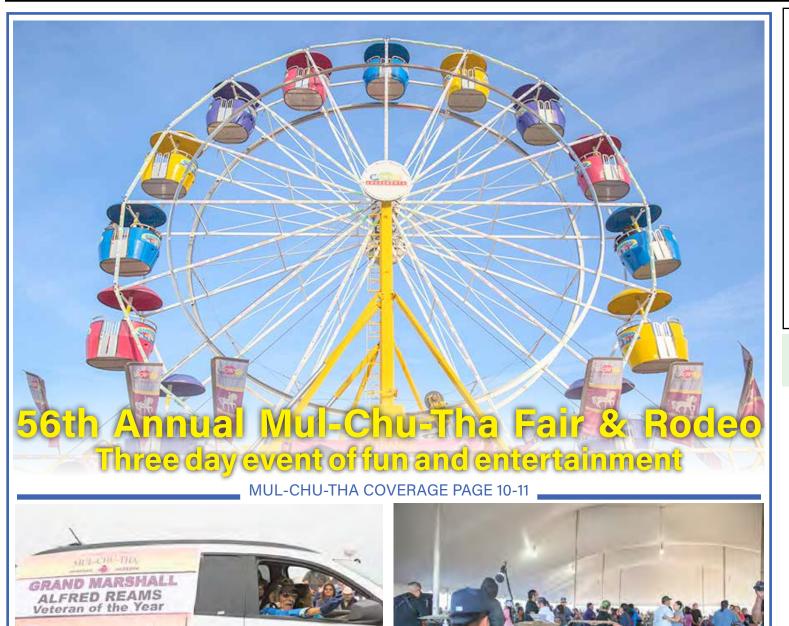
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## Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss crowned at page ant in Sacaton

**Aaron J. Tohtsoni**Gila River Indian News

Five young ladies from throughout the Community vied for the title of Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss Gila River on Saturday, March 3, at the Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley—Sacaton Branch at the 55th Annual Gila River Royalty Pageant. The theme for this year was 55 Years of Cultivating Community and Culture.

Autumn Cooper, Ashley Pasqual and Shantell Terrazas competed for the crown of Miss Gila River. Samaira Juan and Gabrielle Garcia competed for Jr. Miss Gila River.

At the end of the night, Cooper was crowned as the 2018 Miss Gila River.

"I just want to thank my family and especially my parents," Cooper said to the crowd. "This is a huge honor; I just want to thank the rest of my supporters and friends for continuing to support me every day. I also want to thank these two ladies behind me, within the past week we've become really good friends along with the contestants for Jr. Miss. I can't



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

The newly crowned royalty pose following the 55th Annual Gila River Royalty Pageant on March 3. Foreground from left, Jr. Miss Gila River Samaira Juan and Miss Gila River Autumn Cooper.

wait for the rest of the year and my reign. I can't wait for what is in store."

Juan was crowned as the 2018 Jr. Miss Gila River.

"I just want to thank you all

and especially my family who supported me all the way," said an emotional Juan, after being crowned. "I know we had some hard times but we got through together. I want to thank my friends for supporting me too, I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you, Sister Martha and Sister

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## Tribal Education collaborates with artist to promote reading

Miniature library gets artistic makeover in Maricopa Colony, D7

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

A local artist has recently used his brush and colorful imagination towards a Community reading project.

Out in the Westend of the Gila River Indian Community a new addition was recently installed at the District 7 Multipurpose Building on March 8.

Paul Molina, Pee Posh, was on-hand to talk about his collaboration with the Tribal Education Department on a small library.

TED Literacy Coordinator DeAnna Ringlero said the small libraries, which look similar to a miniature house are meant to promote reading throughout the Community.

The mini library project is part of the Growing Readers, Developing Leaders initiative to get

The libraries will be stocked with books and will operate using the honor system, in that readers can barrow and return a book.

"The premise of the little library is to take a book, leave a book, so when families come and get a book, and bring it back, they can exchange it for another family friendly book without the checkout system," said Ringlero.

She said that if a book isn't returned, it is fine, because there will be more books to stock up the libraries, because the idea is that families are reading them.

Paul Molina said when he was approached about the idea of creating the design of the library he wanted to incorporate imagery that are familiar with the Pee Posh community.

"I wanted to incorporate a lot if imagery from the Pee Posh/ Maricopa tribe depicting butterflies," he said.

In his signature style of organic shapes and lines to create subject matter, Molina illustrated the agricultural land that surrounds the District 7 Multipurpose building.

He also included the Estrella mountains, which are a notable landmark of the area and the native vegetation and wildlife like the saguaro cactus and tortoise.

"When the Spanish came to this area they seen the Maricopa woman and they had their faces painted like butterflies and that's where the name Maricopa (Mariposa) comes from, that's where I'm depicting the butterflies on top of the little library," said Molina.

Now that the mini library project has started, Ringlero said they are looking for more artist to paint the other mini libraries that will go out to the districts.

She said if anyone is interested in reaching out to TED to paint a mini library in their district, they can contact TED.

For those, who want to paint a mini library, Ringlero said they encourage the artist to design it reflecting their district and to incorporate imagery around literacy interest.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

families reading together of all Maricopa Colony artist Paul Molina and Literacy Coordinator DeAnna Ringlero stand with District. 7 elders and employees around the newly installed mini library on Mar. 8.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

and to contact them about their Artwork representative of surrounding desert landscape is displayed across the back of the mini library.

## Initial work to start in center stretch ofSouthMountainFreewaycorridor

Part of 3-mile segment will pass through edge of South Mountain Park

#### **ADOT Public Information** Office

Arizona Department of Transportation

PHOENIX - Crews are set to begin initial work on the 3-mile stretch at the center of the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway that will provide a direct link between the West Valley and East Valley.

Construction in the Center segment, which is located between 51st Avenue and 32nd Lane and includes a section passing through the southwestern edge of the South Mountain Park, also will create five multi-use crossings and multiple drainage structures.

Crews have already started creating right-ofway fencing and surveying to identify and tag trees and cactuses in the path of construction that are good candidates for salvage. Over the next few months, hundreds of plants that eventually will be replanted along the freeway will be removed and placed in a temporary nursery.

Beginning this week,

crews with heavy equipment will start assessing the condition of soil and rock as well as the depth of groundwater along the freeway alignment. These geotechnical investigations, which occur on every freeway expansion project, allow engineers to plan for pavement, bridges, walls and drainage structures.

This work, which will require building temporary access roads, is scheduled to continue for several months.

Starting as early as May, controlled rock blasting will begin along two ridges on the southwestern edge of the South Mountain Park to break large rock into smaller, more manageable pieces as crews create a path for the freeway.

Periodic traffic restrictions are anticipated on 51st Avenue, Dusty Lane and Ivanhoe Street during Center segment construction.

The largest single highway project in Arizona history, the South Mountain Freeway has been divided into four construction seg-

• I-10 Papago: between

the I-10 Papago Freeway interchange at 59th Avenue and Lower Buckeye Road

- Salt River: from Lower Buckeye Road to 51st Avenue near Estrella Drive
- Center: from 51st Avenue to 32nd Lane
- Pecos: between 32nd Lane to the I-10/Loop 202 Santan Freeway interchange along Pecos Road

The South Mountain Freeway will provide a long-planned direct link between the East Valley and West Valley and a much-needed alternative to I-10 through downtown Phoenix. Approved by Maricopa County voters in 1985 and again in 2004 as part of a comprehensive regional transportation plan, the South Mountain Freeway will complete the Loop 202 and Loop 101 freeway system in the Valley.

You can learn more about the South Mountain Freeway project and sign up for updates and weekly traffic alerts by visiting SouthMountainFreeway.



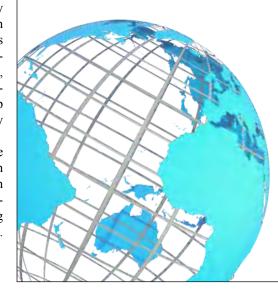


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## U.S. EPA Awards Funding to the Community to Reduce Diesel Emissions

#### **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

In June 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Pacific Southwest Region awarded \$154,000 in Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) funds to the Gila River Indian Community to replace two pre-2007 school buses with similar models with 2015 or newer engines. The school buses are owned by the Sacaton Elementary School District. The U.S. EPA's DERA program reduces harmful emissions by funding engine replacements, idle reduction and retrofit technologies to clean up a variety of older diesel engines.

"Clean diesel technologies not only improve air quality, but advance innovation and support jobs," said U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. "These

projects will significantly reduce harmful emissions and directly benefit the health of residents."

DERA grants are administered by EPA's West Coast Collaborative, a clean air public-private partnership comprised of EPA's Pacific Southwest and Pacific Northwest Regions. Since 2008, the EPA DERA program has awarded nearly 690 grants across the U.S. in 600 communities. Many of these projects fund cleaner diesel engines that operate in economically disadvantaged communities where residents suffer from higher-than-average instances of asthma, heart and lung disease. Projects funded to date have reduced emissions from more than 60,000 engines.

To learn more about all of this year's West Coast Collaborative DERA projects, visit: http://www. westcoastcollaborative.org.



For more information about EPA's National Clean Diesel campaign and the awarded Tribal DERA projects nationally, visit www. epa.gov/cleandiesel.

#### SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sacaton Elementary School District Governing Board has a vacancy. The vacancy will be filled by appointment made by Pinal County School Superintendent Jill Broussard.

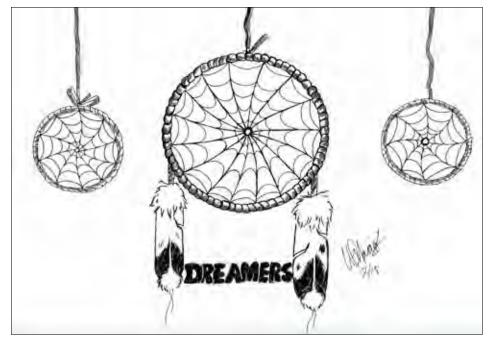
The successful candidate will be seated until December 31, 2018.

Any eligible resident within the Sacaton Elementary School District who is interested in being appointed can apply online at http://www. ecrsc.org/pinalesa/elections/ board-member-vacancies. The application can be completed online, but it must be printed out, signed, notarized and the original mailed or hand delivered by the deadline. The deadline for applying is no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018.

You may also submit a request for an application by calling or writing to: Brenda Katterman Pinal County School Superintendent's Office P. O. Box 769 Florence, AZ 85132 Email: bkatterman@pinalcso.

org

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## Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

not be available or are currently under investigation which GRPD holds the right to restrict public release.

Certain reports may

Incident Log February 11 – 17, 2018 Calls for services this week: 655 Arrest made: 56

District One (Blackwater):

Burglary - The victim reported an unknown subject(s) entered the residence and stole a television while she was away receiving medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault -Officers responded to an agency assist with EMS in reference to an eight year old female that was bleeding. Investigation revealed a suspect shot a firearm striking the juvenile female in the arm (non life threatening). The female subject was transported to the hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – The victim called dispatch requesting officers to the residence in reference to a burglary which had occurred. Contact was made with the victim who stated her window was broken and electronics were removed from the residence. During the course of the investigation leads were developed and being followed up on.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft - Officers met with the victims in the lobby of the police department in reference to a theft. Victims reported that a shovel and scraper was taken from the back yard of their gated residence.

Status: Under Investi-

District Four (Stotonic Area):

No incidents involving part 1 crimes

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft (Shoplifting) -Store manager reported that a male suspect walked into the store and took a forty ounce bottle of alcohol and left the store without paying for the merchandise. The suspect was last seen running north from the store. Officers are reviewing footage in attempts to identify the subject.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The victim called officers to report a theft of her cell phone. Officers made contact with the victim who stated her iPhone 8 cell phone was taken from the machine when she walked away. The suspect was observed on video surveillance placing the phone in his pocket and did not attempt to give to a security guard or other employees.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapon – Officers responded to the casino in reference to a male in the parking lot who threatened the victim with a gun. Through further investigation it was discovered a male subject was standing in the parking lot directly in front of the hotel with a handgun in his right hand. At the same time the victim was walking nearby towards the hotel when the male subject ran to the victim and pointed the gun at

Status: Under investigation

District Five (Casa

No incidents involving part 1 crimes

District Six (Komat-

Burglary - Officers were dispatched in reference to a person who had broken into a shed at the Kalka Park. Upon the officer's arrival, it was reported while security was conducting a patrol of the park he noticed two shadows near the shed. As security started walking towards the shed the two subjects jumped the fence and took off running. Evidence was discovered at the scene which is being followed up on for possible identifica-

Status: Under Investigation

Theft– Three suspects were observed on video surveillance taking a trash can from the third level of the parking garage. Still images were provided in efforts of identifying all three suspects.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The victim reported a cell phone being taken after walking away from the slot machine he utilized while at the casino. After walking away and realizing that the cell phone was left, the victim returned back to the machine and the phone was gone. Video surveillance was reviewed in reference to locating the suspect who took the phone.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapon – Officers were alerted that the suspect had brought a BB gun to school. Investigation revealed that the student brought a bb gun onto the bus and a student informed the bus monitor. No one was threatened with the weapon.

Status: Under Investi-

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incident involving part 1 crime

Incident Log February 18 – 24, 2018 Calls for services this week: 571

Arrest made: 45

District One (Blackwater):

Auto Theft - A 2007 Black Ford was taken from a residence in District One. The victim stated it was in the carport area of the residence where the vehicle was left running while the victim was inside the residence. Upon exiting the residence they noticed someone had taken the vehicle. The victim drove around the community in efforts to locate their missing vehicle. When the vehicle was not located the police department was notified and it was entered into the database as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft - A maroon in color charger occupied by three males and one female committed theft at the Uhs Kehk Store. Two thirty backs of beer were taken while another individual filled the car with gas.

Status: Under Investi-

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

Aggravated Assault -Officers responded to a report of an assault. Contact was made with the victim who stated he called 911 due to his arm being in pain from a previous fight. The victim was observed to be cradling his left arm which appeared swollen around and below the elbow. The victim advised he was in a lot of pain and believed his arm to be broken. The victim stated as he walked near the old District Two Service Center he was approached by individuals who jumped out of nowhere and began beating him up. During the assault the victim sustained the injury to his elbow. The victim was transported to Chandler Regional for further medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

District Three- (Sacaton):

Weapon – A juvenile male suspect pulled out a knife during a verbal argument with two female at the south housing park. Multiple witnesses observed the suspect as he gestured towards the victims in a threatening manner and "came at them" while holding the knife. The suspect stated he was going to "shank" one of the victims by throwing the knife at them. The suspect was located and arrested after being medically cleared.

Status: 12 year old male juvenile suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Four (Stotonic

No Incident Involving part 1 crime

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft - Officers responded to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to a theft of a wallet. Contact was made with the victim who stated the wallet was taken as she played cards at the tables. The victim stated an app can be used to find her phone location and it was showing in Phoenix, AZ. Video surveillance was reviewed and a suspect was observed taking the wallet that fell on the floor and leaving the casino. Glendale Police Department called to inform officers they were at a residence where the phone was plotting from. Contact was made with the suspect who did have the items and returned them to the officer.

Status: Charges forwarded

Theft -The victim called dispatch in reference to a prior theft that occurred while at the Wild Horse Pass Casino. The victim reported he allowed the suspect to use their cell phone. The suspect did not return the cell phone to the victim depriving the victim of his property. Contact was attempted several times with the suspect but yielded in negative results. A follow up will be conducted at a later date

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to items stolen from multiple stores. Contact was made with the suspect who knowingly and intentionally took property from stores and placed it in shopping bag. The suspect then walked out of the store and set off the alarms without paying for any of the items. While conducting the investigation it was discovered the suspect was in possession of items from three other stores.

Status: Suspect was cited and released

Theft - Officers responded to the Wild Horse Pass Casino in reference to a theft of a purse. Through further investigation it was discovered the suspect took a black patent leather purse containing a wallet, cell phone and other personal items. Attempts were made to locate the suspect but were met with negative results.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft - Officers were dispatched to Lone Butte Casino in reference to a theft of a wallet. Further investigation revealed that the suspect took the wallet belonging to the victim and left the casino premises. While conducting the investigation and review of the surveillance footage one of the victim's cards was used prior to being turned off.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapon - Officers responded to the Wild Horse Pass Casino in reference to suspicious activity in the long term parking lot. Through further investigation it was discovered a female suspect assaulted the female victim by striking her with a closed fist and slamming her head against the side of a parked motor home. It was also discovered another subject produced a handgun during this altercation, pointed directly at the male victim and discharged two rounds. Both suspects left the incident location prior to officer arrival.

Status: Charges Forwarded

Aggravated Assault -Officers were dispatched to a weapons call at the Phoenix Premium Outlet. Contact was made with the victim who stated she was riding her bicycle when a car pulled in front of her. An exchange of words took place and the driver pulled out a black in color handgun and pointed it at the victim. The suspect then drove off; no license plate was observed. The victim did not sustain any injury and no shots were fired.

Status: Pending identification of the suspect

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Weapon - Police responded to a residence after receiving a report of unknown subject(s) shooting a rifle in the back yard. Both suspects were located and identified. A black .22 caliber rifle was seized and all evidence located was photographed and submitted into evidence.

Charges are Status: pending

District Six (Komat-

Aggravated Assault -Officers were dispatched in reference to a juvenile being assaulted. Contact was made with the reporting party who stated the victim was a juvenile female that had been punched in the face by a male juvenile suspect. Contact was made with the female and she stated that the suspect was playing tetherball when the suspect punched her in the face one time and pulled out a knife and started thrusting it at her.

Status: Charges pend-

Theft- Officers responded to District Six Service Center for the report of a theft. Further investigation revealed a male subject took possession of the victim's back pack after it was left on a hockey table in the aquatic center. Surveillance footage was reviewed but the poor resolution did not assist in identifying the suspect. District Six Security Guard stated he could identify the suspect due to the way he walked. A name was given as an investigative lead and a follow up will be conducted regarding this investigation.

Status:

Theft - Officers responded to Vee Quiva Casino in reference to the suspect committing theft of a debit card. Investigation revealed a debit card belonging to the victim was accidently left at the bar. Video surveillance showed the suspect came to the bar to make a purchase, observed the unattended card, covered it with her wallet before sliding it off the counter and into her possession. The suspect, at the conclusion of her purchase, left the bar and walked around the casino before finally leaving with an unknown male subject.

Status: Follow Up and **Charges Pending** 

District Seven (Maricopa):

No Incident Involving part 1 crime

Incident Log February 25 - March 03, 2018

District One (Blackwater):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Two (Sacaton

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Saca-

Aggravated Assault -The suspect was arrested for misconduct involving

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## Four promoted at Gila River Fire Department ceremony at Shelde Building

Aaron J. Tohtsoni Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community's Fire Department held their 2018 Promotional Ceremony at the Anthony B. Shelde Building on Feb. 28. The ceremony was held in honor of Landon Scates, Adrian Hernandez, Phillip Lewis and Gabriel Rubalcaba.

Acting as master of ceremony was Deputy Chief Glenn Brown. The Gila River Fire Department's Honor Guard posted the colors for the evening.

Fire Chief Thomas C. Knapp gave the welcoming address and the introductions of the many dignitaries in attendance, before welcoming the Keynote Speaker, GRIC's Intergovernmental liaison Manuel J. Johnson.

"Tonight's promo-

tional ceremony is a rite of passage for those who stepped up to enter the arena of leadership," said Johnson. "I want to extend a special recognition to the families that are here today. To those being promoted we say 'congratulations and thank you' for answering the call. We know that you have made many sacrifices... time away from your family and extra time studying and preparing for your leadership positions. You are a team who rely on one another to answer the call, day or night."

Following Johnson was remarks made from Executive Office with both Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone addressing the individuals.

"Whenever I come to a promotion or a swearing in for our first responders, I like to thank their fami-



Four firemen are sworn in by Chief Judge Donna Kisto-Jones at the Anthony B. Shelde Building on Feb. 28. Sworn in were Landon Scates, Adrian Hernandez, Phillip Lewis and Gabriel Rubalcaba.

lies," said Gov. Lewis. "I like to thank the spouses, the children for giving us your loved one, who brings it all and is dedicated to the safety that they do in their job, protecting our Community." Gov. Lewis also acknowledged the dedication and other sacrifices that the firefighters have made on their journeys to get where they are. Lt. Gov. Stone followed with words of encouragement.

After the addresses, a brief history of the GRFD was given as well as an explanation and meaning of the fire service symbols.

Followed by the presentation of the badges.

Scates and Hernandez were promoted to Fire Captains while Lewis and Rubalcaba were promoted to Fire Engineers. Chief Judge Donna Kisto-Jones swore in the individuals to their new ranks, while their wives pinned their new badges on.

Tim Terry gave a traditional blessing to the firefighters and sang a traditional song as well.

Deputy Chief Brown concluded the ceremony with a few closing remarks.

## June date eyed for annual Native American Day in the state of Arizona

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

State legislation takes one more step towards making a day in June set aside to recognize the contributions of Native American's across Arizona.

Senator Jamescita Peshlakai introduced Senate Bill 1235, at a legislative session on Jan. 18 in an effort to have a day set aside as "Native American The bill gained enough traction in the senate to receive its first amendment, changing the original date of July 15 to June 2.

If passed, the bill sets a precedence, because as with most cities and states nationwide, they have adopted Columbus Day in October to serve that purpose.

According to the bill's description it said, "In light of the injustices and genocide, Native American in-

habitants have persevered and continue to make great contributions to this state and the United States."

If adopted, the state will join the City of Phoenix, in recognizing its Native American population. In 2016, the Phoenix City Council voted to observe Indigenous Peoples' Day in place of Columbus Day, which is held every October.





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## Kwi I'ivakithak Mashath

The name for this month references the kwi (Mesquite tree) "leafing out" and is nature's way of letting us know that spring has begun. Many wildflowers are making an appearance throughout our community. Wildflower seeds can lay dormant for many years waiting for just the right amount of rainfall to germinate and grow. Our Hekiu O'otham named everything in our present natural environment including wildflowers. In the Akimel O'otham plant classification system wild annuals have their own category and are descriptive of their appearance, or a characteristic of their behavior. A few common wildflowers on the landscape are: thohavs - White Brittlebush, the O'otham root word thoha means 'to become white'. This plant is mentioned in the O'otham Creation Epic

as being a bed for the in-

fant Ban (Coyote). This is one of the first desert-plants to bloom in early spring, most notable along the I-10 corridor. Chu:v tha:thad, chu:v thadpo – Owl-clover, the O'otham name for this plant translates to 'jackrabbit's foot and jackrabbit's foot-hair. It can be found growing along roadsides or in shallows where rainwater collects. Chi:no hi:thpa – Desert Larkspur, the name for this plant translates to 'Chinese queue' due to the shape of this plant's blue flowers resembling the oriental hairstyle. This wildflower is usually found along the tho'othonk (foothills) Ho:hi e'es – Mexican Gold Poppy, the name for this wild annual is appropriate as 'Mourning Dove's plants or flowers' since the ho:hi and many animals eat the seeds after the seed pods mature and burst open. Thash ma:hag - Desert Lupine, the name for this

plant thash ma:hag literally translates to 'sun hands' or 'hands toward the sun' and references the heliotropic [to follow the sun] qualities of this plant. The O'otham observed how the leaves of this plant resemble an open hand and how they follow the sun throughout the solar day. S-oam e'es - Desert Marigold, this plant's name translates to "yellow plants/ flowers," and are evident along most major roadways. Hevel hiosig - Parry's Penstemons, the name of this plant translates to "Wind's Flower," and can be found along the foothills and sandy washes. Their stalks and showy flowers can be often observed blowing in the wind. The wildflower seeds can be collected after the flowers mature and dry out. Some plants develop seed pods which can be collected before they burst and for other wildflowers the whole seed

Kwi I'ivakithak Mashath Match the O'otham wildflower name with its picture!

s-oam e'es

thash ma:hag

ho:hi e'es

chi:no hi:thpa

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head can be collected. This month's word match focuses on wildflowers, we encourage you to learn these

words and use them in your everyday lives. This is also a good time to observe wildflowers in our natural

Gila River Veteran & Family Services Office

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VETERANS GATHERING

environment before they go dormant.

## 11th Annual Gathering of **American Indian Veterans**

Mark your calendars for a day of activities and services.

#### April 15, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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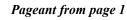


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Pam, for helping me, supporting me and believing in me."

The evening was a display of their unique talents, modeling of traditional and business attire, and answering of impromptu questions. It was also a night to recognize and honor the outgoing royalty, Anissa Garcia and Haili Gonzales.

For talents, Juan demonstrated and discussed basket weaving, an art that she has been practicing since the age of four. Garcia sang a song about the ocean in O'otham.

In the Miss Gila Rivcompetition, Pasqual showed her photography

skills and discussed her appreciation for scenic areas on the Community. Terrazas' talent was demonstrating her American Sign Language proficiency while signing to a Disney song from the movie Moana. Cooper demonstrated a traditional swing dance.

Following the impromptu questions, the outgoing royalty, Garcia and Gonzales spoke to the crowd and reflected on their experiences over the year representing the Community and learning more about themselves.

They also gave a farewell walk around the venue in front of hundreds of guests. Once on stage, GRIC executive officials,

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, each spoke about the outgoing royalty and presented them with Pendleton blankets among other gifts.

Awards were given to the participants, the Most Talented award was given to Juan in Jr. Miss. The Most Talented award in the Miss Gila River category went to Cooper. The Christy Brown Award was given to Pasqual.

Terrazas was named first attendant and Pasqual named second attendant to Miss Gila River. Garcia was named first attendant for Jr. Miss Gila River.

At the conclusion of the program, Lt. Gov. Stone provided a tradition-



al blessing and shared a tradition O'otham song. The spectators lined up eagerly for a receiving line to offer congratulations to the con-

testants, ending the night.

Various visiting Tribal Royalty from the sister tribes were in attendance, as well as Miss Indian Ar-

izona, Mariah Sharpe. As well as many former Miss Gila Rivers from throughout the past.

## Results: Mul-Chu-Tha sporting events

Thoka Tournament

Songivu'l Tournament



Elder Chair Volley Tournament



First Place Buendia, Tohono O'odham Nation.



First Place Ju: Sibanik, Hickiwan Village.





Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN Second Place, Skomamgi Thathad. **Basketball Tournament** 



Second Place, S-keg Komchud, Sells.



Courtesy of Pete Sanchez

Tee-ball Tournament

Second Place, Thadai. Tee-ball Tournament

First Place, Tribal Roots.



Courtesy of Cruz Yucupisio



Courtesy of Erika Hernandez First Place, Komatke Kingz.



First Place, Little Rangers.



Second Place, Diablos.



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# GRIC FIT NEWS

#### **Prior EVENTS**

Iwo Jima - 8K Winners were privileged to take a picture with Ira Hayes's medal and hear a story given by Wayne Allison a relative of Ira Hayes.









MCT ½ Marathon-Water stations competition WINNERS-

Runner's Choice Award - WIC Department, Most Energetic - Office of the Prosecutor. A shout out to all departments and groups that participated in this year's water stations the Runners were truly grateful and appreciated your motivation. These were all the water stations including the winners above. Thank you All, Early Education Child Care, DRS, Dialysis, Fire Department, Team Almost- Marietta Family, OGC







½ Marathon runners and times will be posted the next issue. Picture below of the **MCT** 2mile walkers.

Sports Highlights:

16-17-year-old basketball league Registration Begins March 12, 2018

- Registration Ends Thursday, March 29, 2018
- League Begins Friday, April 13, 2018
- All Coaches must adhere to the new background procedures before participating

GRIC Administration Co-Ed chair volleyball **Tournament** 

- March 24, 2018 at the Wellness Center
- Registration closes March 16, 2016
- 18 team limit.

Sac City Jam High School Basketball Tournament

- Held at the Wellness center and the Boys & Girls Club
- Registration Deadline March 26, 2018
- **BOYS: 14 TEAM LIMIT GIRLS: 10 TEAM LIMIT**





Kelly Whitman is one of the Recreation Coordinator's working with the Tribal Recreation & Wellness program. Ms. Whitman has been with the program including this year 13 years. Her experience and planning skills are a great asset to the program. Ms. Whitman loves working with her community. Many of you know her and can say she always has a smile on her face. This year you will see many changes in the sports leagues and programming for the Youth, Adults and Elders of the Community.

## Country, hip hop, and 70s music high

**GRIN Staff** 

Gila River Indian News

Country music artist Rick Trevino headlined the Mul-Chu-Tha concert on Saturday night, along with Flaco Jiminez on the concert stage at the fairgrounds.

Jiminez is a seven-time Grammy award winning Tejano music artist, Trevino has also won a Grammy from a collaboration with Jiminez and others. Both are Texas

Trevino has had 14 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Song charts and has recorded seven albums in his career. His single, "Running out of reasons to run," was his first single to reach the top of the charts.

"I thought it was great," said Trevino after the concert. "We left Austin (Texas) this afternoon, flew straight to Phoenix, from Phoenix drove straight here, from here got dressed and straight on stage, so it's been kind of a whirlwind. The fans made it worth it."

Trevino said he is not a stranger to performing in Arizona and no stranger to performing in Native American communities, despite being in such small and rural set-



Rick Trevino, right, and Flaco Jiminez, left, headline Saturday's entertainment.

tings.

"It doesn't matter how big the city is for us, we enjoy getting energy from the fans whether it's a small town or big city," Trevino said. "Being from Texas, we know that you can go into a town of 200 but there are 800 people at the show. The size of the city doesn't matter but that is one of the fun things about being in the music business and getting to tour. You

get to see all of these interesting towns and cities and get to play for

Trevino and Jiminez met in 1995 in El Paso. Trevino said that Jiminez has a paternal influence over the him referencing how professional Jiminez has been and still performing at the age of 79. Trevino said that Jiminez is a good example to any music artists.

Jiminez has enjoyed a ca-

reer that has spanned over six decades. He has been influential in having conjunto and Tejano music crossover into mainstream pop and country songs. He has collaborated with many artists throughout his career, including the Rolling Stones and Carlos Santana.

"The impression I got was that these fans love country music, texmex music, they love good music," said Trevino of the

Community. "There are fantastic people here who just love music."

Sunday

Hip Hop band Arrested Development headlined this year's Mul-



Arrested Development lead singer Todd "Speech" Th ing at the main event stage on the last day of the Mu

Chu-Tha entertainment, closing out three days of excitement in the Gila River Indian Community.

The grand finale of the 56th Mul-Chu-Tha brought the hip hop combo, Arrested Development to

## Elders, veterans, and youth honored at Community Day

Aaron J. Tohtsoni Gila River Indian News

Mul-Chu-Tha festivities started on Friday evening, March 9, with Community Day. A free barbecue was held for Community members along with presentations of awards.

A wood chopping contest, a frybread contest, the horseshoe tournament and the rodeo started off the Mul-Chu-Tha events before awards were handed out.

The Tribal Education Department presented awards to students who submitted art and wrote essays for this year's theme, "Honoring our history everyday heroes."

The Art/Essay competitions were broken into three different divisions based on grades. The divisions were 4th-5th grades, 6th-8th grades and 9th-12th grades.

Top finishers in art were Shoshanna VanHardenberg, 5th grade. Triana Peters, 4th grade, and Amaia Copperfield, 4th grade, finished second and third, respectively.

In the 6th-8th grade division, Angel Valenzuela, Pandonlyn Thomas and Brysen Brown finished as the top three. High school division's top three finishers were Toryana Delowe, Suzette Tsosie and Adrian Thomas.

In the essay competition, Lilliana Lopez (4th grade), Mattias Benally



Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Stone along with royalty, pose with Alfred Reams.



Lilliana Lopez, fourth grade, reads her award-winning

(8th grade) and Thomas (12th grade) finished in first place in their respective grade divisions.

Nyda Barajas (4th), Nathan Thompson (4th), Delicia Castro (7th), Alaina Santos (9th) and Gabriella Ordonez (10th) all finished in the top three for their grade divisions. Each of the top three were awarded various giftcards for their accomplishments.

Following the art and essay winners, the winner of Elder of the Year and Veteran of the Year were announced.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Miss Gila River Autumn Cooper and Jr. Miss Gila River Samaira Juan were on hand to present a Pendleton blanket to the Veteran of the Year and Elder of the Year.

Alfred Reams was Veteran of the Year. He enlisted in the Army paratroopers in 1950 after the Korean Conflict. He was assigned to the 187th airborne infantry regimental combat team. He worked



Yvonne Stovall addresses the crowd at Community Day.

Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

as a police officer and has worked within the Community in various positions.

"We have a living hero here," said Gov. Lewis presenting Reams with a Pendleton blanket called Grateful Nation. "He's dedicated his life to his family, his country and to his Community, all of his life. We are a grateful Community to have him here and be able to recognize a Korean War veteran that served award. with distinction."

Yvonne Stovall was Elder of the Year.

Stovall, 90, served 20-years as an x-ray technician in Ohio as well as being a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. She currently serves the Gila River Indian Community Council of Elders. She is a leader and advocate for elder issues within the Community.



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN Adrian Thomas, essay contest winner, accepts his

Gov. Lewis said that Stovall, "epitomizes evelders."

"I'm glad to be here today and glad the good Lord has given me all of this time to be with my family and other people," said Stovall. "I have a sign on my refrigerator that says 'get up and move.' If you need something, let me

know and if I can't get it for you, I will get somebody to erything great about our do it for you. Thank you for being here and I love all of you."

To end the evening, a coronation dance was held in honor of the newly crowned GRIC royalty court with O'odham Tradition Waila Band perform-

## ghlights weekend of entertainment



nomas and vocalist "One Love" get the crowd pump-

the main event stage, who was proceeded by Shining Star: A tribute to Earth, Wind and Fire and local

l-Chu-Tha on Mar. 11.

blues outfit Smokestack Lightning. As the sun dipped below the horizon, the bright lights of the fair

rides pierced the night air and music from both ends of the fairgrounds brought joy to families looking to get in that last bit of entertainment.

Across the fairgrounds, a battle was going on, but it wasn't fist to cuff, but a battle of the bands competition and dance contest.

Bands like Pickup Kings, O'otham Tradition and Native Creed played on as audience members got their feet moving and their hips swinging.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone greeted the audience, hoping they had a fun time at the fair and sending blessings of safety as they return home.

Where there's smoke, there's



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Shining Star gets the crowd warmed up during the Sunday night entertainment lineup on Mar. 11.

fire and that is what Smokestack Lightning was doing when they hit the main stage with their string of

Shining Star took everyone back in time with the funky EWF

hit, such as "Sing a Song," "Got to Get You into My Life," and "After the Love Has Gone," which at the time of their release made the top

Arrested Development played

some chart toppers, like "Tennessee," "Everyday" and "Mr. Wendel" to get crowd signing along and their hands reaching for the sky.

## Annual parade brings fanfare to Community



Casa Blanca Community School jams out at parade.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN Arizona Cardinals offensive lineman Will Holden.



Gov. Lewis greets parade goers and fair attendees.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Lt. Gov. Stone waves to parade attendees.

#### **Christopher Lomahquahu** Gila River Indian News

The 56th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha parade brought Community members and tribal members from sister O'otham tribes to Sacaton.

Perched on lawn chairs and truck beds, parade goers lined up the parade route, that stretched along Bluebird Road on March 10.

Many of the floats were decorated Akimel O'otham themed designs from baskets to Vaptho that displayed the history of the people. Among the parade float designs, was the theme "Honoring Our History and Everyday Heroes."

The theme paid tribute to the Community's history, servicemen and women



Christopher Lomahguahu/GRIN

Tohono O'odham. Rodeo Queen Kiara Begay inter- Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkdam perform along route. acts with kids.

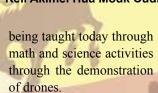
and public safety personnel, who protect and serve the people of GRIC.

Leading the parade was Grand Marshal and Veteran of the Year Alfred "Freddy" Reams and Elder of the Year Yvonne Stovall.

Trailing the grand marshals was Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, who greeted the parade attendees.

Gov. Lewis thanked all of the parade attendees and participants and said there is plenty of entertainment for families and visiting tribes at the MCT.

Tribal departments and schools, also represented how important the Community is committed to educating the future generations of members and how some of that is



The Arizona Diamondbacks, Arizona Cardinals and Arizona Coyotes also entered the parade.

Their floats would not be complete without a little help from each of the team's mascots like Baxter the Bobcat, Big Red and Howler the Covote.

After the parade finished, parade goers made their way to the fairgrounds to watch the rodeo and listen to chicken scratch bands jam out under the big tent.

Elsewhere the smell of corn dogs and kettle corn filled the air ringing in another exciting MCT week-



Christopher Lomahguahu/GRIN

## Children learn about physical activity at Cardinals Kid Camp in D6



Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN
Children receive items from Arizona Cardinals visitors at
the Cardinals Kid Camp in District 6.

#### **Aaron J. Tohtsoni**Gila River Indian News

The Arizona Cardinals and Gila River Casinos partnered to provide a Cardinals Kid Camp in District 6 at the Boys and Girls Club on March 13. The initiative of the camp was "Play 60," geared at having children play and exercise for at least 60 minutes a day.

On hand for the camp was former Arizona Cardinals player, Michael Bankston, along with mascot, Big Red, and a few cheerleaders.

The 80 children of all ages that attended participated in physical activities at five different stations during the morning. The stations were similar to regular football functions, with a lot of running and offensive/defensive skills, the stations are non-contact and feature skills like catching and throwing.

Emiliano Morondos, branch manager, said the event was well-organized and successful. The event was able to get the kids active for 60 minutes while having fun.

Following the physical activity, the children sat and listened to Bankston give a motivational speech about the importance of staying

active each day, not bullying and education. A graduate of Sam Houston State University, Bankston said it was because of his education that he is still successful after his playing career ended. Following the talk, Bankston opened up the floor for a Q&A session.

He stated that football was a good platform for him to be in a position where he can speak to and encourage youth. He spent six season with the Cardinals during the 90s but finished his career with the Cincinnati Bengals in 2000.

After the Q&A session, each participant received a lunch box that was autographed by Bankston and Big Red. They also received a signed poster of the Arizona Cardinals cheerleaders.

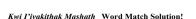
"This is part of Gila River Casinos' partnership with the Cardinals," said Manny Hernandez, public relations coordinator. "We have the opportunity to bring Cardinals' kids camp to Community members. We will have a couple more during the season and we will do them in the districts and try to get all of the kids out to these events."

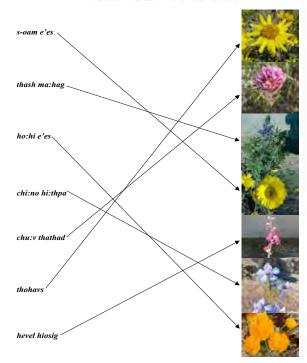


Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Children pose with members of the Arizona Cardinals organization following the Cardinals Kid Camp in District 6 at the Boys & Girls Club on March 13. The camp promoted health and wellness and was in partnership with Gila River Gaming Enterprises.







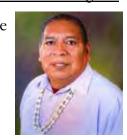
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## Executive Office Lt. Governor Robert Stone Headlines



Governor Stephen Roe Lewis

"Putting Our People First"

## GRIC and ASU Partner in Building Sustainable Housing Projects



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Fair goers sit underneath one of three vaptho created by School of Sustainability Student on Mar. 11.

**Communications & Public Affairs Office** Gila River Indian News

SACATON, AZ -Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community announced the collaboration continued with Arizona State University in building sustainable housing projects (Adobe/ Vatho structures). These structures were on display at the 56th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo, March 9-11, 2018.

Governor Lewis stated, "This project has brought together the history and culture of our Community by utilizing traditional and modern building methods. Our ultimate goal is to build an adobe model home

with modern amenities that can be replicated to provide sustainable homes for our Community. I want to thank ASU President Michael Crow for his continued support over the years of our various partnerships with ASU."

Adobe/Vatho

The

structure was designed by ASU graduate, Selina Martinez, a member of the Pascua Yapui Tribe, who earned a bachelor's degree in Architectural Studies from the Design School, and supervised by Wanda Dalla Costa, Institute Professor, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts, and Associate Professor. School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built En-

vironment, and member of the Saddle Lake First Nation. The build was led by GRIC master builder Aaron Sabori (master builders are community members who have built in the traditional architecture style).

The intent of the build is to provide interaction and comments from Community members at the annual fair. The Tribal Recreation/ Wellness Program provided the site in which these structures can be displayed.

The Gila River Indian Community/ASU collaboration is consistent with two of ASU's eight design aspirations, Leverage our Place and Transform Society, which guide the university's work toward achiev-



The vaptho provide shade to those taking a break from the fair with the use of Arrowed as roofing.

ing excellence, access, and impact. "These sustainable housing concepts align with the cultural and natural environment in tribal

communities honoring the special connection to place and space," said ASU President Michael M. Crow.

"ASU is committed to

assisting the Gila River Indian Community in designing an innovative future that is reflective of their core values."

## Subcommittee holds legislative hearing on tribal lands bill

## Bill would clarify northwestern boundary of reservation and take certain land into trust

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

A bill that would put lands back into the hands of the Gila River Indian Community was presented before the House Committee on Natural Resources on Feb. 6.

Stephen Roe Lewis testified before the house committee on House Resolution 4032 to legitimize rights-of-way claims to lands on the northwest boundary of the Community.

Dating back to 2006, the Community presented a lawsuit against the Unites States before the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia regarding trust

assets and land.

In 2016 the Community entered into negotiations in lieu of their previous lawsuit with the federal government, through a Joint Stipulation Settlement.

The settlement is an agreement between the Community and the federal government, that resolves any claims trust case.

Furthermore, 4932 will legally establish right-of-way claims on Community lands and prevents future disputes around such issues.

Most importantly, this will outline the northwest Community boundary, and place Bureau of Land Management lands into trust for GRIC.

In the legislation, it is managed. claims that the U.S. government failed to document federal rights-of-way across the Community over 3,600 acres.

It includes claims about illegal patenting of lands to non-natives and failed to accurately survey the Community's northwestern boundary.

H.R. 4032, also states that the federal government must maintain adequate systems and controls to guard against error or dishonesty on Community trust property.

In summary, the resolution aims to place more responsibility on the federal government over how Community land into trust

Some of the other reasons for resolution, provided on the issue, was a failure to collect rent and document of rights-of-way for the Community's trust assets.

Information on the issue cited the long-standing history of errors made in establishing the northern boundary of the Community.

Within the summary, its stated the Community's boundary near the Salt River and Gila River, where the two rivers intersect does not reflect the actual boundary of the tribe.

When the piece of legislation is passed, the Community hopes that it



Gov. Lewis testifies on H.R. 4032 in Washington D.C.

will settle where the northwestern boundary and dissolve the long-standing issues with the rights-of-way claims with outside entities.

It will hold the federal government responsible for its obligations under the act's stipulations, if passed.

## Youth learn about government and tribal issues in Close Up



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Close Up Program participants role play as bailiff and witness during a mock trial session.

**Christopher Lomahquahu** ing on Mar 7. Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community Youth get a lesson in tribal government during week long workshops and interactive sessions.

Each year in March Community youth take part in the Gila River Close Up program that culminates in a presentation before Community Council.

Close up participant Adrian Thomas reflected on the three-day program, saying he learned a lot about tribal government and sovereignty during a Community Council meet-

"It has really broadened my perception of the amount of that we can do as unified people," said

Thomas, a senior at Casa Grande Union High School, said he encourages other Community youth to get involved with the Close Up program.

The three-day crash course covers topics like the judicial branch and court proceedings, GRIC history and culture, water rights, and students take a closer look at the tribal budget and how it is constructed each year.

On the last day of the

program, the students participated in a mock trial where an individual was on trial for stealing a handbag from a luxury retailer.

McClintock High School student Andrew Clark said, "What I've learned is about my culture, because we don't learn about it outside of the Community."

Clark, who was part of the prosecution during the mock trial said there are so many things to consider when determining whether the defendant is guilty or innocent, based on what led them to make those deci-

About the program,



he said, "It taught me that council has many decisions to make whether they are good or bad, they are under pressure to do what is best for the people."

Another student David Romero said he was elected as Treasurer for the mock tribal government.

He said during the course of the tribal government portion of the program the issues of balancing a budget and having enough money to use for the people is one that requires the input of its Community members.

"A couple of things that we did, that we got to experience was bringing our ideas together as a community and understanding what we want for the people," said Romero.

Overall the program teaches the students about the day-to-day decisions about running a tribal government that can be fulfilling and challenging at the same time.

Another youth, David Hernandez, said it was his first time participating in the program.

"This whole program is beneficial because it teaches us about our past, our tribal government and what we are going through now," said Hernandez.

He was also a partici-

pant on the mock trial and said it was a very nervous moment being called as a witness on to testify, but understood the value of why it is important to make good decisions.

Hernandez said in the future, he would like to run for Community Council and help make some positive choices for his people.

Among other topics discussed at the program was, language and culture, team building and networking and public speaking activities.

#### WHAT'S NEW AT GRICUA?

SCIP Customer Transfer Update A final notice was sent in March to those customers that have not transferred to GRICUA. All residential customers will be transferred to GRI-CUA by March 31st. Thank you for your cooperation during this transition

GRICUA's Summer High School and College Internship Programs

GRICUA now accepting applications for its High School and College Summer Internship Program. The deadline

to apply is Friday, April 27, 2018 by 4:00 PM. Please stop by our office or visit our website at www.gricua.net for more information and to download the application. Interviews will be held the week of May 7th and start dates will depend on the student's last day of school.

GRICUA's Budget Billing Program GRICUA's Budget Billing Program is a no cost program that averages out your seasonal highs and lows based on a rolling twelve-month average of your bills. Customer bills will vary from month to month, however they should stay at a consistent average based on your rolling usage. Budget billing amounts will be able to be submitted to your District Service Center for Community assistance based on your eligibility. Please call (520) 796-0600 or stop by our office for more information. Registration forms can be obtained on our website (www.gricua. net), at your District office, at District Days or by mail. All registration forms need to be submitted to GRICUA for Reminders

GRICUA District Days 2018 GRICUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (433 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to

GRICUA will also be at District 1 and 2 Service Centers on the following days

from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM:

• District 2 - April 4 • District 1 - May 9

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GRICUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to gricuacomments@gricua.net. You can also go to our website at www.gricua.net.

GRICUA's Hours of Operation Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM Payments are accepted on-line and by phone both during our normal operating hours as well as afterhours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business

#### GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY **★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★**

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancies:

Board/Committee	Number of Vacancies	Deadline
Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors	Two (2)	May 7, 2018 12:00 noon

Community members interested in serving on the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). Community Council Secretary's Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.C.4: All individuals who apply for a vacancy shall submit to the Community Council Secretary a letter of interest, resume, an application and financial disclosure statement in a form as may be prescribed by the Community Council from time to time and an affidavit attesting that he/she has not been or is not: a) convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, as defined in Title 1, chapter 2, Section 1.201.B., in the preceding five years; b) removed from office pursuant to this title in any of the preceding five years; c) currently delinquent with respect to a debt owed to the Community; d) able to meet any other condition imposed by the office in questions. The GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, application, financial disclosure, and affidavit can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.F. Community Employees: A Community Employee may sit on a Community enterprise board subject to the Community's Employee Policies and Procedures Reference Guide. A copy of the specified job description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

Pursuant to GRIC 2010 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.G. Duties of Community Enterprise Boards: Community enterprise boards and their members shall follow a standard of care requiring that any decision of, or action taken by, the Community enterprise board members shall be one that would be made with the degree of care that would be exercised by a reasonably prudent and competent person seeking a reasonable return on investment and preservation of financial resources. A copy of the specified board position description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.



## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS**

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • March 7, 2018 ACCEPTED AT REPORT #2

Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 10. Gila River Close Up Synopsis 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

**CALL TO ORDER** 

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community 11. Aerial Applications Summary Report Council held Wednesday, March 7, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton. Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Robert Stone at 9:12 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

**ROLL CALL** 

Sign-in Sheet Circulated **Executive Officers Present:** Lt. Governor Robert Stone **Executive Officers Absent:** Governor Stephen R. Lewis **Council Members Present:** 

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson (10:10); D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr. (10:12), Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D5-VACANCY; D6- Charles Goldtooth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED [Addendum to Agenda] **NEW BUSINESS** 

7. District 4 Elder Report (CRSC forwards to Council) Presenters: Malcom Eschief. Councilwoman Jennifer Alli-

ITEM HEARD

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

[Addendum to Agenda] 10. Gila River Close Up Synopsis Presenter: Michael Preston

MR. MICHAEL PRESTON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVER-VIEW OF THE PROGRAM. EACH PARTICIPANT PRO-VIDED A BRIEF INTRODUCTION. LT. GOVERNOR ROB-ERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND APPROVED ENCOURAGEMENT.

10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:40 A.M.]

**REPORTS** 

1. FY2017Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017)

Department Of Public Works Presenter: Kelly Gomez REPORT HEARD

2. 2015-2016 Fish Survey Report

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT ALL RE- dation for approval; NRSC concurs; EDSC concurs with the

3. Tribal Allocation Quarter 1 Report: Gila Crossing Community School

Presenter: Jim Mosely

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Tribal Allocation Quarter 1 Report: Blackwater Community School

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma ACCEPTED AT REPORT #2

5. Tribal Allocation Quarter 1 Report: Casa Blanca Community School

Presenter: Patricia Avalos, Kim Franklin

**ACCEPTED AT REPORT #2** 

6. Tribal Allocation Quarter 1 Report: St. Peter Indian Mission School

Presenter: Sister Martha ACCEPTED AT REPORT #2

7. Tribal Allocation Quarter 1 Report: Sacaton Middle/Ele-

mentary School District No. 18 Presenter: Cheryl Paul **ACCEPTED AT REPORT #2** 

8. Tribal Allocation Quarter 1 Report: Maricopa Village Christian School

Presenter: Larisa Quijano

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9. GRIC Student Advisor Program Quarter 2 Report

Presenter: Sienna Whittington

Presenter: Michael Preston HEARD UNDER PRESENTATIONS

Presenters: Daniel Hoyt, Dale Ohnmeiss

**ACCEPTED AT REPORT #2** 

12. Honeywell San Tan Facility Lease – Status of Cultural

Resources Investigations Presenter: Kyle Woodson ACCEPTED AT REPORT #2

13. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report FY-17 Qtr 4

Presenter: Michael Morago, Bob Gazis

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #2

ecutive Session)

Presenters: Suzanne Johns, Treasurer Robert G. Keller ACCEPTED AT REPORT #2

15. Gila River Gaming Enterprises Inc. Monthly Report January 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight Planning

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #2

16. Gaming Commission General Report To Community Council For January 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Scott Sanderson

**ACCEPTED AT REPORT #2** 

[LT. GOVERNOR CALLED FOR A 1-HOUR LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:41 P.M.]

**RESOLUTIONS** 

1. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Marissa Frances Garcia Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

**APPROVED** 

Christian Ray Garcia Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Commu-[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A nity's Participation In The Quality First Redesign Field Test (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections; H&SSC concurs)

Presenters: Candida Hunter, Patricia Valenzuela **APPROVED** 

4. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And John Deere Construction And Forestry Company, Inc. For The Operation Of A Heavy Equipment Demonstration Site And Ancillary Activities 14. A Resolution Approving The Second Amendment To (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommencorrections to page 4 of the memo changing Bayer to John Deere)

Presenters: Gloria Kohene, Ronald Rosier **APPROVED** 

5. A Resolution Approving A Consent And Waiver Agreetain Allotted Land Owners In District 7 Of The Gila River a recommendation for approval) Indian Reservation (G&MSC motioned to forward to Coun- Presenter: Laurie A. Thomas cil with recommendation for approval; NRSC and EDSC APPROVED

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

**APPROVED** 

6. A Resolution Amending Resolution GR-25-16 And Approving The Amended Plan Of Operations For The Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for ap- APPROVED proval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

**APPROVED** 

7. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community To Establish GRIC#1LLC For The Purpose of Submitting The GRIC Homes I Low Income Housing Tax Credit Application To The Arizona Department Of Housing And Approving Related Documents (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with the related documents)

Presenters: Michael Carter, Laurie Thomas

TIONS #7 & #8

8. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Travois, Inc. (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Michael Carter

DISPENSED AT RESOLUTION #7

9. A Resolution Approving The Updated Form Application/ Affidavit For Appointed Officials (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, EDSC and LSC concur with corrections)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

**APPROVED** 

14. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending January (Ex- 10. A Resolution Granting A Transportation And Utility Corridor Right Of Way Easement To The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority For The Purposes Of Constructing, Operating, And Maintaining Roadway Access And Utility Services For The Sacaton 2 Electric Substation Located On Community Trust Land In District Three And Designated As Drawing No. 40316-0891-EA (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Kathy Galloway

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11. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement, A Permanent Drainage Easement, And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America For Reach Santan IB Canal On Portions Of Allotted Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Setting The Amount Of Compensation Due To The Community For The Community's Undivided Interests In Such Allotted Trust Land (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

**APPROVED** 

12. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement 2. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America For The Santan IB Canal On Portions Of Community Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

**APPROVED** 

13. A Resolution Granting The Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Permission To Gain Early Access To Tribal Trust Land For The Purpose Of Constructing The Siphons And Road Crossing On The Santan IB Canal In District 4 Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Gila River Health Care Corporation 2006 Articles Of Incorporation (H&SSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors

**APPROVED** 

15. A Resolution Rescinding GR-153-13 And Approving The Amended Department Of Community Housing Admisment Between The Gila River Indian Community And Cersions and Occupancy Policy (LSC forwards to Council with

16. A Resolution Approving The Assignment Of The Lessor's Interest In The Business Lease BL00000082 Between The Gila River Indian Community And Bayer Cropscience LP To BASF Agricultural Solutions Seed US LLC (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

**ORDINANCES** 

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** 

1. Gila River Utility Authority Board of Directors Two (2) Ap-

Presenters: Reviewing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

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#### GRPD

#### Reports

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weapons, misuse of firearm, aggravated assault, and other charges. The investigation revealed the suspect entered into a residence unannounced and unwelcomed. The victim was able to get the suspect outside of the residence and then the victim was then able to get the door locked. The suspect became angry and pointed the weapon at the victim. A gun shot was heard outside of the residence and police were called. A second call into dispatch stated the same suspect described by the homeowner was now at a different location on Azule St. Officers responded to that location where the suspect was actively firing rounds in the residence. The suspect ignored officers' commands, a search warrant was granted where the suspect was then taken into custody. A search of the residence resulted in shot gun shells and a stolen shot gun were located and seized.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into DRS

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the HuHuKam Memorial Hospital where the victim identified the suspect who caused a disturbance at the pharmacy window #1 by

raising his voice and yelling at hospital staff and threatening employees and patients. The suspect kicked the doors open leaving the hospital and got into a vehicle to leave the premises. The suspect drove his vehicle onto the crosswalk and turned his vehicle towards the hospital where a security guard and customer service agent were standing, causing both employees to move for fear of being struck by the suspect's vehicle. The suspect then got out of the vehicle and began confronting the employees by yelling and cursing at

Status: Under Investi-

Aggravated Assault – The victim called police to report a possible aggravated assault. Investigation revealed the suspect had cut the victim on the ear with an unknown object. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival and the victim on scene but refused further medical attention.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – A juvenile male took \$500.00 from a family member at their place of residence. The juvenile was contacted at school where a search was conducted and the money was found on their person. The juvenile was taken to their place of residence where the guardians/grandparents

#### THANK YOU

The District Five Elder Chair Volleyball Teams and Elders would like to thank the following People & Corporations for their contributions to our Elder Chair Volleyball Tournament which was held in January. We appreciate all you have done for us.

The Great Staff at the Elderly and the Great Recreation Staff at the Service Center. All of you are the BEST!!

Gila River Sand & Gravel. Thank you so much for your monetary donation to purchase all the t-shirts we needed for all the players that participated in this tournament. Gila River Casinos. Water donations for all the participants. GRTI. Cake donations to feed all the participants. PIM MEX. Water donations for all the participants.

#### Action Sheets from Page 15

JOHN LEWIS

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors Declaration of One (1) Vacancy (G&MSC motioned to forward the notice of vacancy to Council following the Code of Conduct)

Presenters: Jason Croxton, WHPDA Board Of Directors MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND ADVERTISE THE VACANCY FOR 60 DAYS

2. Health Care Audit Care Positions (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert G. Keller
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Community Council Secretary Declaration of Vacancy (Advertise for 60 days; subject to the Code of Conduct) Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DELCARE AND AD-VERTISE THE VACANCY FOR 60 DAYS

4. 2018 Tribal Self Governance Conference April 22-26, 2018 Albuquerque, New Mexico (H&SSC forwards to Council to open to any interested Council member to attend utilizing dues and delegation)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE COUNCIL
TRAVEL

5. Notification of Upcoming Court of Appeals Vacancy (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to declare the vacancy as per the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Yolanda Johnson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

did not wish to aid in prosecution. CPS was notified of the incident. The money was returned to the family member.

Status: Closed

Theft – During the Ira Hayes parade, a grey bag was taken from one of the participant's vehicle. Upon returning to his hotel is when he discovered his bag had been taken. No suspects were identified but the case is still open and under investigation.

Status: Under Investi-

District Four (Stotonic

No Incident Involving part 1 crime

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Aggravated Assault -Officers were dispatched to Lone Butte Casino where a verbal altercation turned physical inside the men's restroom. The investigation revealed the suspect knocked the victim to the ground and repeatedly hit the victim in the back of the head. Officers spoke with both the suspect and victim, who stated they did not remember the altercation. The victim was transported to Chandler Regional where doctors advised the victim sustained a fractured nose and lacerations. The victim did not wish to be photographed; other photos were taken and submitted into evidence.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – An unknown black male entered the Lone Butte Trade Center, went to the beer cave at the rear of the store, and came out with a 15 pack of beer. The subject left the store without paying for the merchandise. The subject

was last seen leaving in a four door sedan going north on Kyrene Rd towards Chandler, AZ. Still photos were taken of the subject and entered into evidence.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a shoplifting. The investigation revealed a group of juvenile males entered the store and one of them stole a pull over sweatshirt. The suspect was not located at the time of the incident, but has been identified. Follow up investigations are being conducted in reference to the theft.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Six (Komat-

Burglary –Officers were dispatched to the Saint Johns Catholic Church in reference to items being taken from a storage unit. Upon the officer's arrival contact was made with the reporting party, who stated that during the night someone forced entry into the storage causing damage to the facility. While inside the storage the suspect(s) took miscellaneous items and then fled the scene. Evidence was recovered at the scene and has been submitted for review.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary— Officers responded to Gila Crossing Community School in reference to some batteries being taken. The investigation revealed two commercial batteries were stolen from a fenced area at the location where some buses are stored.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft –Officers responded to Vee Quiva Casino in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed an employee of the casino left a cashier bag accidently on the counter with US currency. An unknown female

subject discovered the bag. The suspect then grabbed the bag and left the casino. Surveillance footage is currently being reviewed and follow up investigations are being completed.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

Weapon - Officers were dispatched in reference to a subject with a gun. The suspect was observed walking near Co-Op Blvd and Carver Rd holding a rifle in his hand. Contact was made and the suspect was initially uncooperative but eventually complied. The suspect was detained and a criminal history was requested. The suspect had a previous felony conviction with Maricopa County which made him a prohibited possessor. The suspect was arrested for being a prohibited possessor of a weapon and booked into

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

## GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY ★★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★★

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following vacancy pursuant to GRIC Constitution Article VIII, Section 3:

<b>Public Notice</b>	One - Year Term	Deadline
Appointment of Community Council Secretary	July 1, 2018 To June 30, 2019	May 7, 2018 5:00pm

Community members interested in serving as the Community Council Secretary, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). A copy of the position description outlining the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office and/or Human Resources located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

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Pursuant of the Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community, Section 4; The Secretary shall be the official custodian of all files, records, and correspondences of the Community and of the Community seal. He shall prepare all minutes, resolutions and ordinances enacted by the Council and transmit required copies to the Superintendent.

6. Citizens Advisory Board District Four Representative (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval to remove the District Four CAB Representative contingent upon receiving the District motion sheet by Thursday)

Presenter: Gailyn Brown

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AND RE-MOVE THE DISTRICT FOUR CAB REPRESENTATIVE 7. District 4 Elder Report (CRSC forwards to Council) Presenters: Malcom Eschief, Councilwoman Jennifer Alli-

HEARD AT THE BEGINNING OF AGENDA

8. WHPDA 2018 Annual Plan (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for a Special Council Meeting on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass)

Presenters: Dale Gutenson, WHPDA Board of Directors MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HOLD A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018, 12:00 P.M.

9. Attorney Contract (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council in Executive Session)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE [LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:21 P.M.]

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE
SESSION

10. Exec Office Communication (Executive Session)
Presenters: Community Council

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOTIFY AND DIRECT THE GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY AND HOLD A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018, 9A.M. [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

11. 5th Annual Tribal Water in The Southwest Conference Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE COUNCIL TRAVEL

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:12]

MINUTES

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

> LSC SPECIAL MEETING MOVED TO CCSO, THURS-DAY, MARCH 7, 2018, 8:30 A.M. MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE 5TH ANNUAL TRIBAL

THE RULES TO ADD THE 5TH ANNUAL TRIBAL WATER IN THE SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE UNDER NEW BUSINESS

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:15 P.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



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If you have any questions please contact:

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## **SPRING BREAK 2018** MARCH 19th - 23rd



MAR. 19th — Disney Day



MAR. 20th - Safari Day



MAR. 21st - Heroes vs Villains



MAR. 22nd — Local Heroes





**OPENS-March 16th** \*ALL MEMBERS MUST HAVE A CLUB CARD/ CLUB SHIRT

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WED. MAR. 21st **Hiking South** Mountain Cost: FREE

THURS. MAR. 22nd **Harkins Theatres** (TEENS ONLY) Cost: \$2.00 FRI. MAR. 23rd **Harkins Theatres** 

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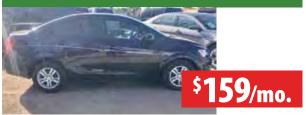
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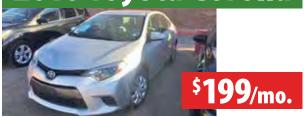
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