainment.

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis is sworn into office on Jan. 1, beginning his second three-year term as Governor of the Gila River Indian Community.



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Newly elected Robert Stone takes his oath of office beginning his first term as Lt. Gov. of the Gila River Indian Community.



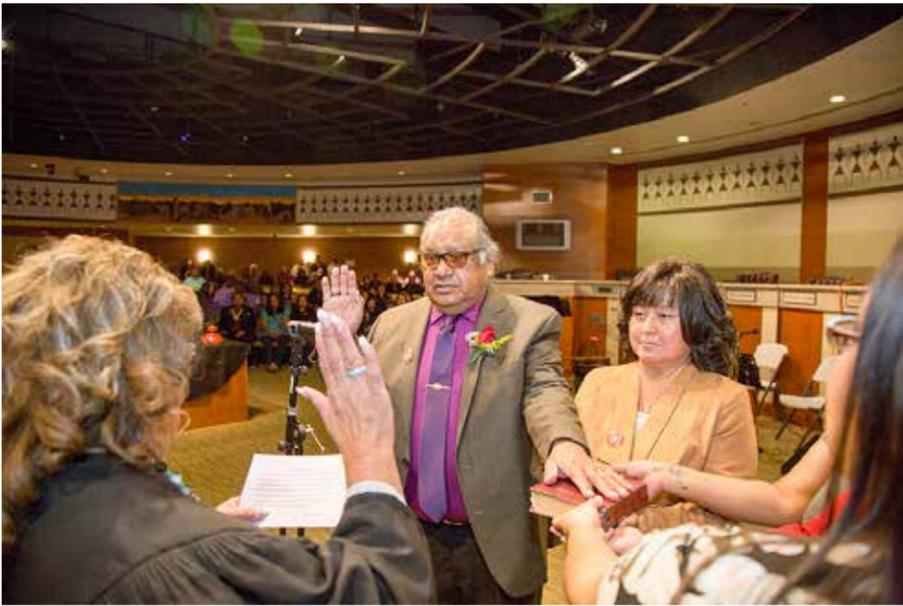
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Donna Kisto-Jones is the Community's new Chief Judge after winning her seat in the General Election.



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Sherri Cassa is sworn in to her position as Associate Judge during the 2018 Oath of Office ceremony.



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Dallas De Lowe is sworn in as an Associate Judge during the ceremony.



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Lucille Antone-Morago raises her right hand and is sworn into her position as Associate Judge during the ceremony on Jan. 1.

Swearing In

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After the musical performance, Jay Pedro, GRIC Children's Court Judge, swore in Donna Kisto-Jones as the Community's Chief Judge. Kisto-Jones then donned her black judge's robe and administered the oath of office for the remaining elected officials.

After the ceremony concluded, Lt. Gov. Stone thanked former Lt. Gov. Monica Antone for her time in office, and her leadership.

"She was not just a leader, but a Council member, and an employee to the Community, and I commend her for the time she

has dedicated to the Community," he said.

Lt. Gov. Stone thanked his family, including his daughter and granddaughter, who stood by his side while taking the oath of office. He added that he was very humbled by the ceremony.

Gov. Lewis took to the podium, saying a second term should not be taken for granted.

"I will put my full time and energy into the position," he said. "When we celebrate important transitions, it feels new and there is a feeling of great possibilities and we have a dedicated leadership here, from the Judiciary to the Council," he said.

Speaking on new-

ly elected Lt. Gov. Stone, Lewis said, "I look forward to serving with him. I have so much respect for him and his knowledge of O'otham culture."

Lewis closed his speech by saying he will continue to fight for the Community's water rights. He said the Council and GRIC courts will need to work together in the future to combat important issues in the Community like fighting drug addiction, crime, family abuse, and elder abuse and child abuse.

The ceremony concluded with a rousing dance performed by the Achem A'al Basket Dancers followed by lunch held in the Governance Center's lobby.



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Janice F. Breckenridge is sworn into her position as Associate Judge.

Gila River Indian Community Members:

Register to VOTE

Registration to VOTE or make changes is NOW OPEN

ENDS: January 31, 2018, 5 pm

for the upcoming
Gila River Indian Community

SPECIAL Associate Judge & District #5 Community Council Election
March 1, 2018

Contact your District Judge or Tribal Elections:

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Tribal Elections Office, 520-562-9735, 9758

Please Note:
We do not share the same data base with the Per Capita or Enrollment depts.; any changes you make at these departments, will not be reflected on your voter registration information.

Please update your VOTER registration status **TODAY**

A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about



By Billy Allen

Borrowing from “A Pima Past” book, Santha Klaus has come and gone. Reindeer tatmal or tamales were delicious, and

coffee or kawhi with the gingerbread va:to or ramada held up by candy canes was better than sugar plums. Strong kawhi is a good start on a cold day, but some days are just too cold to go outside. Today most of us stay inside and watch TV but what did our ancestors do on such days? They probably stayed inside also, but entertained each other by telling stories. O’otham and Piipaash winter stories tell of cataclysmic world changes, supernatural beings and animals doing heroic and unheroic deeds, all geared to explain us and the cosmos. Most Native tribes are making an effort to rekindle this practice. As Gila Crossing native Anna Moore Shaw wrote in the early 1970’s, she saw the old beliefs of our people slipping away for as each elder passed on, so did the songs and festivals. But thanks to her efforts coupled with other O’otham and Piipaash that we’re lucky to have enriched our community, all has not slipped away.

When Ho’ok heard the singing, she came running just like Se’ehe knew she would. The people welcomed her to the dance and kept her going and going on a marathon dance until she fell from exhaustion. Se’ehe then pulled her into a hillside cave and told everyone to pile the ku’ag inside the cave. The wood was lit but when the fire was roaring away, a thunder-like clap was heard. Ho’ok had cracked the top of the cave in an attempt to escape. Se’ehe ran to the top of the cave and stepped on the crack to seal it. Our people rejoiced by singing a Ho’ok Mehitha or Witch Burning song. Listening to the story as a little girl or cehia, Anna Moore Shaw was told by her grandmother not to go looking for Se’ehe’s footprint in the rock for she would just get lost in the desert.

day most of us stay inside and watch TV but what did our ancestors do on such days? They probably stayed inside also, but entertained each other by telling stories. O’otham and Piipaash winter stories tell of cataclysmic world changes, supernatural beings and animals doing heroic and unheroic deeds, all geared to explain us and the cosmos. Most Native tribes are making an effort to rekindle this practice. As Gila Crossing native Anna Moore Shaw wrote in the early 1970’s, she saw the old beliefs of our people slipping away for as each elder passed on, so did the songs and festivals. But thanks to her efforts coupled with other O’otham and Piipaash that we’re lucky to have enriched our community, all has not slipped away.

Heki huh or long ago, each village had a storyteller, but as villages shifted and people moved, different versions of our stories emerged. A story that holds strong today is about Ho’ok, the ugly, old enchantress. Anna Moore Shaw provides a general overview: Ho’ok was born from a situation involving our kickball game called wuichutha and lived an unusual life. When she was born she had claws for fingers and developed a taste for babies or young children. She targeted young mothers who she would put into a trance, then steal the baby and run away. (A version has a resting place for her near the Santan Mountains.) The O’otham turned to Elder Brother or Se’ehe for help and he told the people to make preparations for a social dance. For four anxious days the people gathered wood or ku’ag and prepared food. As the sun went down on the fourth day, the Circle Dance was

As an eight year old boy or ceoj growing up in Va’aki, I remember hearing about Ho’ok or Ho’ok Oks (old lady). I took the story to be an old story from the past with no connection to my modern 1960’s world. (After all-- the Beatles and ‘Stones!) But once, when spending a winter’s night at my Uncle’s house or ki, I felt the terror of Ho’ok Oks. That “sandwich” house was probably built in the 1930’s and had a wood burning stove along with kerosene lamps. When the sun went down, we got ready for bed but we kids kept being noisy and rowdy; soon uncle came in. He sat down on the bed and told us to be quiet or Ho’ok would come for us. He told us about what she did with children, especially noisy ones who would not go to sleep. The family dogs wouldn’t be any help because Ho’ok ran with wild horses (she had hooves) that fooled dogs. (This house was at the southwest corner of Va’aki, the last house on the road with desert all around it.) On cue as if uncle planned it, we heard horses running in the distance—we dove under the covers! No more fun, just snores.

It’s beginning to cool down, time for a cup of hot kawhi but no TV tonight. I’ll just close my eyes and listen to another of uncle’s stories.

Information was taken from A Pima Past by Anna Moore Shaw and the author’s recollections.



Gila River Indian Community SPECIAL 2018 ELECTION SCHEDULE ASSOCIATE JUDGE ELECTION (1 vacancy) & DISTRICT #5 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION (1 vacancy)

DATE	EVENT
January 1, 2018	Community Council declares vacancy of Associate Judge seat & District Five Community Council seat
January 9, 2018	Declaration of Vacancy for Office of Associate Judge opens
January 2 - 17, 2018	The Senior Councilman of District 5 will call a district meeting for nominations at least 30 business days prior to the date of the special election. Notices for this nomination meeting must be posted 5 days prior to the meeting in at least 6 public places within the district.
January 24, 2018	DEADLINE to return DOC’s for Office of Associate Judge DEADLINE to return NOC for District #5 Community Councilman vacancy (1 position)
January 25 – January 30, 2018	Time frame to route and return declaration/nomination forms to the Enrollment, Law Office and HR departments in order to ascertain qualifications of each Associate Judge and District #5 Community Council Candidate.
January 24, 2018	Election Board to verify residency requirements of each nominated/declared candidate.
January 31, 2018	VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSSES for the Special Associate Judge & District #5 Community Council election
February 7, 2018	Certification of Qualifications for the Associate Judge and District #5 Community Council candidates at the 1 st regular Community Council meeting in February
MARCH 1, 2018	SPECIAL ASSOCIATE JUDGE & DISTRICT FIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION
March 6, 2018	Deadline: for any protest to this election to come forward. Protests must be filed in writing with the Election Board Chairperson by 5:00 p.m.
March 14, 2018	Special Community Council meeting to certify the March 1 st election results
March 21, 2018	Newly elected Associate Judge and District Five Community Council Representative to be sworn in and take their seats.

Any questions regarding this schedule call 520-562-9735 or 9758

Widespread Flu Activity in Arizona

Submitted by Tribal Health Department
Gila River Indian Community

Influenza, more commonly called flu, is a contagious respiratory illness caused by viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. Flu virus can spread when infected individuals cough, sneeze, or talk near others or by touching a surface that the virus landed

on and then touching your face. Flu symptoms include:

- Cough
- Sore throat
- Sneezing
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches and fatigue.

In some cases flu illness can lead to hospitalization or death. Currently in Arizona there have been over 5,000 cases of flu and over 21,000 cases na-

tionally. As a comparison, last year at this time there were only 552 cases of flu that had been reported in Arizona. The majority of the country is also seeing widespread flu activity. Typically the flu season peaks around the end of January or beginning of February.

The CDC recommends the flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu vi-

ruses. The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone of the age of 6 months but is especially important for people at high risk of flu complications which include children under the age of 5, adults over the age of 65, pregnant women, and people who suffer from other health conditions such as Asthma, Diabetes, or weakened immune systems. While it will take approximately 2 weeks after the vaccine is given to build full immunity, it is not too

late to get your flu shot by presenting to Walk-in Clinic at Gila River Health Care 520-562-3321, Komatke Health Center 520-550-6000 or Ak Chin Health Center 520-568-3881.

In addition to getting the vaccine other steps that can be taken to reduce the spread of the virus include; avoiding contact with sick people, covering your nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing, and washing your hands regularly with soap and water or an alco-

hol based hand sanitizer. Other recommendations are to disinfect surfaces that can become contaminated with the flu virus and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Lastly, if you are ill avoid contact with others to avoid spreading the virus. If you have a fever, you should stay away from other for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever reducing medications.

Barbara Jaquay Kicks Off Casa Grande Ruins Annual Speaker Series January 10, 2018

Dave Carney
Casa Grande Ruins
National Monument

COOLIDGE, AZ – Beginning January 10, 2018 through February 28, 2018, Casa Grande Ruins will host its annual speaker series. The speaker series will kick off on January 10 at noon featuring Barbara Jaquay who will present a lecture titled "Father Kino: Journey to Discovery". The speaker series will continue every Wednesday at noon through February 28.

Barbara Jaquay will present about how Father Kino bridged the gap between the Anglo world and the Native American through his charismatic and caring heart. He was a cartographer, explorer, geographer, scientist, and a man with a mission. Through his knowledge of agriculture, he introduced new livestock breeds and taught animal husbandry to the native to increase the stock. The new plants and fruit trees he brought to the New World gave the native a variety of foods to eat and increased their ability to withstand seasonal changes. Father Kino brought a new religion to the native in a nonthreatening manner. His scientific knowledge allowed him to make new discoveries.

Dr. Barbara Jaquay, a historical geographer, recently published *Where Have All the Sheep Gone? : Shepherders and Ranchers in Arizona – A Disappearing Industry*, a history of the sheep industry in Arizona. She has her Ph.D. from Texas A&M where she wrote on the Caribbean Cotton Industry. She has traveled extensively on all seven continents and visited over 40 countries. She has followed many of Father Kino's journeys of discovery as she visited his missions in Arizona and Mexico. She has published on Cuba and Costa Rica as well as Arizona Native Americans. Dr. Jaquay continues to pursue the geographical and mysterious wonders across the globe. She is working on a second book on the sheep industry and finishing her children's book.



Testing for the Native Language Teacher Certification

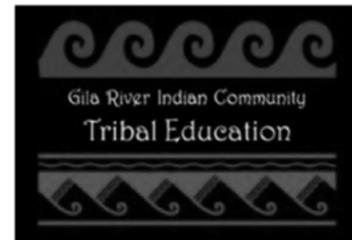
The Tribal Education Department will be administering a test for Community Members seeking certification from the Arizona Department of Education to teach the Akimel O'otham language.

Thursday March 1, 2018

9:00am

Requirements:

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

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Tel: (520)562-3662

Deadline for TED application is Friday February 16th, 2018

The program begins at 12:00 pm in the Casa Grande Ruins visitor center theater at 1100 W Ruins Drive, Coolidge AZ, 85128. There is no fee for the program, but normal entrance fees apply.

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument protects the multi-story Great House (Casa Grande) and the remnants of other ancient structures built by the Ancestral Sonoran Desert People over 800 years ago. Established as the nation's first federal archeological reserve in 1892, the Ruins sparked the beginning of the archeological preservation movement in America. The Monument is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., May through September, and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., October through April, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Independence Day holidays. Directions and additional information are available on the Monument's website, <http://www.nps.gov/cagr>. You may call (520) 723-3172, or follow us on Facebook by searching for Casa Grande Ruins National Monument.

Christmas Caroling at Community Council



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Santa's elves from Early Education Child Care Center descended upon the Gila River Indian Community Governance Center during a Community Council meeting on Dec. 20. The children, donning their festive head-wear, sang Christmas carols to the many individuals in attendance at the meeting.

The 56th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo Theme: “Honoring History and Everyday Heroes”

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

(Sacaton, Arizona) The theme selection for the upcoming 56th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo to be held March 9 through 11, 2018 was a result of a theme contest that concluded at the end of November 2017 and garnered numerous entries from Community members, tribal employees and employees from a number of our GRIC business entities. A panel of five GRIC tribal members mulled over, discussed the aspects of the entries and by consensus chose the selected theme.

The theme for the 56th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo is: “Honoring Our History and Everyday Heroes”

From humble beginnings to modern day resources, our People have always been very quick to adapt to many things over the years: introduction of religion, introduction of new crops, cattle, horses, and new technologies. Most recently, we have built casinos, shopping malls, hotels and even a western town and steak-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

2017 Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo.

house. Through time, we have risen with strength and resilience despite some of the challenges and hardships we have encountered/endured. In honoring our

“History” and where we have come from, our “Everyday Heroes” continuously fight to keep our Community moving forward for the prosperity of

all. The theme was submitted by Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass, Executive Sous Chef, Lee Hillson. Mr. Hillson will receive a

Family Fair Fun Pack, a reserved table at the Community BBQ, and a gift card as prize for providing the winning selection.

Thank you to all who

had submitted an entry in the contest! Let’s all look forward to a spectacular 56th Annual Mul -Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo!

Wellness Highlights of 2017

Submitted by The Wellness Center
Gila River Indian Community

The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Recreation and Wellness Program is a unique program in that it is not a district specific program but services the entire Community through their programs and activities.

As the 2017 year ends the Tribal Recreation and Wellness program would like to thank the Gila River Indian Community, Tribal Departments, Districts and the GRHC in helping make all the classes, events and programming a success. This past year the Tribal Recreation & Wellness program broke records in attendance, targeting the youth, adults and elders in a variety of fitness classes. This program is here to spread the word that fitness does not have to be hard and you can still have fun while working out. These classes and events are provided in all seven districts. I am very proud of my staff who all work hard to provide these services for you. They are dedicated to help this community work together to what we call here



as: “Be GRIC Fit” and fight against diabetes.

The mission of The Tribal Recreation & Wellness department is to provide recreation, fitness, and wellness opportunities to the Gila River Indian Community. We strive to enhance a healthy lifestyle

and well-being in a safe and welcoming environment to meet the physical, mental, cultural, and spiritual needs of our residents and all those who serve the community.

Some highlights and pictures of the past years events include:

- TRW was able to pro-

vide a variety of different Elder classes to all districts, which had increased the participation from 24 Elder’s in 2016 to 455 elders in 2017.

- The 1st annual Community Mud Dash Run with a total of 300 + participants.

- Successfully com-

pleted the first Elder’s only Fitness walk in D5.

- The 1st departmental weight lost team challenge with a total of 150 participants. The top 5 teams who won this challenge lost a total of 301 lbs.

- The 1st certified GRIC only Referee & Scorekeeper training for all

GRIC leagues and tournaments held in the community which provided some income for GRIC members.

- Introduced new elder focused programs such as Matter of Balance, Chair Zumba and more.

- Introduced new adult group fitness classes such as Zumba in the dark and Incycle Spin.

• The Road to Trail of Doom which included a new and different event each week: Zombie Zumba (40+), Day of the Dead lift (82+), 5K Run (100), Madhouse Workout (41+) and the final main event Trail of Doom which introduced a new Trick or Treat Walk, Fitness Games and more. This year’s main Trail of Doom event totaled a record number of 1,150 participants including 19 departments and 73 volunteers.

- Established positive collaborative relationships with numerous departments such as Genesis, CPAO, District Recreation departments, Fine Feather, GRBC, Tribal Health Department, Boys and Girls Club, Life Center, locally owned businesses and more.

Gila River runner joins Wings of America Native race team

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

Desert Vista High School junior and community member Lee Nasewytewa competed at the Nike Cross Southwest Regionals this past November in the large school open division race. He finished eighth with a time of 16:00, his finish opened up an unexpected door to the Wings of America National Team.

"I feel good and feel like I am going to have a lot of fun," said Nasewytewa of the opportunity. "It is pretty cool that I made it. It's good to see your training pay off. The results when you do good is worth it."

After his regional finish, Nasewytewa headed to Portland, Oregon in early December to compete in the Nike Cross Nationals with his Ahwatukee team. His team was the first Arizona team to ever qualify for nationals. The team finished eighth out of 22 teams.

He finished 134 out of 200 runners with a time of 16:40 just seconds behind two of his teammates who finished 125th (16:37) and 128th (16:39), respectively.

"It was really cool being at nationals because I've seen it on TV. Being there was really cool and competing, it was good competition," said Nasewytewa.

During his regional race, the director of the Wings of America watched as Nasewytewa led the race and stayed competitive in the leading pack. The direc-



Photo Courtesy of Steven Nasewytewa

Lee Nasewytewa, 16, was selected to run with the Wings of America Cross Country Team at the USA Track and Field Cross Country championships.

tor left a flyer with one of Nasewytewa's teammates with information on the organization.

According to their website, Wings of America has a vision to build healthy Native communities with youth running initiatives, inspired by the cultural,

spiritual and competitive legacy of Native runners. Wings empowers Native youth and their families.

With Wings of America, Nasewytewa will train for the junior race at the 2018 USA Track and Field Cross Country championships held in Tallahassee,

Fla., in February. In high school, the cross-country races are 5,000 kilometers but in the junior race the distance increases to an 8,000 kilometer race.

Nasewytewa has adjusted his training to help his strength and endurance to make the adjustment of



Photo Courtesy of Steven Nasewytewa
Lee Nasewytewa pictured with his parents, Steven and Sandra Nasewytewa.

an added 3,000 kilometers.

He will be representing the Gila River Indian Community. He is joined by six other Native American runners representing the Colville Confederate Tribes, Navajo Indian Tribe, Hopi and Sisswton Wahpeton Oyate.

Nasewytewa has been running competitively for the last six years, starting his career as a sprinter. He switched over to distance running when he was 12 years old. His path to running came from his father.

Steven Nasewytewa was an All-American runner in both cross country and track as a high schooler at Casa Grande Union High School. He went on to run at Central Arizona College and competed in the cross-country nationals both seasons he was at CAC. At Casa Grande Union High School, Steven was coached by Billy Allen.

"Every time he goes to the line I get scared like I am the one racing," said Steven. "I try not to feel

that way so he doesn't get nervous. It's exciting and to tell you the truth, he is a little bit faster than I was at his age."

Steven hopes that Lee is able to take in the lessons from his coaches as he makes the jump to a further distance and his training changes. From a father's standpoint, Steven wants to make sure Lee doesn't over train because his son is young and has such a bright future ahead of him.

His son first amazed him when he won the sprinting races with Native Exhilaration, winning the 100-meter, 200-meter and 400-meter dashes. Little by little, Steven tested his son with harder workouts and each time, Lee responded to the challenge.

In addition to being a runner for Desert Vista High School's cross country and track and field teams, Lee is an honor student who takes rigorous honors classes but maintains his great grade point average.



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Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia embraced role as GRIC ambassador



Photo Courtesy of Anissa Garcia

Miss Gila River 2017 Anissa Garcia poses at a pow wow.



Photo Courtesy of Anissa Garcia

Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia had the opportunity to meet royalty from other communities and share the GRIC culture.

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

With her reign coming to an end in just a few months, Miss Gila River 2017 Anissa Garcia feels that she has made herself more visible to the community and has acted as a role model to the youth while wearing the sash and crown but remains humble.

“Overall, it’s been a humbling experience to be able to go out to different

communities and my own community to represent where I come from and allow people to know who we are and who I am and the community I am from,” said Garcia when asked about her reign.

Getting to the end of her reign, Garcia said it has been smooth sailing and that her favorite part thus far has been getting to know community members as well as residents of other communities.

“I greeted people wherever I was,” said Garcia. “A lot of my friends would see me at events and other community members would introduce themselves to me but they would already know me. It was surprising to see how many people knew me. People would come up to me and say ‘hey how is it going?’ It’s been a humbling experience representing myself and my family.”

In addition to local community events, Garcia has been to Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the United National Indian Tribal Youth conference in Denver, Colorado.

Garcia was assisted by her mother, who acted as her publicist, since she is not allowed to access social media. Community events that Garcia attended included Suicide Awareness: Yes to Life event, Native American Day at Skyline High School, Sacaton Middle School and Blackwater Community School, Water Rights Day celebration, Tribal Social Services event and the Five Tribes Peace Treaty Celebration.

The events at the school allowed Garcia to interact with the youth and have discussions on what they felt was important to them. With no set agenda, she had the students ask their own questions and get to know the youth on a more intimate level. She provided feedback on issues and questions that were asked.

Outside of the community, Garcia represented the Gila River Indian Community at the Native American Connections parade, White Mountain Apache Fair and Rodeo parade, Orme Dam Victory Days parade, Gathering of Nations Pow Wow, Red Mountain Eagle Pow Wow, Orme Dam Days Pow Wow. She also introduced herself at the Pueblo Indian Museum.

While at the Pueblo Indian Museum, she shared songs and dances with her dance group, the Gila River Basket dancers.

“I know that I attended a lot of events and I go out speaking and being an emcee but it still doesn’t feel real to me,” said Garcia. “I don’t think it will until the crowning of the next Miss Gila River, but all-in-all it’s been a blessing for myself.”

Garcia is proud to have been a role model to the community’s youth and little girls who aspire to be Miss Gila River in the future. In the capacity of Miss Gila River, Garcia has been an honorary member of the Akimel O’odham Pee Posh Youth Council. In the past, Garcia was a staple serving the AOPPYC and returning to the council in a new capacity has been a learning experience, observing the next generation of future leaders.

She offered some words of advice for anyone interested in competing in the upcoming pageant.

“If you’re thinking about it, just go ahead with the process and fill out the paperwork,” said Garcia. “You won’t know the outcome until you just try. I think communication is the number one thing to have when running.”

With such a big support system, Garcia has been thankful for the assistance and support that she has received from her mother, step-father, siblings and the youth from the District 5 and her family for pushing her to be the best that she could for the community.

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The Komkjid of South Mountain

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Just north of Gila River Indian Community's sprawling desert landscape, among the peaks and valleys of South Mountain's native desert vegetation, a lone Sonoran Desert Tortoise slowly but steadily walks its way towards home, a small earthen burrow dug into the bank of a dry wash.

Her name is Mary Lou, which is what Daniel Leavitt, Herpetologist for the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) has been calling the hard-shelled reptile for the past three years, which is when he first began tracking the tortoise.

Mary Lou, who is one of six Sonoran Desert Tortoises monitored by AZGFD in South Mountain Park, is around 30 to 40 years old and about the size of a bowling ball that has been cut in half. Her domed shell is the color of the surrounding desert, a mix of gray and brown, which has been adorned with several mounds of gray epoxy to which a radio transmitter is attached. Peeking out from a protective shell is her small angular head dotted with two large eyes, a pair of pinhole sized nostrils, and a formidable beaked jaw.

Tracking Mary Lou and the five other tortoises is part of a research project conducted by AZGFD to monitor the animals and their behavior in the large mountain preserve, which is inhabited by just 30 to 40 of the animals.

"It is a monitoring effort dedicated to learning as much as possible," said Leavitt. "We knew that tortoises were here, we didn't know their distribution along the mountain. In fact, in previous efforts, we had only found them up on top where the radio towers were. We didn't know there were tortoises all along the ridgeline, we assumed they were there, but we have records now that go beyond into the Gila River Indian Community," he said.

One of several reasons the AZGFD is monitoring the tortoises is due to the recent development of the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway. Leavitt said the highway will go around the western and southern boundaries of South Mountain, with certain areas of ridgeline planned to be blasted with explosives.

Monitoring the tortoises allows AZGFD to see where the animals are traveling, foraging, mating, and burrowing.

For one tortoise in particular, which has created



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Mary Lou, a 30 to 40-year-old Sonoran Desert Tortoise, is just one of six tortoises living within the South Mountain Park that is being tracked by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, which has been monitoring the shelled reptiles for the past three years. Above, Mary Lou shows off her gray epoxy mounds to which a radio transmitter is attached.



Jaime Jackson/CPAO

Two varieties of desert tortoise are found in North America: the Mojave Desert Tortoise and Sonoran Desert Tortoise.

a burrow in the path of the highway's development, the rumble of construction will eventually come too close for comfort. Luckily for the shelled reptile, AZGFD is keeping track of its location and will relocate the animal before construction begins.

"There is a tortoise

that right now and for the last year, has been regularly burrowing within the right-of-way," said Leavitt. "The expectation is that because we have a radio transmitter on it, we know where it is, and it should be fairly easy to keep out of harm's way."

The Sonoran Desert Tortoise

While there is a large variety of tortoises living in North America, there are only two varieties of desert tortoise living north of the Mexican border. The Sonoran Desert Tortoise, which is found south and east of the Colorado River, and the Mojave Desert Tortoise, which is found north

and west of the Colorado River.

"Sonoran Desert Tortoises tend to be more of an upland tortoise and Mojave Desert Tortoises tend to be a lowland tortoise," said Leavitt. "Really, what it comes down to is the type of habitat you would find them in: Mojave Desert

Tortoises tend to burrow in the soil, and Sonoran Desert Tortoises tend to burrow underneath rocks, in washes, in areas where there is a layer of caliche or hardpan."

According to a study published in 2011 in *ZooKeys*, a zoological peer-reviewed journal, the desert tortoise, which for the past 150 years was thought to have been just one species, was found to be two separate and distinct species based on DNA evidence as well as biological and geographical differences.

While both tortoises are physically similar, their environment and habitat is what really defines their species, and in the desert of southern Arizona, the Sonoran Desert Tortoise reigns supreme.

The arid climate of Arizona is a harsh environment, which the Sonoran Desert Tortoise has become uniquely adapted. The desert tortoise has evolved to thrive in such a habitat by eating foods containing moisture like grasses, herbs, flowers, fruit, and even cacti.

"(Tortoises eat) everything from fruits, which are available occasionally like prickly pear fruits, to many of the desert forbs (herbaceous flowering plants).

Leavitt said predicting a tortoise's behavior can be difficult, because just as personalities vary from person to person, so does tortoise behavior. There can be a tortoise that doesn't

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Tortoises

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like to leave its burrow, while another tortoise may rarely spend any time there at all.

"It is hard to generalize (tortoises) because (they) are all unique, but there are some general patterns. Through the year, we have two distinct activity periods where tortoises are out and moving. Usually we associate that with winter or spring rainfall events, and the summer monsoon rainfall," he said.

During the summer monsoon season, desert tortoises will mate and nest, which is a time of great activity for the animals.

"Anytime from July until September when we get ample rains, they are going to be out, (and) there is a lot of social interaction," said Leavitt. "That is when males will often times get into battles, and when males will be mating with females."

Baby tortoises hatch in the late summer and are extremely vulnerable to predation due to their small size and soft thin shell. Leavitt said the chances of a small hatchling tortoise making it to adulthood are slim, with fewer than three to five percent of the animals surviving to adulthood.

"As they get smaller in size everything eats them," said Leavitt. "The hatchlings are eaten by Gila Monsters, coyotes, and different birds of prey, but as they grow older there are fewer and fewer predators that can really handle them."

There is one predator though, that is able to readily handle the large shelled reptiles; the mountain lion.

"For adult tortoises, mountain lions are probably one of the most common predators," said Leavitt. "The reason a mountain lion can handle an adult is because they can basically crack the shell open and rip off the top of it so they can get to the meat inside."

Even though mountain lions may be one of the tortoises most formidable foes, it is humans that endanger the animal the most, and according to Leavitt, the danger lies in human infrastructure, specifically, roadways.

It is changing the tortoise's natural environment that harms them most, said Leavitt. And because they are able to move large distances, with some animals traveling over eight miles in a short period of time, they often come across roadways filled with traffic.

"That is one of the biggest concerns for conservation in my eyes, is the amount of fragmentation across the landscape just



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Daniel Leavitt, AZGFD Herpetologist, shows the burrowed earthen home of Mary Lou, a Sonoran Desert Tortoise who lives within South Mountain Park.

by roads," said Leavitt. "It has created a problem for Sonoran Desert Tortoises. Yearly, we get handfuls of tortoises reported or photographed, or even brought to the department that have been run over, and that is not their fault. This is what they have been doing forever, they are just moving the way that they do," he said.

Komkjid and the O'otham

Sonoran Desert Tortoises have lived alongside the O'otham and their ancestors for thousands of years, and have been walking the deserts of southern Arizona for even longer, 10

to 20 million years.

Traditional O'otham stories of tortoises have been passed down from generation to generation, with even the Tohono O'odham Nation's capital, Sells, having a connection with the shelled creature.

The following is an excerpt from a 1994 article in the Tucson Citizen titled "How the villages got their names" written by Paul L. Allen:

"Sells has been called Sells only since 1918, when white bureaucrats decided to honor Cato Sells, another white man and the commissioner for Indian affairs in Washington, D.C. from

1917 to 1920.

Before that, historians will tell you, this place was called Indian Oasis, because of a spring-fed pond that provided a sure source of that precious commodity, water.

But that, too, was a white man's name for the place.

Before that, for as long as anyone could remember, this place was called Komkucud E-wa'osidk. Literally translated, it means 'Turtle Wedged.' Albert Alvarez, a Tohono O'odham linguist and co-developer of the official writing system for the O'odham language, explained why.

Legend, said Alvarez, has it that people living in the vicinity discovered a large turtle wedged between two rocks, unable to escape. They freed the trapped reptile.

Whether they attached any symbolic or religious significance to the event isn't known, but the place thereafter came to be known as Turtle Wedged village."

In the O'otham language the word for tortoise or turtle is the same: komkjid or Komkucud in the Al-

varez-Hale orthography.

To this day tortoises are frequent visitors to households throughout the Community. Community members in District 1 say that in years past, a lone desert tortoise annually visited Black Water Community School. Then one day, the reptile just walked off into the desert and was never seen again. There are also numerous stories, many from District 6, of tortoises stopping by a family home and becoming a sort of free-range pet.

Which brings up the important issue of tortoise conservation within the Community.

Keeping tortoises safe

If you have spent a good amount of time on the roadways of rural southern Arizona, then you've probably seen a tortoise or two slowly crossing the road. Due to the tortoise's lumbering gait, it can take quite a while for them to cross even two-lane roads, making them extremely vulnerable to fast-moving vehicular traffic.

According to Russell Benford, GRIC Department of Environmental Quality Senior Wildlife Bi-

ologist, one of the most important things motorists can do for tortoises spotted on the road, is to notify GRIC Rangers and GRIC DEQ.

He said people should be careful if they attempt to move the animals themselves, not just because of passing traffic, but due to the tortoise's defensive response to being picked up.

"It is very likely it will urinate on whoever picks it up. It is very concentrated and stinky," said Benford. "(The urine) is a deterrent from predators like coyotes, which would drop the tortoise."

He said tortoises use their urine in order to keep themselves from being harmed, but they are using a precious resource to get to safety, water. If they cannot find another source of water quickly, they could be in trouble.

He said tortoises also can carry diseases that can harm people, like salmonella. So it is important to use care and wear protective gear when handling the animals.

If you do help a tortoise cross a road, said Benford, it is important to make sure you move it to the side of the road it was moving toward, not where it was coming from. "There is a reason they were crossing that road in the first place, so they will probably try to cross that road again," he said.

While many local families have taken in Sonoran Desert Tortoises as pets over the years, it is best to just leave them alone. But, if you are collecting or hunting the animals, it is illegal.

"If you are caught collecting a Sonoran Desert Tortoise in Arizona, there are fines associated with that," said Leavitt. "There is no hunting license or permitting process for the (AZGFD) to allow that. It is illegal," he said.

However, if you would like the opportunity to legally care for a tortoise, AZGFD has you covered. The department provides a Sonoran Desert Tortoise adoption service where captive reptiles are available if you have the appropriate backyard and equipment.

If you find a tortoise on the road outside of the Gila River Indian Community or are interested in learning more about the adoption program, contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department at (602) 942-3000 or visit azgfd.gov/turtle for additional information. If you find a tortoise on the road within the Gila River Indian Community, contact either the GRPD Rangers at (520) 562-7143 or GRIC DEQ at (520) 562-2234.

PIMA INDIAN LEGENDS – ANNA MOORE SHAW

TURTLE FEEDS HIS CHILDREN: TURTLE COULD NOT BEAR TO HEAR HIS CHILDREN CRYING FOR FOOD. "I MUST FIND FOOD FOR THE CHILDREN," SAID TURTLE. HE WENT TO THE HILLS TO HUNT FOR ANTELOPE. THE SUN PASSED QUICKLY OVERHEAD, AND STILL TURTLE HAD NOT FOUND ANY FOOD.

TIRED FROM CRAWLING OVER A LARGE AREA OF ROUGH COUNTRY, HE STOPPED UNDER A PINE TREE TO REST. SUDDENLY HE NOTICED ALL AROUND HIM THE TRACKS OF ANTELOPES. HE WAS RESTING ON THE ANTELOPE TRAIL, AND HADN'T REALIZED IT. "I'LL LIE HERE ON THEIR TRAIL AND WAIT FOR THEM," SAID THE HAPPY TURTLE.

BEFORE LONG TURTLE HEARD THE SOFT STEPS OF ANTELOPES COMING DOWN THE TRAIL. HE HAD A PLAN AND DECIDED TO USE IT-ANYTHING TO GET FOOD FOR THE CHILDREN.

TURTLE SANG LOUD AND CLEAR, "ANTELOPES WITH SHINY, SKINNY LIMBS. WITH LARGE TWITCHING MOUTHS."

"I AM NOT LETTING ANYONE AS LOW AND COMMON AS TURTLE POKE FUN AT US," SAID THE FIRST ANTELOPE. "LET'S CRUSH HIM TO DEATH!" SAID THE SECOND ANTELOPE.

THE FIRST ANTELOPE RAN UP AND STAMPED ON TURTLE. BUT TURTLE'S BACK WAS SO VERY HARD AND SLIPPERY, THAT THE ANTELOPE FELL, BREAKING HIS NECK. THE SECOND ANTELOPE, SEEING WHAT HAPPENED, ALSO RAN FORWARD AND STAMPED ON TURTLE WITH ALL HIS MIGHT. AND HE ALSO FELL AND BROKE HIS NECK.

TURTLE WAS INDEED A PROUD AND HAPPY FELLOW! HE BROKE DOWN ROCKS FROM A BIG BOULDER TO USE AS SHARP TOOLS WITH WHICH TO SKIN THE ANTELOPES. COYOTE, WHO HAS A HABIT OF ARRIVING AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME, HEARD TURTLE SINGING. "WHY ARE YOU SO VERY HAPPY, MY BROTHER TURTLE?" COYOTE ASKED. "I HAVE KILLED TWO ANTELOPE," ANSWERED TURTLE VERY PROUDLY. "MAY I HELP YOU?" ASKED SLY OLD COYOTE. THEY WENT TO WORK CUTTING THE ANTELOPE MEAT. THEN, WHEN TURTLE WAS NOT LOOKING, COYOTE TOOK HIS LARIAT, THREW THE NOOSE AROUND TURTLE'S NECK AND FASTENED THE ROPE END AROUND A BRANCH. THOUGH TURTLE WIGGLED AND PLEADED TO BE LET DOWN, COYOTE LEFT HIM DANGLING FROM A TREE. COYOTE PICKED OUT THE CHOICEST CUTS OF MEAT AND DEPARTED FOR HOME.

WHEN COYOTE REACHED HIS HOME HE SHOUTED, "CHILDREN, I'VE KILLED SOME ANTELOPE AND HERE'S THE MEAT." THE CHILDREN TOOK BIG BITES FROM THE MEAT AND BEGAN TO CRY. "WHAT'S THE MATTER NOW?" COYOTE ASKED IMPATIENTLY. "THE MEAT IS FULL OF ANTS AND SCORPIONS," CRIED THE CHILDREN.

"NONSENSE!" SAID COYOTE AND TOOK A BITE OF THE MEAT. "A-NA! A-NA! MY MOUTH IS BURNING," CRIED COYOTE, RUNNING IN CIRCLES, FOR THE PAIN WAS GREAT. "TURTLE IS PUNISHING ME. I FORGOT HE HAS MAGIC POWER," WAILED COYOTE. "BUT I'LL GET EVEN WITH TURTLE."

COYOTE RAN BACK TO THE TREE WHERE HE HAD TIED TURTLE. BUT TURTLE WAS NOT THERE. COYOTE FOLLOWED TURTLE'S TRACKS TO A LITTLE BROOK. HE SAW TURTLE ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BROOK, FOR THE WATER WAS VERY CLEAR.

"BIRDS AND ANIMALS OF THE WOODS! COME AND DRINK UP THIS WATER," ORDERED SLY OLD COYOTE. WHEN THE WATER WAS LOW ENOUGH FOR COYOTE TO SEE TURTLE'S BACK ABOVE THE WATER, HE SHOUTED TO THE BIRDS AND ANIMALS, "STOP DRINKING." COYOTE JUMPED IN THE WATER AND WAS ABOUT TO DIG HIS SHARP TEETH INTO POOR LITTLE TURTLE WHEN THE WATER ROSE AND COYOTE WAS DROWNED.

TURTLE CRAWLED OUT OF THE BROOK AND RETURNED TO THE PLACE WHERE HE HAD BUTCHERED THE ANTELOPES. HE HAPPILY TOOK THE REST OF THE MEAT HOME AND FED HIS HUNGRY CHILDREN.

Youth Council hosts two-day roundtable discussion with tribal leaders in District 7



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Gila River Indian Community youth present a proposal to tribal council.

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

The Akimel O’odham Pee Posh Youth Council hosted a roundtable discussion Dec. 27-28, 2017 at the District 7 Multipurpose Building. The two-day event culminated in the youth to come up with proposals that they pitched to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and members of Community Council.

“It was very successful in it got the young people thinking about the future,” said youth coordinator, Michael Preston. “I know they get caught up in everyday life, this was something for them to realize the future of the community is in their hands, they have to come up with the ideas and solutions and to participate in the process.”

The 42 youth in attendance narrowed down their proposals to main topics of

education, social, civics, infrastructure, health and technology. Within those topics, they came up with ways they could improve and benefit the community.

They looked at where they spend their time in a positive manner and then looked at formulating proposals. They also looked at obstacles and barriers that could lay in their way. They also reflected on what they should be accounted for and what the tribal government should be accounted for.

Gov. Lewis, Lt. Governor Robert Stone and District 7 Councilman Devin Redbird were in attendance to hear the youth proposals and offer feedback.

Within education, they discussed bringing a high school to the community as well as offering a tutoring center, curriculum reform, adding traditional classes, home economic classes and

career trade schools.

In the social topic, the biggest idea was bringing a multi-tainment building to the community, having more cultural events, boxing events, youth-oriented events, neighborhood events and having community members receive discounts to events held at Rawhide.

In the area of civics, the youth wanted to be innovative and bring online voting to the community, something that has been achieved in foreign countries. They also thought about bringing recycling to the community as well as having parent support and community involvement. There was a proposal of a community-wide email system to keep everyone informed of events and news.

They also lobbied for a laundromat and street signs to be added in the commu-



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Gov. Stephen R. Lewis responds to the youth proposals at a round table discussion.

nity as well as having a safe house for youth, rehabilitation centers and sports fields. Under the technology area, proposed ideas included laptops for graduates, community 3D printer, electronic billboards and provided the community with free high speed internet.

After proposing their ideas, the council members in attendance provided feedback to the youth. They also let the youth know that some of the ideas they presented were already under development.

“I wanted them to really start thinking about their involvement in the community and looking at the bigger picture and being a part of the process,” said Preston of the event. “As well as networking with other youth and getting to know each other from different communities and schools. I also wanted them to learn some life skills.”

A multi-tainment

building at Wild Horse Pass is in the works, much to the delight of the youth. There was also a proposed cultural center at the MAR5 site that could be developed. Council also took in the ideas of a community high school, whether public or charter, online voting, laundromats and other ideas that were presented. The youth learned that there are other economic opportunities available outside of the gaming enterprises for the

community.

“I will provide a report on this and it will go to the tribal council for them to review,” said Preston. “We found out today that they are already working on several of these things. I think it comes down to communication. How do we get young people to know what (council) is working on and maybe that’s a gap we can close as a youth council department?”



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Lt. Gov Robert Stone and District 7 Council member, Devin Redbird, speak with the GRIC youth.

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The Bureau of Land Management’s 16-week Conservation and Resource Management Field Certification Program is accepting application for the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters. The Phoenix based field school provides career development and hands-on work experience in natural resource and conservation management through a variety of field based conservation projects, trainings, and certifications.

In addition to the field work and trainings, participants in Field School earn up to 16 college credits through Phoenix College by taking classes in areas related to conservation and career development, all of which are eligible towards the Phoenix College Environmental and Natural Resource Stewardship Academic Certificate.

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 BLM Natural Resource Youth Coordinator
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Educator gives presentation on indigenous Ainu people

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

For several years the indigenous people of Japan have been very much unknown to the western world. Like many indigenous groups across the world, culture and language are vital to their survival.

A visitor from Hokkaido University in Japan visited the Gila River Indian Community's cultural educators to talk about the indigenous Ainu people of Japan at the Casa Blanca Community School on Nov. 17.

Doctoral student and Inter-Cultural Instructor Nanako Iwasa, who is attending the Graduate School of Education at Hokkaido University, spoke about the Ainu people she has worked with.

She said they have shared a similar hardship as Native Americans and have gone through a period of tribulation by being discouraged from practicing their native language and culture.

"For over 120 years they couldn't study the Ainu language and culture in public," said Iwasa, "They have a generation gap, which the young and older Ainu people have hopes of closing by revitalizing the culture."

According to the Ainu Museum they are one of the earliest inhabitants on the island of Hokkaido, which is the northernmost prefecture of Japan.

The prefecture of Hokkaido's capital, Sapporo "Sari-Poro-Pet," is an Ainu based name that translates into "Large reed bed" or "Large dried-up river."

She said her work with the Ainu people is an effort to help them develop and incorporate indigenous knowledge into their education.

"In 1997 they revitalized their language and culture, they could have their own sense of pride," said Iwasa.

Prior to 1997 the Ainu were always in a state of conflict over how to properly identify themselves as either Japanese or Ainu, but now with the support of local educational institutions and individuals like Iwasa, they are literally making a name for themselves.

Iwasa said the Ainu have many beautiful works of art that are expressed through their clothing and the objects they made that serve many uses within their culture.

"Many of their designs come from nature. There are made up of animals, trees and other natural occurrences," she said, "Some of the designs are meant to protect the people from evil things."

She said historically the Ainu have been hunter and gatherer people, that went after wild game, some of the people who lived along the coastal areas of Hokkaido became fishermen.

What is more intriguing, are the kimonos the Ainu have made from various materials like cotton and bark strings.

Iwasa showed slides of various Ainu clothing and items that are made from wood and natural fibers, some of which have been made to trade with their Japanese neighbors.

One intricate contemporary handmade item Iwasa presented to the group, was a large wood carved butterfly.

The carving, she explained is representative of the fine craft work that has been produced for decades by the Ainu people.

Iwasa said many of the items that come from the Ainu people can also



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Inter-cultural Instructor at the University of Hokkaido, Nanako Iwasa, presents a hand carved butterfly made by a member of the Ainu, an indigenous people from Japan on Nov. 17.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gila River Indian Community cultural educators ask Iwasa questions during her presentation on Ainu people, an indigenous people to the island of Hokkaido Japan on Nov. 17.

distinguishable from what tribe it came from across the island of Hokkaido.

What the future holds for the Ainu, Iwasa said is more opportunities to bring their culture to the forefront of Japanese society.

"The Ainu people have a living system of culture that is carried out each day," said Iwasa, "The Japanese have recently introduced the idea to create tourism in the area using the original local culture."

She said that young Ainu people have a better opportunity to learn their traditional language, but the difficulties in wanting to speak it fluently are limited, because the majority of Ainu's do not speak their indigenous language.

Although there are some hurdles to get through, Iwasa said the cultural programs that she has worked on will help the Ainu people gain a sense of cultural pride, after years of being forbidden from their cultural practices.

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Workshop fosters computer skills with math and science



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

An instructor from the Arizona State University Center for Gender Equality assists a pair of students during a computer coding workshop at the CompuGirls boot camp on Dec. 18.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Imagine trying to make sense of a row of numbers and letters on a computer screen that seem incomprehensible to the eye. For a group of Community students, they are learning how to create and make those computer commands perform different functions behind the digital curtain.

At the Anthony B. Shelde Building at Wild Horse Pass, several GRIC students eagerly awaited the day-long CompuGirls Boot Camp workshop on Dec. 18.

The workshop was put on for female high school students from the Community.

It was hosted in coordination with the Arizona State University Center for Gender Equality in Science and Technology and American Indian Policy Institute, Gila River Telecommunications Inc., and the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority.

The workshop teaches them skills that go beyond the physical realm and into the realm of numbers and letters that form computer commands.

The workshop offers participants basic concepts of coding, entrepreneurship and social justice.

The students worked closely with a mentor to help them through sections of the workshop that covered coding 101, business model development and app 101.

At the end of the workshop, each group of students got together to work on a project that covered team roles, ideas and concepts.

After laying down a work plan the groups had to design a solution using

the Marvel app developer, which allows users to create prototype mockups of app layouts for a variety of mobile devices.

When the students finished they were tasked with creating a sales pitch to get their app off the ground.

The morning started off with a brain warm up activity to help with pattern recognition that is complimentary to computer coding.

Assistant Research Professor Sabrina Weiss, said the workshops and ice breakers were developed to help the students connect with their innovative side and how to work as a team.

She said the activity is about showing them how many ways they can look at a sequence of patterns and to not get stumped if they hit a road block.

"The most important thing is that you tried it and you tried it again, that's the most important thing you can do. If you talk to computer programmers, they will tell you they write it again and again and then they overcome the problem."

Weiss said, "The goal of the activity is not to show how fast you can complete a pattern, but how you determine how to go about solving the problem, because in subjects like engineering and math, there are many ways to going about it," said Weiss.

About the computer coding workshop, Weiss said, "The point of it is to be an introduction of thinking like a programmer, which is what the card game emphasizes."

She said it's not a typical ice breaker, but that it does get the students thinking in a way that identifies patterns and parallel pro-

cessing (the ability to do many things at once.)

"My hope is that when students participate in these programs, they find they get to try new things out and get excited about the things they really enjoy and

are not afraid to take that leap," said Weiss, "We give them space to figure things out for themselves and help to be able to approach [these] things, and not to be afraid of asking questions is an accomplishment unto



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

ASU CGENT Assistant Professor Sabrina Weiss talks about thinking like a computer programmer during an ice breaker activity at the CompuGirls boot camp on Dec. 18.

itself."

One of the key elements about the workshop is promoting learning routines around STEM based subjects in a systematic way.

Weiss said, "It teaches you things within that field, but teaches you about the bigger picture of things as well."

AIPI Director Traci Morris said everything is built on math and science from mobile phones to rockets that send people into space.

"When I was a kid,

Space travel was just happening, we just went to the moon. I can remember those fuzzy images from the moon," said Morris.

Norris talked about the disparity of Native people in specialty fields and the younger generation can look towards a career in a STEM based field of work.

She said, "When you think about what STEM is and what it means to our tribal communities, do you know of any scientist or engineers in Indian Country?"



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • December 20, 2017

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, December 20, 2017, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:09 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Janice Stewart

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz;

D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada

Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pame-

la Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon,

Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony

Villareal, Sr., Terrance Evans; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D7- Charles Goldtooth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. Christmas Caroling by Early Education Child Care Center

MS. AURORA INTRODUCED THE CLASS ROOMS FROM THE EARLY EDUCATION CHILD CARE CENTER. EACH CLASSROOM PERFORMED A CHRISTMAS CAROL. GOVERNOR LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND THANKED THE CHILDREN FOR THE PERFORMANCES.

REPORTS

*1. Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 4th Quarter Report

Presenter: Chesley Juan Jr.

REPORT HEARD

2. FY2017 Annual Performance Report

Presenter: Kelly Gomez

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND MOVE TO NEW BUSINESS #4

3. 2017 BIA- Pima Agency, Fire Management Report

Presenter: Alan Sinclair

REPORT HEARD

4. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Department of Transportation (DOT)

Presenter: Timothy Oliver

REPORT HEARD

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:38 A.M.]

5. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Land Use Planning & Zoning (LUPZ)

Presenter: Kimberly Antone

REPORT HEARD

6. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Presenter: Dale Ohnmeiss

REPORT HEARD

[Governor Stephen R. Lewis called for a 90-minute lunch break. The meeting reconvened at 1:57 p.m.]

7. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Gila River Indian Irrigation Drain-

age District (GRIIDD)

Presenter: Ronald Allison

REPORT HEARD

8. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project (P-MIP)

Presenter: David DeJong

REPORT HEARD

9. Citizens Advisory Board 2016 Quarterly Report

Presenter: Joyce McAfee

REPORT HEARD

10. Citizens Advisory Board 2017 Quarterly Report

Presenter: Joyce McAfee

REPORT HEARD

11. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Enrollment/Census Department

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

REPORT HEARD

12. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Defense Services Office

Presenter: Claude Jackson

REPORT HEARD

13. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Fire Department

Presenter: Thomas Knapp

REPORT HEARD

14. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Department of Rehabilitation & Supervision

Presenter: Ron Lopez

REPORT HEARD

15. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Employment & Training / TERO

Presenter: Lana Chanda

REPORT HEARD

16. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Tribal Education Department

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

REPORT HEARD

17. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016 - September 2017) - Ira Hayes Library

Presenter: Joanne Miles-Long

REPORT HEARD

18. Monthly Financial Report Ending November Capital Projects Review & Update 11/30/2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Suzanne Johns, Pamela Thompson, Kelly Gomez

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2017 Agreement

Between The Gila River Indian Community And Rothstein Law Firm (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2017 Services Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Center For Applied Research,

Inc. (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Appointment Of Jay Pedro

As A Children's Court Judge For The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Office of The General Counsel

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement For The Gila River Police Department's

Participation In The Arizona Child Abduction Response

Team (AZ CART) (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with amendments and

additional information)

Presenter: Chief Kathleen Elliott

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Multi Year Funding Agreement With Indian Health Services (IHS) Fiscal Year 2018-2022 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council; H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Linus Everling, Robert Yoder

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE; PASSAGE OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL

DIRECT THE LITIGATION TEAM TO SEEK IMMEDIATE CONSULTATION ON ACA/ISDEAA

WITH IHS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE GRHC BOARD REPRESENTATIVE FOR

AK-CHIN PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE

AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Gaming Commission Declaration of Vacancies Two (2) (Advertise for 60 days, subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenters: Reviewing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE

FOR 60 DAYS, SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:49 P.M.]

2. Boarding School Visits (ESC forwards to Council for any interested member to attend utilizing dues & delegations)

Presenters: Education Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO

ATTEND

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDAS]

3. Memorandum of Release

Presenter: Lt. Governor Monica Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

4. FY2017 Annual Performance Report

Presenter: Kelly Gomez

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

MINUTES

1. November 15, 2017 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. December 6, 2017 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE AT GILA RIVER

FARMS

>CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATE

>IOPC MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2017, 1 P.M.

>SEDIMENTS AND WELL WISHES EXPRESSED

TO LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE

>UPDATE HOUSING MEETING, DECEMBER

28, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:31 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

AmeriCorps members take oath of office at special swearing-in ceremony



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Eleven new members of AmeriCorps took an oath of service on Friday, Dec. 29, 2017 in Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis' office in the Executive wing of the Governance Center. AmeriCorps recently received a 3-year grant and is working with the Veterans & Family Service Office.

JOB NOTICE

Human Resources Consultant
Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority
The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) is an enterprise of the Gila River Indian Community (Community) that provides electric service within the Gila River Indian Community Reservation. The GRICUA office is located approximately 7 miles south of downtown Phoenix. GRICUA is seeking statements of qualifications from experienced and veteran human resource consultants (HR Consultant) to work part-time, both on and off site, approximately 60 hours each month. The HR Consultant will provide services to GRICUA's Senior Management Team (SMT) including but not limited to the following:

- Strategic and expert consultative support on human resource/workforce issues that impact the business objectives of the organization.
- Identifying projects and opportunities to sustain a high performing culture.
- Serve as a subject matter expert on policies, procedures, employment law (including federal, state and tribal), and fundamental core areas of human resources.
- Coordinating activities such as recruitment and organizational development.
- Providing notice and keeping the SMT updated on changing and developing employment laws and regulations. In addition, will be expected to write policy positions for these changes.

The HR Consultant will provide input on workforce issues ranging from low to high complexity as well as to assist GRICUA SMT with assessment of staff performance needs and development of action plans. The HR Consultant will anticipate GRICUA SMT needs and become a "trusted advisor" to GRICUA SMT and a "trusted resource" to all GRICUA staff. Responses to the RFQ are due no later than January 15, 2018 at 2:00 PM. The complete RFQ can be found at www.gricua.net/employment.html. All formal inquiries must be submitted to Landrea Larney, Administrative Assistant, at llarney@gricua.net or by fax to 520-796-0672.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
STATE OF ARIZONA
Order of Protection
Case No. CV-2017-0360-OP
County: PINAL/MARICOPA State: AZ
PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF
CLAYTON FIELD CARD
Date of Birth: 09/09/1938
And/or on behalf of minor family member (s): list names and DOB:
-DOB:
vs.
RESPONDENT
DIETTA MARIE TWYFORD
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Relationship to Petitioner:
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DOB: 02/10/1966 | SEX: Female
EYES: Brown | HAIR: Black | HT: 501
WT: 125
THE COURT HEREBY FINDS:
That it has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter.
There is reasonable cause to believe that the Respondent may commit an act of domestic violence or has committed an act of domestic violence.
Additional findings of this order are as set forth below.
THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS:
That the above named Respondent be restrained from committing further acts of abuse or threats of abuse.
That the above named Respondent

be restrained from any contact (in person, by phone, in writing, by electronic mail or social media, fax or through unauthorized third parties) with the Petitioner.
Additional terms of this order are as set forth below.
The terms of this Order shall be effective until December 12, 2018
WARNINGS TO RESPONDENT:
This order shall be enforced, even without registration, by the courts of any state, the District of Columbia, any U.S. Territory, and may be enforced on Tribal Lands (18 U.S.C. Section 2265). Crossing state, territorial, or tribal boundaries to violate this order may result in federal imprisonment (18 U.S.C. Section 2262). Federal law provides penalties for possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving any firearm or ammunition (18 U.S.C. Section 922(g)(8)). Only the Court, in writing, can change this order.

Case No.: CV-2017-0360-OP
THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS:
PROTECTED LOCATIONS: Respondent shall not go to or near the Petitioner's or other Protected Person's:
~ RESIDENCE (leave blank if confidential): Abode
SCHOOL/OTHER: 388 N. Ocotillo, Sacaton

WARNING- See Gila River Indian Community Code Section 5.711(F) (13).
This is an official Court order. If you disobey this order, you will be subject to arrest and prosecution for disobeying this order and any other crime you may have committed in disobeying this order. A copy of this order will be registered with the Gila River Police Department. See Gila River Indian Community Code Section 5.711 (G)(2).
ADDITIONAL WARNING TO RESPONDENT: Violations of this order should be reported to a law enforcement agency, not the Court. Nothing the Petitioner does can change or undo this order without the Court's written approval. You must appear in Court to ask a judge to modify (change) or quash (dismiss) this order. Even if the Petitioner initiates contact, you could be arrested and prosecuted for violating this order. If you do not want the Petitioner to contact you, you have the right to request a Order of Protection against the Petitioner. However, orders are not automatically granted upon request. Legal requirements must be met.
December 13, 2017
Date
Dallas Delowe

IN LOVING MEMORY

IN MEMORY OF CARTER L. JONES
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stay here on earth we can only continue to be obedient to God's word and know that he will never leave us nor forsake us. You will always be our hearts no matter how hard it is to go on with life without you. We love you and miss you.
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**March 30,
2018**

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