



Girl Scouts-Arizona honor the late Mary V. Thomas, former governor

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Gila River Indian News

The Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Council recently renovated their camp with three cabin pods located at the Bob and Renee Parsons Leadership Center for Girls and Women at Camp South Mountain. These three cabin pods are uniquely themed to honor women in leadership; Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Astronaut Sally Ride, and the first female Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, the late Mary V. Thomas.

The Gila River Indian Community and The Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Council, partnered together to honor the late Mary V. Thomas, with a cabin and mural that portrayed the life of Thomas. The project began back in the fall of last year. The family of Thomas, the Community and the Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Council had several meetings to discuss and design the development of the cabin.

Mary V. Thomas served two terms as Governor for the Gila River Indian Community, from 1994 to 1999. Being the first and only woman to hold office as Governor to date. Prior to being

Governor, Thomas served as Lieutenant Governor and Council Representative for District 3

During her administration, Thomas was a strong advocate on important issues for the Community in gaming, water rights, and was involved in starting the Education Assistance Program, forming the scholarship program for higher education, building a new jail, courthouse and dialysis center for the Community.

The circular mural is divided into sections to chart the life and legacy of Thomas, who graduated from St. John's Mission as the Valedictorian and local basketball star, bus driver in her community, postmaster, and having served the Community as District 3 Tribal Councilwoman, Lt. Governor and Governor. All represented in the mural painted by a local artist, Paige Poppe from Scottsdale who has created many murals at the camp where she attended when she was younger.

"This has definitely been a very special one, I think it might be the only one where there's been such a personal connection and opportunity to meet someone's family and Community," said Poppe about the mural at an



The exterior of the renovated camp honors women leaders including former Governor Mary V. Thomas, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and astronaut Sally Ride. Emma Hughes/GRIN

event held on April 22 to reveal the cabin to family and friends.

The event began with opening remarks by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who thanked all those who made this possible. Delane Enos, provided a blessing. June Short-hair, Director of Communications & Public Affairs Office (GRIC), served as MC for the event.

"It's been a prayer that we have held for a few years to have the honor of naming this cabin, the number one cabin, after Governor Thomas." Said Tamara Wood-bury, CEO of the Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Council who first met Thomas over 20 years ago when Woodbury first moved to Arizona.

"It is really a great honor and privilege that you have allowed us to name this cabin after Mary, and to give girls the opportunity

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A portrait of Mary V. Thomas during her time as governor is placed in the cabin. Emma Hughes/GRIN



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GILA RIVER CASINOS BREAKS WORLD RECORDS

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Council Elections Tuesday, May 6 for Districts 2 through 7

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It's time to hit the polls once again. The Gila River Indian Community is holding elections for Community Council representatives in six of the seven districts. Election Day is Tuesday, May 7 and the Community Council Election features 19 candidates in Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. After a three-business day

protest period and certification of the election results, the winners will be sworn in at the June 5 Community Council meeting.

Carol Schurz is seeking a third term in District 2 against Jewel Whitman, former Community Council representative, and David Anderson, who recently ran for lieutenant governor.

Four candidates are running in District 3. The incumbent Carolyn Williams is joined by Marlo Schurz, Darren Pedro-Martinez

and Avery White.

In District 4 Barney B. Enos Jr., is looking to keep his seat against Delmar Jones and Weldon Salkey, and voters in District 5 will choose between former Community Council representative Franklin Pablo Sr., James De La Rosa and Merry Kris Kyiyitan.

Charles Goldtooth is running for reelection in District 6 against Sandra Nasewytewa, a former Community Council representative who last served in 2017. Dis-

trict 7 will choose between current representative Devin Redbird and Michael Mercado, Raymond Parra and Jarrett Yarmata.

Some tips from the Gila River Indian Community Election Board:

Voters with proper photo identification can cast their ballot at any polling location. Each district has only one vacancy and only one vote is required.

You can still vote if you missed the deadline to update

your name, address and district information. You may change your information the day following the election.

There is a 6-foot limit area that prohibits loitering and political activity. The polling site area also prohibits taking pictures with your phone or other devices.

For further questions or if you are prevented from voting please call Tribal Elections at (30) 62-95 or (30) 62-98.

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I want my patients and their families to understand that diabetes is treatable and that people living with diabetes can live long healthy and happy lives.

As I have mentioned in my first column, I am an Endocrinologist or a Doctor who has specialized in treating patients with Diabetes, Hypertension, Cholesterol and other Hormonal diseases. As a specialist in Diabetes, my goal is to provide you with more information about diabetes, answer your questions and provide tools and resources that are available in our Community.

Today's column will focus on learning a little about the term "Diabetes mellitus" and address the most frequent questions I receive from my patients.

GREEK AND LATIN WORDS

Let's start with the basics, the term "Diabetes Mellitus" which in Greek and Latin means, "To pass a large amount of honey sweet urine." History tells us that this term was coined because people with diabetes would urinate more frequently and feel thirsty all the time.

- This happens when blood sugar (glucose) levels increases and highly concentrates the blood.
- Now the body wants to dilute the blood. So it makes you feel thirsty, and you drink more water, and that can dilute the blood. But drinking more water can also make you urinate a lot too. Hence the term "Diabetes-large amount of urine."
- Also when blood sugars are high, the kidneys try to remove it by urinating out the extra sugar. Thus the urine has more sugar in it. Hence the term "Mellitus-sweet urine."

TYPES OF DIABETES

There are many types of Diabetes, but to simplify the two types are Type 1 Diabetes and Type 2 Diabetes. Type 1 Diabetes is when the patients cannot make any insulin in their body. Type 2 Diabetes which is the more common type, happens when the insulin made in the body but is not enough or the body develops resistance to the insulin. This Type 2 Diabetes is closely associated with increasing weight, high glucose diet choices and physical inactivity.

The two most common questions asked by my patients when they are diagnosed with Diabetes

1. "Why me? Why doesn't this other person who eats more or healthier than me and who is heavier than me not have Diabetes?"
 - It is mostly because some people are genetically predisposed to diabetes. If you have family members with it and something in your environment triggers it to manifest, then you are genetically determined to get it too.
 - It is not easy to change the genes that we are born with, but it is possible to delay or prevent type 2 diabetes by changing eating habits, exercising and losing weight.
2. "I am frustrated... because there is no cure for diabetes and why bother to work on controlling it at all".
 - Diabetes can definitely be made dormant and harmless by simply changing one's lifestyle and taking the required medicines.
 - There are some reports on how losing weight has almost cured people from Diabetes.
 - Keeping the blood glucose under control can help you live like a person without diabetes, and you don't have to suffer from the diabetes-related complications that commonly affects the eyes, kidneys, and nerves.

At the Life Center in HuHuKam Hospital, we specialize in services for diabetes, endocrinology, and wellness and are open to everyone. You can come here and choose from the variety of our services like Diet education, Exercise and Wellness, Diabetes Prevention, Counselling, and Emotional support. You can consult our Diabetes specialist Nurses and Providers to help you with the management of medicines.

Send your questions to: ASKDROOPA@GRHC.ORG
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Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss Gila River are introduced at Community Council

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Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss Gila River were officially introduced to the Gila River Indian Community Council on Wednesday April 17. During the regularly scheduled council meeting, Gila River Royalty and their family members provided all in attendance a look to what they will accomplish this year during their reign. Both were crowned at this year's Mul-Chu-Tha 2019 and will serve as ambassadors for the Community near and far while completing initiatives here at home.

Susanna Osife, Jr. Miss Gila River, from District 2, took to the podium first. This year her platform is focused on "Uniting our youth with our elders." Susanna expressed how important it is to learn as much as we can about our Community while we're young. She had previous experience working with elders in the Community and has enjoyed learning from them. Outside of her title, as a student, she's active in school, with clubs, including sports at Coolidge High School.

Miss Gila River Tyler Owens from District 5 followed. Tyler attends Chandler-Gilbert Community College and is pursuing an Associate's Degree in Business Finance. Her platform for the year is, "Uplifting others through acceptance and inclusion." Tyler feels that it is vital for young people locally and throughout Indian county to feel important in their communities. She's also passion-



Miss Gila River Tyler Owens, right, and Jr. Miss Gila River Susanna Osife, left, serve cake in the Governance Center lobby following their presentation. Kyle Knox/GRIN

ate about youth getting involved in our Himdag. She wants for all to be encouraged in learning more, no matter what level we're at in our own understandings. For Tyler being involved means being active in the community by volunteering, attending meetings, or assisting whenever needed.

Both expressed excitement and gratitude to serve in these roles as part of their closing. After their presentations, each were given sincere words of support and encouragement by members of council. Following the presentation, a congratulatory procession took place where council members and attendees could shake hands and meet Miss and Jr. Miss in the chambers. Then both Jr. and Miss Gila River held a short



Gila River Royalty introduced themselves to Community Council on April 17 during a Community Council Meeting in Sacaton. From left, Jr. Miss Gila River Susanna Osife, Miss Gila River Tyler Owens. Kyle Knox/GRIN

reception in the lobby of the Governance Center where cake and refreshments were served.

Since being crowned, both have kept busy attending numerous events around the Valley in-

cluding: Arizona's Capitol Royalty Day, Mr. and Miss Indian ASU Pageant and Pow Wow, in addition to the Mul-Chu-Tha and Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration parades.

Families gather in Sacaton for child abuse prevention

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Tribal Social Services hosted a special event to raise awareness about child abuse prevention. At the Sacaton Boys & Girls Club, several Gila River Indian Community departments setup informational booths to educate Community members about child abuse prevention, on April 24

Tim Terry, a cultural caretaker and guidance counselor, who volunteers his work with various recovery and help-groups provided words of encouragement based on tradition.

Terry said, "the things people do, is what they are taught growing-up, but there are moments, where you have to think about it and change those behaviors around."

"Himdag is what you were taught growing up and how you act and treat people. Through storytelling, it helped me understand more about myself." He said it

helps you better understand life and yourself and how to make the right choices.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "It's good to have an individual like Mr. Terry to teach [us] about our O'otham Himdag, and its something for parents to know, to be empowered by."

He said protecting our children is part of our cultural responsibilities, that goes back to the past generations of the Community and the importance of education to bring new ideas and approach to issues like child abuse. "It's important that our people are come back with a college education, they are finding solutions to our issues, right here with the tools gained at school," said Lewis.

Lewis talked about outside resources like Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A), who have chapters all across the Nation and around the world. Lewis said, when a child is in dan-



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis attends the child abuse awareness event in Sacaton on April 24. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

ger, they go out to families, and do what they can to protect and support children and families in need.

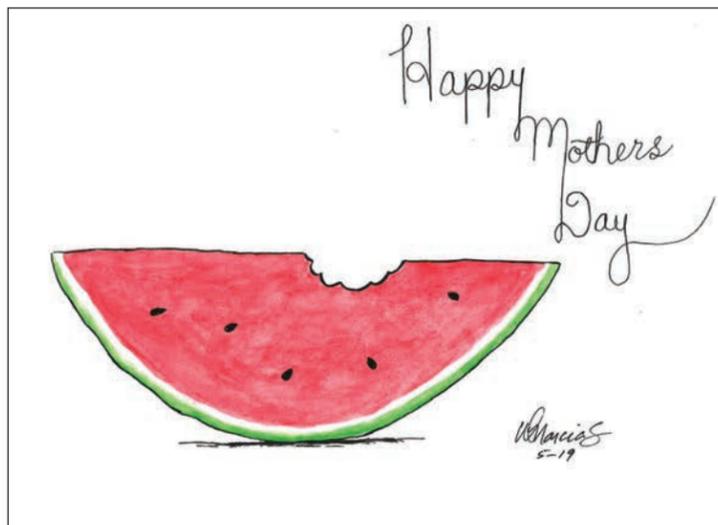
"We have so many resources, and it is important that we have more events like this to bring [those] resources together to let

Community members know, they have a place to go to seek help."

"Each and every one of you are here for a specific reason and it takes courage to stand-up against child abuse and any other abuse that goes on in the home," said Lewis.



Several groups and organizations attend the event to raise awareness about child abuse. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



DEQ Fuels & Restoration Crew continues to plant native species and remove invasive

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Department of Environmental Quality's Wildlife and Ecosystems Management Program continues to rejuvenate the landscape of the Community with cottonwood and willow while removing invasive plant species that compete with native species for resources such as water.

DEQ Fuels & Restoration Crew planted 19 cottonwood poles and 167 willow poles across three sites including the Managed Aqi fer Recharge 5 Interpretive Trail in District 3

"We have gathered poles from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and local areas within the Community," said Robert Lamoureux, Department of Environmental Quality Habitat Biologist.

DEQ has removed invasive salt cedar and other

non-native plants in area where cottonwood and willow are planted. Across the Community, invasive species such as Sahara Mustard, London Rocket, Cheese Weed and Bufflegrass, are targeted for removal by DEQ. Their presence is widespread across Arizona and are often found along roadsides and fields; when they are found around homes, their presence becomes more of an issue.

Dense areas of invasive species that have grown with the winter rains are now drying, and the dried weeds can create a fire risk. DEQ encourages homeowners to clear dried weeds from at least 100 feet around their homes.

In the Community, hundreds of cottonwood and willow have been planted at the Pee Posh Wetlands and Nui Kosh; planting will continue for the foreseeable future. Cottonwood poles also will be planted at the

Huhugam Heritage Center, bringing a sense of the Gila River to the Community's cultural center.

"We make sure that they are spatially arranged, so that they can mix and inter-breed and promote genetic diversity," said Lamoureux.

Lamoureux said his program is always working to increase the tree population, whether it is Freemont cottonwood or Gooding's willow. Lamoureux plans on growing additional species in a seed propagation study, and conducting a greenhouse experiment.

The study will help them understand which seed and soil combinations work best together, helping develop a native seed mix that will have a good chance at growing in the Community's salty and alkaline soils.

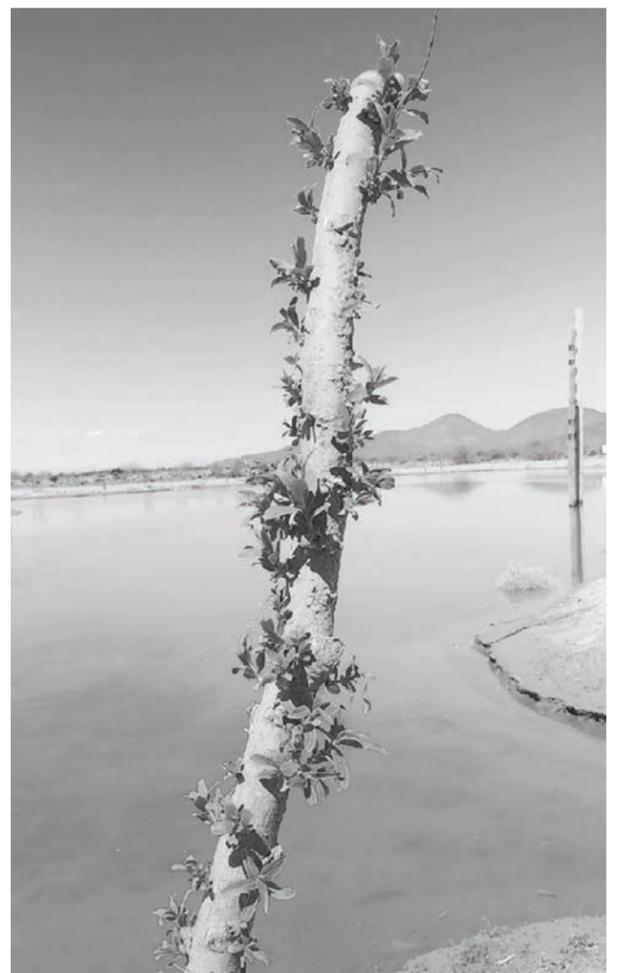
When optimal seed/soil combinations are identified, DEQ will re-vegetate areas where invasive plant

species were once dominant. This will restore a landscape that looks more native in the Community.

Other areas the Fuels & Restoration Crew will be working in include the Base Meridian Wildlife area, west of District 7. The project will be a collaboration between the Community and Arizona Game & Fish Department to remove invasive plant species along the banks of the river near the confluence of the Gila and Salt Rivers.

In addition, the crew will remove salt cedar and create fire breaks on the Community side of the Salt River to prevent the spread of wild fires and the destruction of habitat.

Other areas of the Community where fire breaks are being created includes the Santa Cruz area in District 6, where 70 acres of salt cedar have been removed in the past year.



Cottonwood is returning to the Gila River Indian Community thanks to DEQ. Ashton Lynb /DEQ

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12:00pm	Native Planet - <i>United States Travel</i>	Spirits for Sale	Ambassadors of the Sky	American Outrage	Finding Their Own	Florence Benedict	Season of a Navajo	
12:30pm	<i>across NM, AZ and Utah.</i>	<i>The issue of spiritual exploiters and the harm they do towards Native</i>		<i>Why the US gov't has spent millions persecuting and</i>	<i>Dance Alutiiq Natives in Alaska and their mission to rebuild their</i>	Akwesasne Mohawk Elder	Navajo kinship, descent systems, gender and age roles, ecology, philosophy, religion, domestic space, child	
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles	Standing On Sacred	
1:30pm	<i>Tantoo Cardinal</i>	<i>Eagle of the Dawn</i>	<i>Akwesasne Part 1</i>	<i>Eagle of the Dawn P2</i>	<i>Akwesasne Part 1</i>	<i>Paradox of Attribution</i>	<i>Ground - Profit & Loss</i>	
2:00pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening		
2:30pm	Wassaja	Working It Out	Working It Out	Working It Out	Working It Out	Working It Out	Wassaja	
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4:30pm	Arkansas	<i>across NM, AZ and Utah.</i>	Aboriginal Adventures	Common Ground	<i>There may be a desert road running through it</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Children of the Desert	
5:00pm	Pulp Friction	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders - The Wairarapa	
5:30pm	<i>Devastating effects the commercial demands of the West .</i>	Behind The Brush	People of the Pines	Making Regalia	People of the Pines	Native Report		
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8:00pm	The Medicine Line	Dabiyiyuu	The New Creative	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	Wassaja	Sharing Circle	Wild Archaeology	
8:30pm	<i>Dave's Roots</i>	<i>Where the Fish Are</i>	India		<i>She Represents</i>	<i>York Boat Days</i>	<i>Innu of Sheshatshiu</i>	
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9:30pm	<i>Ancient Artifacts -</i>	<i>Wild Archaeology Innu of Sheshatshiu</i>	Urban Native Girl	The Medicine Line	Native Shorts	The Aux	Mixed Blessings	
10:00pm	<i>Wapawekka</i>	Indians and Aliens	<i>Is Print Really Dead</i>	<i>Dave's Roots</i>	<i>Wapawekka</i>	<i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World</i>	<i>Secret Love</i>	
10:30pm	The Aux	William and the Windmill	Hit The Ice	Indigenous Focus	Studio 49	<i>videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World</i>	<i>Moose T.V.</i>	
11:00pm	<i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World Indigenous cultures.</i>	<i>Using junk parts and a lot of imagination, he harnesses enough energy to resuscitate his dying farming community.</i>	Deep Time	<i>The Reward/Wolf Mtn</i>	<i>The Blue Agave</i>	<i>Dona Carmen struggles to pass on her tribe's traditional ways of life.</i>	<i>Technical Difficulties</i>	
11:30pm	Songcatchers: The Gathering	Fractured Land	<i>Casts the ongoing boom in the context of paleocycles, climate change, and the dark ecology of the future.</i>	Mirando Desde	Reggae Got Soul		Wapos Bay: Long Goodbyes	
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Community learns about environmental issues at Earth Day celebration

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Earth Day brings youth from across the Community for a day of learning about how to preserve the land through conservation. The Department of Environmental Quality hosted their annual Earth Day celebration at the Rawhide Wester Town and Event Center on April 23

Darius Enos, DEQ Environmental Technician said, in recognition of Earth Day, the department “Honors the Community’s cultural heritage, by protecting, conserving and restoring the Community’s environmental resources. Our vision is a healthy sustainable environment for future generations.”

Susanna Osife, Jr. Miss Gila River, said “Although we honor and are so grate-

ful for our land and environment, today we learn how to care and protect and honor the land.”

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone were also in attendance to mark the importance of Earth Day.

“We really have good partnerships [here] to talk about the environment,” said Lewis, “This is one of our biggest Earth Days yet.”

He said it really speaks to DEQ’s commitment to provide education on how to look out for the land (O’otham jived). “We need to teach our children to respect and build upon our connection to the river and land and how these things are important to our Himdag,” said Lewis.

“We have to all be aware of our part in being good stewards over the

land, the river, so that future generations can continue to learn how important it is how we can respect it and the animals that live [here],” said Lewis.

At the Earth Day event, several informational booths were setup by DEQ’s various divisions, from air quality, water quality, eagle nest watchers program and fuels & restoration efforts. Other GRIC departments who joined the event were the Huhugam Heritage Center, Geographic Information System, Community Health Nutrition, Dept. of Public Works, Chemical-Tribal Emergency Response Commission and Office of Emergency Management.

Educational conservation agencies, also lent their time to teach the youth about conservation. Among them, was Liberty Wildlife,



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis speaks during the Earth Day event at Rawhide hosted by the Department of Environmental Quality. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

who rehabilitates and when possible release birds back into the wild. The National Parks Service, University

of Arizona and Intel Corporation, also provided information on the important role of land preservation,

environmental issues and how green technology can be used to move away from fossil fuels.



Solar ovens convert the sun’s rays to make treats for Earth Day guests. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Students learn about the earth through science and hands-on presentations. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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Bingo game puts Gila River Hotels & Casinos in the record books



Richard Strafella, left, Gila River Hotels & Casinos Chief Operations Officer and Jaime Martinez, Gila River Hotels & Casinos - Lone Butte General Manager, right, hold the world record certificates with Guinness World Records judge Claire Stephens, center, and joined by casino employees, vendors and other contributors. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



The balls used in the giant bingo game helped Gila River Hotels & Casinos claim one of two world records. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

Gila River Hotels & Casinos marked their 25th anniversary with a record-breaking celebration at Lone Butte Casino on April 25. With a large-scale game of bingo, on a 200-foot by 200-foot bingo card, Gila River Hotels & Casinos broke two Guinness World Records for the largest bingo card played on and for using 75 individual four-foot wide bingo balls.

“We are glad we were able to celebrate by bringing two Guinness World Records titles to Arizona and make bingo history at Lone Butte,” said Dominic Orozco, Chief Marketing Officer of Gila River Hotels & Casinos.

According to a Gila River Hotels & Casinos press release, patrons started waiting in line at 10:00 p.m. the night before for a chance to get in the record books.

Joan Quattlebaum was the first player to fill her bingo card with five spaces across and awarded \$2,000 in bonus free-play.

The morning of celebrations and excitement included appearances by Michael Bankston, former Arizona Cardinals defensive tackle and team mascot D. Baxter the Bobcat

from the Arizona Diamondbacks, and Howler from the Arizona Coyotes.

“We are so proud of all we’ve accomplished in the community since we opened our doors in 1994”

said Orozco. Gila River Hotels & Casinos owns and operates three gaming properties, Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte and Vee Quiva.

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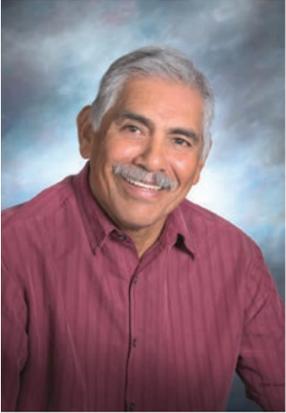
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A'AGGA

Something to be told or talked about



By Billy Allen

May/Kai Cu:klig Masad/Seed Blackening Month is full of celebrations: May Day, Star Wars Day, Mother's Day, graduations and Memorial Day. And the other day, I heard WAR sing about – Cinco de Mayo. Our GRIC gaming industry had a "Cinco" promotion. Cinco de Mayo is a "big deal" across the USA, but not so much in Mexico itself. "Cinco" celebrates a battle victory, but two years later the war against France was lost!

Before the Europeans entered our region and changed much of our culture/himdag, us O'otham/O'odham/Piipaash were part of a broad indigenous culture covering a big chunk of nowadays Arizona and NW Mexico. Archaeological finds show trading networks throughout this area. Our O'otham/O'odham language is in the language family of Mexican indigenous people

-- Uto Aztecan. Huhukam ball courts were similar to those throughout Mexico.

Mexican culture is represented across this region, including our community. Animals such as pigs, horses, and cattle came with the Spanish. Much of our foods, words, Catholic religion, some of our names reflect upon Mexico. Many O'otham/O'odham/Piipaash deal with mistaken identity, being taken as Mexican. But given our historic and cultural ties, it isn't that surprising. Still, the struggle is real for us "Undercover O'otham."

That WAR song, "Cinco de Mayo" has these lyrics: "I met a little Spanish girl on the 5 h of May—pretty seniority, get down, she lived in East LA." I know of two pretty O'otham ladies who are often mistaken for "señoritas." Renee Apodoca grew up not far from LA and is a fierce LA Dodger Fan. She's spent 10 years at her retail company and STILL gets called on to interpret (she can't) for Hispanic customers. Another O'otham, Velda Lewis lives in Tejas (that's Texas for you non-Spanish speakers) and needs a translator to work with her many Latino clients, but is routinely asked why SHE needs an interpreter. I feel their pain.

My Tohono O'odham grandfather liked to travel and a favorite destination

was Nogales/Nawahl/Walnuts. After he passed, my uncle would continue the treks to Nogales to buy blankets, medicine, see the sights--and take advantage of Mexican liquor laws. Before we entered a cantina, I was told the only word I was to say was "si". We blended in.

Back in 195 before "racial profiling" was a buzz word, I was mistakenly racially profiled. I used to catch a city bus to Mesa for my student teaching. I was waiting at the bus stop when a Tempe police car pulled over and two officers got out. They wanted to know where I was going and see identification--all of this in Spanish, I became a pi maach/ I don't know. When they switched to English, I presented my license and ASU student id-- nd obviously not knowing much Spanish -- they let me hop on the bus. If I had my tribal identification card, I would have presented it and questioned what authority they had upon our sacred Huhukam land/jeved. "Por supuesto!"

In the early '80s on a San Diego trip, we decided to go to Tijuana. As we crossed over and stood in line for a taxi, someone remembered we had forgotten the camera. I was elected to go back and retrieve it. Walking back, I saw two lines heading back to the United States, and of course, I chose the short line. The line moved fast

and when it was my turn, all I heard was Spanish and had no idea what was being asked of me! I remember another officer walked over and put his hand on his holstered gun. He told me I was in the line for Mexican nationals going into the United States. As I explained, I did not know that, they asked for id. Once they saw it was an Arizona license, they decided to qi z me on southern Arizona geography. One asked, "What's that big mountain close to Casa Grande?"

Signal Peak? No. Table Top? No. Santans? No. Komack/Estrellas? No. South Mountain/S-muhadag? No. I could not come up a name to get out of that situation. I saw myself in the juzgado/hoosegow/court. (A Cheech and Chong song echoes in my head but I would have changed the lyrics to "Born in East CB".) When it dawned on them that I was most definitely a Native AMERICAN they handed back my id and told me not to get in that line again! I

just had to know, so I asked what mountain they had in mind -- Mount Lemmon. Pretty obvious that border guards weren't "A students" in geography! As I hustled away, I thought I could hear laughter in the background.

The struggle is real for us "Undercover O'otham."

Please use caution for yourself, towards others, and be safe when partying for Cinco or whichever celebration you may be attending during this month/masad. A-hua!

ROBOTICS ACADEMY AND AVIATION CAMP

The Tribal Education Department is happy to announce we will be accepting applications for the 2019 Robotics Academy and Aviation Camp held in Huntsville, Alabama, July 14-19, 2019. To participate, you must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community and attending school to participate in this ONCE IN A LIFE TIME camp experience.

We are searching for the following students to submit an application telling us why you would be the perfect candidate!

- 10 – Elementary/Junior High Students (Ages: 12-14 only)
- 10 – High School Students (Ages: 15-18 only)

If selected, all finalist will be required to attend an in-person interview.

To apply, go to the online application:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GRIC2019CAMP>

Or you pick up an application at the Tribal Education Department at:
555 B. St. Sacaton, AZ 85147

Application Deadline: May 10, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

Interview Dates: May 17-18, 2019 (Times will be scheduled appropriately)





Please contact the Tribal Education Department if you have any questions or concerns regarding the application process or camp experience at 520-562-3662 or email at Arlanna.Jackson.EDU@gric.nsn.us

Desert Vista senior signs a letter of intent to ASU at signing ceremony

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Lee Nasewytewa, Gila River Indian Community member and Desert Vista High School senior, signed a letter of intent to run for Arizona State University track & field on April 17.

Nasewytewa, along with 19 other students, made an academic and athletic commitment to a college or university. His Parents, Steven and Sandra Nasewytewa were present to support Lee's accomplishment. At ASU, Lee will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science.

Lee is not alone in his pursuit to compete at the collegiate level, his parents Steven and Sandra have been the backbone of his success on the course.

"The people, that support me, the people that always came out, like my parents, family and friends," said Lee, "My parents were



Desert Vista High School students, including Lee Nasewytewa, second from right, sign their letters at a signing ceremony on April 17. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

always right beside me, pushing me, telling me I could do better, that really helped."

He knows, that his success is not for him alone to benefit from, Lee said there are youth out in the Community that are also capable of achieving success in life. "It'll be great if I could set an example for the youth, if you put your mind to it and work hard, there's nothing you can't do."

Last year, Lee and his cross-country team, also took part in the Nike Cross Nationals race. There, Lee was named the team leader, having an impressive performance, which finished eighth overall in the national meet.

Lee has been known to set blistering times, often setting mid 15 minute, 5 kilometer (three miles) time at cross country meets. He attributes the fast pace



Lee Nasewytewa, center, will be attending Arizona State University after a successful season at Desert Vista High School in track and field. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

to his Native American heritage and dad, who was also a strong runner, "[We] have a strong bond to running, and I've embraced it and using it to push myself."

Although his athletic achievements have led

Lee to ASU, his focus will be on pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science ASU, saying, "I'm going to be pursuing my undergraduate degree in computer science, at the Ira A. Fulton school of engi-

neering," said Lee. Looking back at the next chapter, that has plenty of pages left to write, he said, "It's super exciting, so excited for the future you know and what it holds," said Lee.

Close Up student program successfully completes another year for 2019



Youth elected as GRIC tribal prosecutors celebrate the end of a mock trial as part of their Close Up activities. Kyle Knox/ GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Close Up 2019 concluded Wednesday, April 17 at the Gila River Governance Center. Twenty youth

Community members left motivated for their future and outlook of serving our Community as adults. No two Close Up events are the same as this year brought in new and returning youth to

experience a lot of what it takes to keep our tribe sovereign, accountable, and in line with its vision and mission to the people as future leaders.

For three days' youth



Guadalupe Perkins, a senior at Coolidge High School, during the community development session at Close Up. Photo provided by Mibael Preston/ Gila River Youth Coordinator

participants got a crash course in a variety of sessions that helped to understand how our tribal government operates. This included: mock elections for Governor and Lt. Governor for the Community, tribal council representatives, designating prosecutors and defense attorneys, Chief Judge, and various Community member roles. The event is all encompassing and requires every participant to take on a role and share the Community responsibilities. This approach forces the youth to take a different view of how our Community operates. And it also offers the opportunity to contribute to its wellbeing.

The program continues to evolve and improve year to year. And new sessions are incorporated if there's a need, such additions include water rights and tribal sovereignty. Every ses-

sion was facilitated by local experts and representatives in their respective fields. Interestingly, the session on sovereignty serves as the most enlightening and difficult session to teach for youth. But as they learn, participants become inspired when they realize how much self-determination our government is afforded as a sovereign tribal nation. The program for 2020 will include a new session on ethics. The goal is to help youth understand it and how to exercise good ethics when navigating decisions that affect our Community.

Michael Preston, Youth Coordinator, expressed his admiration for the questions the youth asked of speakers throughout the event. Preston observed that much of what youth are concerned with stem from issues they face in their communities. It

shows everyone that not only are they observing what's wrong in the Community, but it also demonstrates their interest in creating change. Close Up is not only to learn how government operates but also provides a space where youth can dialogue and feel empowered to innovate new ideas and solutions.

Another benefit of Close Up is the youth interaction and building of their own social network amongst one another. Youth create relationships with others as peers and future professionals. Some years, there's one participant that may not reside on the reservation or isn't as engaged in the Community as others. So, Close Up provides those participants a chance to meet other youth, provides a deeper understanding of the Community and sparks their interest to get involved.



Kenneth Manuel, CEO of Gila River Hotels & Casinos, facilitates one of the sessions for the Close Up program. Photo provided by Mibael Preston/ Gila River Youth Coordinator



Gila River Indian Community
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Native Nations play finishes up run with performances at Indian Steele Park

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

That's a wrap! The Native Nations play, which performed two shows, over two days, invited audiences from all over to Indian Steele Park in Phoenix, on April 27-28.

The play featured members from various tribal communities, including the Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Tohono O'odham Nation.

"Native Nation," is based on the experiences of Indigenous people from all walks of life. The play is written by Larissa FastHorse (Lakota), and was directed by Michael Garces, Cornerstone Theater Company Artistic Director.

It is a collaboration between Arizona State University Gammage and Los Angeles based Cornerstone Theater. The partnership, brought together American Indians from the greater Phoenix area to try their hand at acting, while also exploring identity and place in today's society.

In Cornerstone's previous productions, several of the actors did not have

any theater experience. FastHorse and Garces, said that it adds to the sense of community, when a play is based on real experiences and perspectives found in Native people.

At the heart of the play, was a fictional competition between three individuals, all vying for the "Ultimate Indian" pageant. The skit, tested three individuals on their knowledge of Native culture, but with one catch, one contestant was non-native.

The underlying theme of the story was about cultural identity and how Native people struggle to remain culturally grounded.

During the early process of writing the plays, other themes incorporated into the production were related to child custody, cultural knowledge, enrollment blood quantum and a myriad of issues Native people face in contemporary times.

Intertwined into the play, are stories of food sovereignty, missing and murdered Indigenous woman and other issues Native people face at home. The idea of introducing these scenarios, is to bring to light the complicated jour-



Native Nations production featuring Native American actors and participants completes final shows. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

ney Native people travel to find solutions to life changing events, such as the treatment of a child being taken away from a family or veterans finding peace at home.

Claude Jackson, a Community member played the role of Henry, a moderator for the play, He spoke about the important

of language in Native society. "Many natives consider language sacred, because it comes from within a person's soul, that is made manifest with the breath of life, oxygen."

Another character, Molly, who played by Ceyshe Napa (Dine), chimed in about the importance of parenthood within in Na-

tive culture. "I always believe the most important thing we can teach our Native children is to be themselves," said Molly.

"Henry helped remind us we are standing on Indian land, Native land, and not just because this is a reservation or special place reserved for Natives... [You] might even call it a

Native Nation, because you never leave our land, no matter where you go," said Molly.

The event also featured local artists, who showcased their paintings, jewelry and crafts, as the play went on throughout the evening.



NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT

NON-MEMBER RESIDENT REGISTRATION



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



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



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



The Registration Form maybe submitted in person at the Enrollment Office.

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

Phone number:
(520) 562-9790



Registration Forms submitted by mail, fax or third party must be notarized.

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

Fax number:
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HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE

"Putting Our People First"



Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lt. Governor

The National Center of American Indian Enterprise Development launches website at Phoenix Premium Outlets



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis is joined by Sam McCracken and Nike's Native American Employment Network members. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

Native Edge is the latest effort to come out from the National Center of American Indian Enterprise Development. Native Edge is an online portal that will provide business development, training, and serves as a hub for numer-

ous employment opportunities for Native American professionals.

On April 18, The National Center launched the online portal at the Nike Factory Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlets located near Wild Horse Pass.

You may wonder, why launch at Nike factory store? Well, that it's be-

cause Nike is one the newest employer partners to join Native Edge. To help solidify the partnership Nike's N7 General Manager and Co-Chair of Nike's Native American Employment Network Sam McCracken was in attendance. Also in attendance was Gila River's Governor Stephen Roe Lewis and the National

Centers President and CEO Chris James.

All parties involved felt the marriage of organizations, companies, and location as near perfect. Particularly noteworthy due to Phoenix Premium Outlets being the only Native owned establishment with a Nike Factory Store. With numerous laptops set up, anyone in attendance was given the opportunity to sign up and create a profile there. A gentle stream of job seekers arrived to sign up throughout the afternoon including a few of GRIC's own Community members.

Sam McCracken felt that it was a special day and location for the launch of Native Edge. With numerous Native American employees from Nike in attendance at the Nike Factory Outlet, McCracken wants, "to help grow the footprint of our Native American employee base at Nike whether it be here at

the Chandler store or up in Beaverton, Ore."

McCracken's statement is important since Native Edge will provide an additional pathway for all of Native country to find potential employment at noteworthy companies locally and nationally. What's also remarkable is that all the employer partners on Native Edge are actively seeking out Native American applicants to join their companies. This is key in distinguishing Native Edge from other mainstream job search engines.

On this occasion Governor Lewis was "Proud and excited the launch was here in the Gila River Indian Community, at our [Nike] store, at our Wild Horse Pass where this was created by leaders before me by those decision makers for economic development opportunities that would strengthen our economy, provide jobs for our Community members,

and provide resources for all the important areas we need to invest in." Governor Lewis recognizes the importance of Native Edge and feels confident that it will support our community members which is, as he said, part of the initial vision for the development of entities like Wild Horse Pass and Phoenix Premium Outlets.

Looking forward at success and benchmarks for Native Edge Chris James hopes to enable professionals the opportunity of working at large notable companies. Those opportunities weren't given to him so he is thrilled at what Native Edge can provide for young professionals.

So, if you or someone you know is looking for work you should consider nativeedge.com. The service is free of cost and can open new doors you may have never thought possible.

The Native American Agriculture Fund, a charitable trust, tours Gila River Farms



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone attends the meeting between the NAAF and Gila River Farms. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

On Monday, April 22 visitors from the Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) toured of the Gila River Farms for an inside look at operations.

The Native American Agriculture Fund provides grants to eligible organizations for business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, and advocacy services to support Native farmers and ranchers. NAAF is the largest philanthropic organization devoted solely to

servicing the Native American ranching and farming community.

The charitable trust was created by the settlement of the landmark Keepseagle v. Vilsack class-action lawsuit with \$266 million in funding that in accordance with the terms of the settlement agreement, must be distributed funds within a 20-year period.

Participants, which included a NAAF trustee, NAAF staff members and a few Keepseagle Fast Track Grantees, learned about the Community's long tradition

of cultivating the land with limited water resources, holistic approach to commercial farm management, and successful ventures into specialty crop production.

Gila River Farm staff and Community leadership shared the vision for tying together cultural heritage and economic development through agricultural production. Farm operators gave an overview of the challenges and opportunities associated with a large-scale operation.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

to learn her story and learn about her legacy."

Also among the speakers were Councilwoman and former Lt. Govern-

nor Monica Antone, who worked for Thomas for many years and highlighted Thomas' successful political work for the Gila Riv-

er Indian Community, and the impact that it's had on Antone and many others as well.

"I was very much impressed," said Community Member Urban Giff, on the dedication of the cabin to Thomas. Giff also spoke at the event "She was very humble. Always looking for other to be praised."

It was such an honor. I loved the mural," said Edith Pohl, Thomas' sister. Many family and friends all shared their cherished memories of Thomas. Afterwards, attendees were treated to lunch and given the chance to tour the cabin.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis provides opening remarks during the event. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Mural located in the first cabin at the camp painted by Paige Poppe dedicated to Mary V. Thomas. Emma Hughes/GRIN

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

COUNCIL SECRETARY SHANNON WHITE INFORMED THE COUNCIL THEY WERE WITHOUT A CHAIRPERSON; COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG WAS APPOINTED TO CHAIR THE MEETING

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, April 17, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Councilman Arzie Hogg at 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Monica Antone

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Robert Stone (10:04)

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Barney Enos, Jr. (9:07), Jennifer Allison, Pamela Johnson (9:07); D5- Janice Stewart (10:04), Marlin Dixon (9:17), Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D5- Lawrence White, Sr.

APPROVAL OF A GENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS NOTED AND THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. 2019-2020 Miss Gila River & Jr. Miss Gila River Introductions

Presenter: June Shorthair

MS. JUNE SHORTHAIK INTRODUCED MISS GILA RIVER TYLER RENE OWENS AND JR. MISS GILA RIVER SUSANNA NICHOLE OSIFE. EACH PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THEIR BACKGROUNDS AND PLAT FORMS. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

(15-minute break)

[CHAIRMAN ARZIE HOGG CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:04 A.M. WITH LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CHAIRING THE MEETING.]

REPORTS

*1. 2018 3rd Qtr, 2018 4th Qtr & 2019 1st Qtr Ira H. Hayes Auxiliary Unit 84 Report

Presenter: Carletta McDaniel

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. January 2019 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. February 2019 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. FY-19 First Quarter Report – Department of Community Housing

Presenter: Laurie Thomas

REPORT HEARD

>5. Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley – Gila River Branches Second Quarter Report 2019

Presenters: Chilo Figueroa, Soyot Antone, Emiliano Morondos

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Gila River Sand & Gravel Corp Quarterly Report

FY 19 Qtr 1

Presenters: Michael Morago, Bob Gazis

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. State Legislative Update and Recommendations (Executive Session)

Presenters: Public Policy Partners, Office of the General Counsel

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND MOVE THIS ITEM UNDER NEW BUSINESS #5

LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADDRESS NEW BUSINESS #5.

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

NEW BUSINESS

5. State Legislative Update and Recommendations (Executive Session)

Presenters: Public Policy Partners, Office of the General Counsel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDS REGARDING THE HOUSE BILLS AND SENATE BILLS; AND RECOGNIZE SENATE BILL 1088 AS A PRIORITY

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 1-HOUR LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:38 P.M.]

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Designation Of Certain Portions Of New Gila Crossing Community School For Community Use During Non-School Hours (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC & ESC concur)

Presenter: Michael Carter

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The City Of Chandler (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Thomas Knapp

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving And Ratifying An Intergovernmental Agreement Between Maricopa County And The Gila River Indian Community Establishing A Cooperative Highway Improvement Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Timothy Oliver

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Bureau Of Land Management To Survey The Boundary Line Located In District 2 Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Office of the General Counsel

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Lenora Kaye Cordier Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Maria Daley

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

>1. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority One (1) Board of Director Appointment

Presenters: Community Council

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. DHD 2014 RHIP Housing Construction Project Report (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendations)

Presenters: JoAnn Garcia, Javier Ramos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

>*1. Gila River Farms Budget 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to approve the FY20 Budget)

Presenter: Stephanie S. Manuel

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Notification of Appellate Court Vacancy (LSC motioned to declare the vacancy for (60) days advertised through Human Resources; and the option of extending the expired term for the current Appellate Court Judge until the vacancy is filled)

Presenter: Yolanda Johnson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCIES FOR 60-DAYS, ADVERTISE THROUGH HUMAN

RESOURCES AND EXTEND THE EXPIRED TERM FOR THE CURRENT JUDGES, UNTIL FILLED

>3. District Seven Letter of Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission for Jana Sunn (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Gila River Farms (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session under New Business)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

5. State Legislative Update and Recommendations (Executive Session)

Presenters: Public Policy Partners, Office of the General Counsel

HEARD AFTER REPORTS

MINUTES

1. February 20, 2019 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. April 3, 2019 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Councilman Joey Whitman on travel, Sunday, April 21 thru Thursday, April 25, 2019

~Prayers requested for Leatrice Celaya's family

~Prayers requested for Gina Webb's family

~Prayers requested for Fletcher Allison's family

~Prayers requested for Armando Jim's family

~Litigation Team meeting, Thursday, May 2, 2019, 9am

~Health & Social Standing Committee and Education Standing Committee joint meeting, Thursday, April 18, 2019, 9am

~Councilwoman Carol Schurz on travel Monday, April 22, 2019 thru Thursday, April 25, 2019

~Prayers requested for Leonard Manual's family

~District 3 Silver Hawks won the Chair Volleyball Gold Division Champion

~District 7 Quails were runner up in Silver Division

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:54 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

ATTENTION

District 6 Registered Voters & GRIC Voters!

District #6 Polling Site Re-location

For the 2019 Community Council Election

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

NEW LOCATION:

Boys & Girls Club - Komatke Branch

5047 West Pecos Road, Komatke/District 6

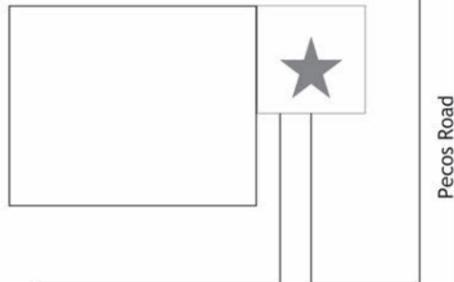
POLLING SITE OPEN

6:00 AM-6:PM

Polling Site will be on the NORTH side of the building in the small gymnasium

Look out for signs

Be cautious of the construction activity on Pecos Road.



For Immediate Release

MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR CASINO ROBBERY
 PHOENIX – On April 15, 2019, Ryan Pearson, 32, of Payson, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Susan M. Brnovich to five years in prison followed by three years of supervised release. Pearson had previously pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. Pearson admitted to using a firearm, along with co-defendant Armando Pablo Ochoa, to rob the Mazatal Casino, in Payson, Ariz., on the Tonto Apache Indian Reservation. Ochoa and Pearson entered the casino armed with handguns and demanded employees open a vault. When they did not receive immediate compliance, Ochoa and Pearson each fired a round from their weapons. Both Ochoa and Pearson were employees of the casino at the time. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Anthony W. Church, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

For Immediate Release

MESA MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER

PHOENIX – On April 30, 2019, Robert Lee Jose, 30, of Mesa, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Neil V. Wake to 15 years in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. Jose had previously pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter. On March 28, 2018, Jose shot the victim in the head following a short, heated argument, killing the victim. Both Jose and the victim are members of the Gila River Indian Community. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Raynette Logan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AMBIENT AIR MONITORING NETWORK REVIEW

Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §58.10 Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Quality Program (AQP) will make its annual monitoring network plan available for public inspection prior to submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Annual Ambient Monitoring Network Review and Data Summary present changes to and data collected from the air quality monitoring network during calendar year 2018. This document will also be available for review at the GRIC DEQ office located at 5350 N. 48th St., Chandler, AZ 85226, and on the AQP website at <http://www.gricdeq.org> under Public Notices. Additionally, presentations will be provided at all GRIC district monthly meetings during months of April - June 2019. Public comments may be submitted in writing to GRIC DEQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona, 85147, or comments may be given orally at the scheduled District meetings. Additional information is available from GRIC DEQ Air Quality, 1576A S. Nelson Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226, the AQP website (<http://www.gricdeq.org> under Air), or by calling 520-796-3782.

Job Posting

Updated 4/30/2019
 Casa Blanca Community School
 3455 W. Casa Blanca Road
 Bapchule, AZ 85121
 Vacancy Announcement
 Business Manager
 Culture Instructor
 Elementary Teacher
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 FACE Coordinator
 FACE Parent Educator
 Human Resource Coordinator
 Substitute Teacher
 How to Apply: For more information and online application please visit: www.cbcschools.com
 Benefits: Medical, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance, 401K Retirement Plan, Competitive Salaries.
 School Information: School is located 15 miles from Phoenix Metropolitan Area (15-minute drive).
 Contact Information: For additional information regarding a position, contact the Office of Human Resources at 480.403.8595 ext. 2512.

SUMMONS TO APPEAR

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 ALFREDO URUAS
 Petitioner/Plaintiff
 VS.
 KENDRA SHERFIELD
 Respondent/Defendant
 CASE Number: FM- 2019- 0024-PT
 CIVIL SUMMONS
 TO: KENDRA SHERFIELD
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court. YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on: Tuesday, May 9, 2019 at 9 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ, YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

SUMMONS TO APPEAR

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 HARLAN BAREHAND,
 Petitioner/Plaintiff
 vs.
 SALVADOR GONZALES,
 Respondent/Defendant
 CASE Number: CV-2019-0099-RO
 CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING
 Please take notice that a(n) Restraining Order Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:
 Thursday, May 16, 2019
 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I,
 AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

SUMMONS TO APPEAR

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 CHASTITY ROCHELLE BREAD
 Petitioner/Plaintiff
 VS.
 MATTHEW MICHAEL CHICO
 Respondent/Defendant
 CASE Number: FM-2019-0029-PT
 CIVIL SUMMONS
 TO: MATTHEW MICHAEL CHICO
 P.O.Box 623
 SACATON, AZ 85147
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court. YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 9:30 And in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road Sacaton, AZ, YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.



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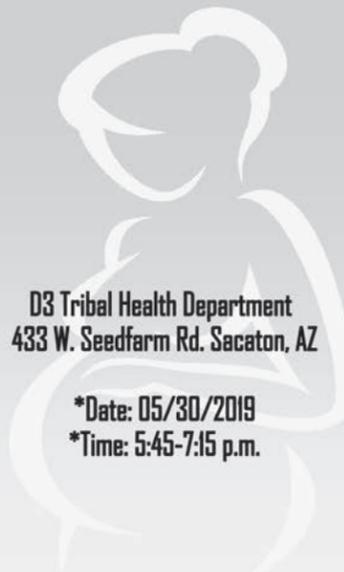
***Date: 05/16/2019
 *Time: 5:45-7:15 p.m.**

- ◆ Pre-Registration is greatly appreciated
- ◆ Expectant Mother's in 3rd Trimester
- ◆ Open to any Native American

Contact Genesis at 520-562-1237

D3 Tribal Health Department
 433 W. Seedfarm Rd. Sacaton, AZ

***Date: 05/30/2019
 *Time: 5:45-7:15 p.m.**







GILA RIVER SUMMER CAMPS

Overnight Camps:

Indian Youth of America Camp

Wednesday, June 12 - Friday, June 21, 2019 Prescott, AZ Ages 10-14 years' old

Suns Basketball Camp

Wednesday, June 26 - Sunday, June 30, 2019 Prescott, AZ Ages 8-17 years' old

Day Camps:

All Native Elite Camp: Basketball Skills & Exposure Training Camp

Train with Pro Athlete Bronson Koenig and WNBA Guard Angel Goodrich

Saturday, June 22 - Sunday, June, 23, 2019 Phoenix, AZ Ages 8-12 years' old

ASU Baseball

Thursday, July 18 - Saturday, July, 20, 2019 Phoenix Municipal Stadium Ages 7-14 years' old

FIRST PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO YOUTH WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED CAMPS. SPACE IS LIMITED TO ONE CAMP PER YOUTH.

Camper Eligibility:

- Youth must meet all camp requirements
- Youth must be enrolled Gila River member and provide proof of enrollment (CDIB or Tribal Id)
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed. All required documents must be submitted with camp application.
- Youth must be in good standing with Gila River Indian Community and CPAO camps
- Youth & Parent/Guardian **MUST** attend mandatory camp orientation

DEADLINE - May 24, 2019

Transportation will be provided for all camps.
Applications can be picked up in the CPAO Office located within the Governance Center or downloaded on mygilariver.com.
For additional information please contact Alie Walking Badger, Special Events Coordinator at 520-562-9713 or Shannon Redbird (520) 562-9859 or email special.events@gric.nsn.us

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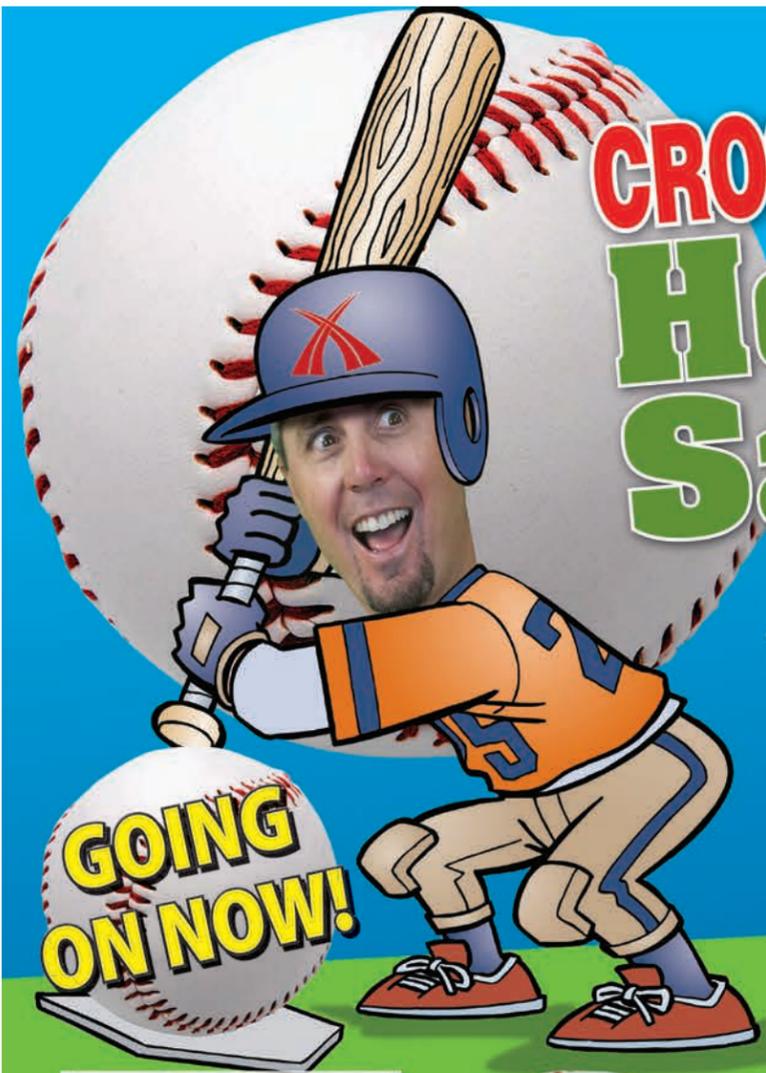
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