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New Head Start facility opens in Sacaton



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The new Sacaton Head Start on Seed Farm and Cholla will serve Districts 2, 3, and 4.

By Mikhail Sundust
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Before the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo outgrew its home on

the corner of Seed Farm Road and Cholla Avenue, this patch of dirt was the center of town for Sacaton's rodeo crowd. Now it's been trans-

formed into a children's learning center and is home to a bright new Head Start facility.

"I remember when they used to

have the fair here a long time ago. I used to sneak across the fence over there...that was crazy times," said Tim Terry with a laugh. He opened the new Head Start with a blessing.

"It's nice to have this for our children," said Terry. "It's nice to do things like this for our children because they deserve it."

The new Head Start is an enormous building with classrooms, a gym, a kitchen, a computer lab, a conference room, multi-purpose rooms, administrative offices and two playgrounds.

The 40,000-square-foot facility features high ceilings and extra large windows that welcome in as much sunlight as possible for natural lighting. Yellow paint on the upper walls makes for a warmer, brighter atmosphere.

"All the way down the hall we have indirect lighting," said Gary Melton, the project manager who oversaw the facility from its inception to its grand opening, "so we don't bring in the heat but we don't have to run the lights during the

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DOJ Task Force visits GRIC, examines struggles of youth exposed to violence

By Mikhail Sundust
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Daniel Cauffman, 21, a member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, fearlessly recounts his experiences of abuse as child.

"I was introduced to violence at the beginning of my life up until I was 8 years old," he told an audience of about 100 at the Talking Sticks Resort last week. He describes himself as a sociable person and said, "I've told this story many times [but] ... This is the first time actually doing it publicly like this."

He told the story of how his stepmother secretly beat and humiliated him for years before anyone noticed or took action and how even after, no charges were filed. It is an injustice all too common in Indian Country and something the U.S. Department of Justice is attempting to combat.

The Task Force on American Indian and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence was created to examine the issues associated with youth being exposed to violence in Indian Country. It was created in 2013 after a 2009 DOJ study revealed that "60 percent of children (regardless of ethnicity) are exposed to some form of violence."

Supporting the Task Force outreach efforts is a 13-seat Advisory Committee made up of experts in various fields related to violence in Indian Country. It is co-chaired by former Sen. Byron Dorgan (N.D.) and Iroquois musician Joanne Shenandoah.

The committee's mission is to hear Indian Country out and report

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P-MIP named Project of the Year by Forta Corp.

By Joshua Jovanelly
Gila River Indian News

The Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project was named North America Concrete Project of the Year for 2013 by the Forta Corp., a company that provides synthetic fibers to reduce cracking and reinforce concrete.

P-MIP received a golden-tinted plaque from Forta, a company the project has partnered with for the last three years. In the 2013 building cycle, P-MIP utilized approximately 40,000 pounds of Forta's patented synthetic fibers. Forta, based in Grove City, Penn., does business all around the world and was the first company to introduce synthetic fibers to North America in the late 1970s.

George Sadowski, a sales manager with the company, nominated P-MIP for the company's award. "I submitted this one because of the magnitude of the project [and] the volume of the fibers [used]," Sadowski said.

P-MIP is tasked with revitalizing the Community's agricultural capacity by refurbishing its system of canals. The massive project, scheduled for completion by 2030, is meant to utilize the water the Community was awarded in the 2004 Water Rights Settlement.

David DeJong, P-MIP's director, said the award demonstrates "to the broader community that



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

Members of the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project pose outside with their award from the Forta Corp. Forta recognized P-MIP as its North America Concrete Project of the Year for 2013. P-MIP director David DeJong (holding the award) said the award is a positive reflection on the entire Community.

[GRIC] is serious about putting this water to use."

Sadowski said P-MIP's undertaking was unique. On the embankments of the canals, Forta's synthetic fibers "act like fingers so the concrete won't collapse." The fibers are evenly distributed throughout the concrete during the mixing process. Once the concrete mix is poured, the fibers help

reduce cracking and permeability, while improving durability and toughness. In some portions of the canal the fibers also help reinforce rebar and prevent corrosion.

Bill Eden, a civil agricultural engineer for P-MIP, believes Forta's fibers help the project meet the highest standards. "One of the main things that we really, really push here at P-MIP for the proj-

ect is having leak-proof lining and leak-proof structures," said Eden, who is one of three licensed professional engineers employed by P-MIP.

DeJong said the recognition from Forta was "a feather in the cap" for the entire Community. "Number one, I think it reflects well on the Community," he said.

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Gov. Mendoza's Public Statement Concerning Code of Conduct Complaint

Dear Gila River Indian Community Members:

As an elected official, I realize that I cannot please everyone, all of the time. I also realize that Community Members may respectfully disagree with my decisions and I believe that is a sign of the civil discourse important to a healthy government and people. Therefore, I write to clarify the issues involving recent public statements and disagreements that a Community member has voiced at public meetings in the Community.

In early October of 2013, a formal Code of Conduct ("Code") complaint against me was filed with the Community Council. The Code was enacted to ensure that the Community's elected officials maintained the highest standards of accountability, order, discipline, and integrity during their service to the Community. The Code was deemed necessary because every day, your elected officials learn about and manage very sensitive and confidential information related to Community projects, Community departments, Community finances, and Commu-

nity members.

The Code helps busy elected officials understand where they need to draw the line between their official duties and their personal lives, and most of those lines are based on common sense. As an example, the Code specifically restricts elected officials from using Community property and funds for their own benefit, from using their power and authority to hire immediate family to Community positions, and from accepting gifts, money, favors, services or any other benefit exceeding \$500 per year. The Code also requires that elected officials file annual financial disclosure statements which may reveal whether they are using their position and power for their own financial gain.

I. COMPLAINT

Complainant filed a complaint more than one year (411 days) after the alleged violation of the Code. For privacy of personnel issues, I cannot disclose the actual content of the allegation, but can share that the complaint stemmed from a disagreement in reference to the re-

tainment of an employee. While I knew that the allegations would prove to be false, I welcomed the opportunity to allow our code of conduct process to run its course to assure the Community that there were no truths to the allegations. As a result, the Community Council appointed a Special Investigator and for nearly four months thereafter that investigation continued, requiring my formal response to the allegations, requiring extensive interviews that I and many other individuals completed, and requiring formal and independent legal review of all of the evidence that the investigator gathered. At the end of that process, the Community Council reviewed all of the evidence disclosed within the Special Investigator's confidential report and dismissed the complaint as groundless by a Council vote of 8 to 6.

II. THE BIGGER PICTURE

I am a big proponent of using every event in my life as an opportunity to grow and develop as a human being, as a member of our beautiful Community, and as your Governor. This experi-

ence has been such an event and it has proved to me that knowledge is the key to learning as much as we can about ourselves and our situations. Sharing my knowledge about this process and the complaint (to the degree that I can disclose the facts), is a way that we can all learn about the Code and discover, first hand, that it is working and helping to ensure that the ethics and standards that we expect from our elected officials are upheld. Equipped with that knowledge, we can continue to cultivate the quality of governance that we expect from our elected officials for the benefit of our Community, our generation, and the generations to come.

Please know that if you ever have any questions about my role as your Governor, I am more than happy to meet with you and to answer those questions.

Sincerely,
 Gregory Mendoza, Governor

Gila River Indian Community

Filmmaker reflects on visit with Lt. Gov. at Sundance

The lights were low, the music high. Streaks of intense strobe light flickered across the crowded dance floor. A cacophony of mingling and laughter rumbled in a constant low hum inside the warmth of the posh venue hunkered in the snowy mountains of Park City, Utah. A celebratory feeling pervaded the evening as filmmakers from around the world convened to honor the 20th Anniversary of the Native Forum at the Sundance Film Festival 2014.

Across the riotous room, a large shadowy figure caught my eye. It was impossible not to notice him. Some people are so impressionable that you cannot forget them. Also, some people are just tall! It was Stephen Lewis.

At the festival, as a participant in the NativeLab, I had met a lot of people during my week-long filmmaking fellowship. But I never thought I'd see another Community citizen at the Festival, and a Lt. Governor, no less.

Needless to say, I commenced to beeline right over to "his Tallness," and reached for his hand.

"Stephen!" I said. "How are you doing!"

"Jeff!" he exclaimed, as we were at a booming dance party, and had to lean in a little to be heard. "How are you?" he added.

We proceeded to catch up. I bothered him about news from the Community. He asked me about the fellowship, and the wife and kids.

Then I asked him the inevitable question, the one you ask all politicians: What are you doing here?

He replied, "I was the first Director of the Sundance Native American Program. That's why Bird invited me here."

Get out! Really?

I did not say that but I was actually really surprised. I did not know that our Lt. Governor was once at the helm of what has become a high point in my work. He was at the start of what would become an amazing filmmaking experience that is catapulting not only my filmmaking, but other Natives too! He enabled the way for this "O'Odham" to be doing what he loves to do, and that is making movies.

In a way, Stephen and I have come full circle. The seeds planted by our Lt. Governor are now seeing fruit as I, a former D6 "Circles" resident, am being supported and encouraged by the same Sundance Native American and Indigenous Program he once presided over.

It's encouraging to know that the work we do in whatever capacity, though we may not see the fruits of our labor immediately, our work may have positive repercussions for future generations of "O'Odham" people, Native people.

It's been said, "What e'er thou art, act well thy part."

Never more have these words been truer, than today when Native opportunity is at a zenith.

So whatever it is you do, make sure to DO IT WELL.

The 7th generation is counting on



Photo Courtesy of Jeff Barehand

Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the Native Forum at the Sundance Film Festival.

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Tribal leaders give testimony at DOJ hearing

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back to the Attorney General with policy recommendations to help indigenous American families and children. The Advisory Committee will learn from Native American communities directly through a series of four public hearings and several smaller listening sessions.

The hearing at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's facility Feb. 11 was the second of such hearings. The committee will convene later this year in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and again in Anchorage, Alaska, before submitting its final report to Attorney General Eric Holder.

They are looking for causes and patterns; how violence impacts children physically, psychologically and emotionally; how it will affect their futures; what is being done by tribes, states and the federal government to stop the violence; what ideas have been implemented to assist those who have gone through bad experiences; and what more can be done.

Common themes the committee heard from the experts who testified were that putting young people behind bars exacerbates the problem of violence in Indian Country rather than fixes it, that cultural rehabilitation practices tend to be most effective for Native American youth and that tribes need more financial support to fund all of this.

Cauffman was joined onstage before the committee by Temetira Young, 18, of the San Carlos Apache Nation, who also wanted

to share her story and testify to the violent struggles young Native people often go through.

Young described being bullied, dropping out of school as a sophomore and drinking alcohol at a young age. "When I was under the influence of alcohol, I became angry and got in fights with other people," she said. "I was thrown in jail a lot. I spent three birthdays there."

Fortunately, eventually she spoke to a counselor who helped her. At 18 she got her GED while incarcerated. "I liked the teacher," she said. "She was Filipino. [She] gave me one-on-one attention. She was encouraging and nice. She made us feel like she cared about us."

Graduating boosted Young's confidence: "I really liked the graduation ceremony – I never expected anything like it. I felt important and it made me want to do something with myself."

The DOJ hearing was an all day event. The advisory committee heard from panels of tribal leaders, tribal judges and tribal social workers. They asked what was working in reversing the trend of violence in Indian Country and what more needed to be done.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Gregory Mendoza was asked to share the unique perspective of his tribe.

Mendoza began by pointing to a 2003 study by the DOJ, which indicated Gila River as "having the most violent crimes per capita in all

of Indian Country."

"The Community recognizes the problem of our children being exposed to violence," he said. "We have undertaken a dramatic overhaul of our justice system ... to better address this issue."

Gila River has used strong revenue streams from its gaming enterprise to fund a number of projects aimed at improving the lives of its youngest Community members.

For example, "In the area of juvenile offenders of crimes, the Community has established a multi-tiered Children's Court that promotes rehabilitation instead of punishment," Mendoza said.

The children's courts are a part of the Community's Diversion Program, which is built around three pillars: education, community involvement and cultural development. The Diversion Program is a coordinated effort to help troubled youth that includes GRIC public safety, the Community's detention facility and its Behavioral Health Services department.

"The number of juveniles in the facility has steadily dropped since 2007, largely due to many of the diversion programs," Mendoza said. The facility now hosts an average of 15 inmates at a time and the usual stay is only 12 days. "The juveniles in our facility are put through school and cultural education during their entire stay."

"The Community has also increased the support services for youth who are exposed to violence

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P-MIP recognition

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"Any time we can do something that reflects well on the Community, we're enhancing the stature of the Community."

DeJong added that it was important for GRIC to show it could complete such a complex project from within. "[T]he Community is engaging in nation-building right now," DeJong said. "It's building infrastructure, it's building capacity and P-MIP is part of that. We're helping...to build a capacity within the Community to do these things itself."

When P-MIP began its project in 1993, the Community viewed it with skepticism. Throughout the 20th century there were many irrigation projects that promised to return water to the Community but ultimately fell short. Over the last 20 years — and particularly in the last three — the perception of P-MIP has shifted in a much more positive direction. As new pieces of the canal are built and more arable fields glow with healthy crops, Community elders are starting to believe in the project.

Shane Lindstrom is a water management engineer who has been employed by P-MIP for the life of the project. He was there in the days of pessimism and has seen changes in that attitude over the last two decades.

"You could even just see it in some of the faces and some of the people we deal with that this thing

is finally going to be built," Lindstrom said.

P-MIP is a model project for the Bureau of Reclamation, according to DeJong, in everything from the way it manages its funding to the structural integrity of the canals it builds. The recognition from Forta is another indicator that P-MIP's achievements are being noticed.

"I think it's important that the Community recognize that the industry as a whole is recognizing that P-MIP is building a quality project," DeJong said.

Sadowski also praised P-MIP for being easy to work with and said he hopes to maintain Forta's relationship with the project.

Using top-of-the-line products like Forta's fibers is what will allow P-MIP to not only complete its project on schedule but to also do it well.

"Our charge has always been to build a system that reduces the operations cost because the Community is going to be paying for the operations and maintenance of the system," DeJong said. "So we're trying to be forward thinking and construct a system that reduces that future cost because we want Community growers to be as successful as they possibly can."

TRIBAL LAW AND ORDER ACT

On May 15, 2013, the Community Council enacted the revised Criminal Code effective January 1, 2014, which includes enhanced sentencing under the Tribal Law and Order Act effective May 1, 2014.

There are a total of 103 criminal offenses in the revised Criminal Code: 56 are misdemeanors, 8 felonies and 39 that can be charged as either a misdemeanor or felony. An offense punishable as either a felony or misdemeanor is a misdemeanor but can be charged as a felony when one or more aggravating factors are present, as identified in the revised criminal code, or an additional element is present that is not present if a misdemeanor.

In a criminal proceeding where a defendant is charged with a felony and is subjected to more than one year of imprisonment the defendant has the right to effective assistance of counsel and the judge presiding over any hearing shall have sufficient legal training and be licensed to practice law by any jurisdiction in the United States.

Substantial changes were made to the competency provision of the criminal code. A process will be implemented to determine if a person is mentally competent to stand trial. In the current Community Criminal Code there is no process to determine if a person is mentally competent to stand trial.

A sentencing scheme has been created that categorizes offenses into one of three categories; provides for presumptive sentences for each of the three categories; and still allows for the judge to deviate from the presumptive sentence.

Additional criminal procedures will be implemented for the protection of the defendant's rights and to ensure notification to victims.

The revised Criminal Code is now available at both www.mygilariver.com and www.gilariver.com.

If you go to www.mygilariver.com, click on **Judicial Branch** and you will find the revised Criminal Code at the bottom of the page.

If you go to www.gilariver.org, hover over **Government**, and then click on **Judicial Branch**.



COMMUNITY UPDATES

BY GRIN STAFF

Here are some regular updates on the on-going issues pertaining to the Gila River Indian Community.

GRIC working on last components of TLOA before implementation

The implementation of the misdemeanor portion of the updated Gila River criminal code has proceeded without much disruption since the process began Jan. 1. Meanwhile, three key objectives must be met before enhanced felony sentencing under the Tribal Law and Order Act can start May 1.

Firstly, the Community Court must update its audio recording system to document any trial where the sentence could be longer than one year. This is one of the required defendants' rights protections called for by TLOA.

Chief Judge Anthony Hill said the Court is working with two companies to update the recording system. It's on schedule to be com-

pleted by May 1.

Next, the Defense Services Office must expand its scope of representation to include Native Americans from other tribes. As it stands now, DSO will sometimes provide legal counsel to members of other tribes on a pro bono basis when the court mandates it, but some interpret its current scope to only include Community members. The goal is to remove the gray area using less ambiguous language so that DSO can represent "anybody who is alleged to fall under the Community's jurisdiction," said DSO director Cecilia Vaca.

"This will once and for all settle the dispute whether we do or we don't," Vaca added. "We're trying

to solidify what we already do."

The third item the Community must check off its list is receiving approval of its Sacaton correctional facility from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The BIA must sign off that the Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision has met certain guidelines and criteria to accommodate a greater number of prison inmates for longer periods of time. DRS has been working toward this approval process since last year and is confident its facilities meet BIA standards.

DRS is waiting on the BIA to make its assessment. The bureau's visit is expected in late March.

The lead up to the TLOA implementation sparked a debate

over the educational requirements and qualifications of Community judges. New rules of criminal procedure have clarified the education requirements. Rule 41 sets the requirements comparable to surrounding jurisdictions, such as requiring judges to have had at least 30 hours of instruction from an accredited program prior to taking office and 15 on-going educational hours each year after taking office.

TLOA mandates that during enhanced sentencing cases, judges must be "licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction in the United States." Although the Community judges last year became licensed through the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's licensing program, a temporary

judge (known as a judge pro tem) with felony-level experience will be brought in to hear the initial cases until Gila River can set up its own licensing program. The licensing will be handled by an outside consultant to maintain impartiality, and will license attorneys and advocates as well as judges.

The Tribal Law and Order Act, signed into law in 2010, gives tribal nations the authority to sentence their own people up to three years per felony offense. (The previous maximum was one year). GRIC has spent the last few years updating its criminal code and making sure all affected departments would be prepared for the implementation.

Gov. Mendoza did not violate code of conduct, according to investigation

At a special meeting Jan. 30, the Gila River Indian Community Council voted 8-6 to support an investigative report, which concluded that Gov. Gregory Mendoza did not violate the Code of Conduct.

The Council convened for the special meeting to hear a Code of Conduct violation case brought against Mendoza by a former GRIC employee known in proceedings as the complainant. The proceedings were carried out in a public meeting format.

The complainant accused Mendoza of abusing his power as governor, saying he attempted to keep another employee from losing her job in 2012. The complainant claimed that after the employee was terminated, the employee and

Mendoza met in his office at which point Mendoza called her supervisor to try to convince her to rethink the termination. The complainant said she witnessed this.

Other witnesses, however, including the terminated employee's supervisor, contested the claim saying Mendoza never tried to use his political weight to protect the employee from being fired.

The events in question took place 411 days before the complainant filed the grievance in Oct. 2013. In accordance with the Code of Conduct, an investigation, carried out by an external third party team, was launched into the matter.

"At the end of that process," wrote Gov. Mendoza in an open letter to Community members,

"the Community Council reviewed all of the evidence disclosed within the Special Investigator's confidential report and dismissed the complaint as groundless."

He closed by writing, "I am a big proponent of using every event in my life as an opportunity to grow and develop as a human being, as a member of our beautiful Community, and as your Governor."

In a separate matter, after the vote that cleared Mendoza of the violation charge, the Community Council voted to suspend the Code of Conduct Ordinance.

"The Community Council suspended the Code of Conduct in its entirety," read a statement released by the Community Council Secretary's Office. "The suspension in-

cludes a hold on Code of Conduct Complaints (i.e., no new Complaints will be filed with CCSO) and Code of Conduct Training for appointed and elected officials will be rescheduled. Please contact CCSO at 520-562-9722 if you have any questions."

The Code of Conduct is an ordinance that establishes a system for employees to file grievances against elected and appointed leaders such as Council members, judges and the governor and lieutenant governor.

The Council suspended the Code of Conduct but elected officials are still under the purview of the GRIC Constitution and the Community Code.

Article XII, Section 3 of the

GRIC Constitution reads, in part: "The Council shall enact ordinances which will define what constitutes (1) improper conduct; (2) a crime involving moral turpitude, and (3) gross neglect of duty."

The Community Code – not to be confused with the Code of Conduct – is that document. Title 1, Chapter 2 of the Community Code defines "Official Misconduct" as improper conduct, gross neglect of duty and crimes involving moral turpitude, the last of which includes (but is not limited to): theft, fraud, driving while intoxicated and any "act or behavior that gravely violates the accepted moral standards of the Community."

Courts and Finance now accepting debit and credit, online payments next possible step



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

MasterCard and Visa credit and debit payments will now be accepted at the Gila River courts and the Finance Department. The Community leadership hopes it will make payments more convenient.

Speeding ticket: \$50. Mul-Chu-Tha wristband: \$20. GRIN subscription: \$18.

Being able to finally pay for these things with debit or credit card?

Priceless.

The Gila River Community Courts and the Finance Department are now accepting Visa and MasterCard, a long-awaited advancement that will make paying for fines, goods and services a lot more convenient.

Previously, these expenses could only be paid with cash, check or money order.

"The courts were indicating that they thought it would assist a lot of people in making payments there if we could go beyond that," said Community Treasurer Robert Keller.

The Court's and the Cashier Office's payment systems will be up and running by the end of the month. This new feature

will be available both in Sacaton and at the courthouse and finance office in the West End. Keller said Child Care will soon be the next department to accept credit and debit.

The Finance Department changed its policy to allow these types of payments and Council approved it in December 2012. "The old policy was very old and [credit and debit] was not part of it," Keller said. "It is now."

Credit and debit payments were already being handled at Community entities and businesses, so it was a noticeable discrepancy that people could not use plastic to pay for court fines or government services. "It allows individuals to make the payments without having to carry cash," Keller said. "A lot of people these days do not have cash with them."

Online payments could be next.

"Our next step after this, when we get it and it's running good, we're going to look into how we would put together internet payments," Keller said. "That's the future."

First ever flag transfer in GRIC

The American Legion Ira Hayes Post No. 84 performed its first-ever flag transfer ceremony Feb. 14 at the Casa Blanca Service Center.

"This flag was Larry [Kyyitan]'s burial flag," Post member Leonard Johns announced to a small audience of mostly Kyyitan family members. "I remember when Larry passed on, it inspired me to translate the Marine Corps hymn [into] Pima." Johns said ever since he translated the song, it has been requested at many O'otham Marine funerals.

Brenda Kyyitan's husband, Larry, was a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. When he passed away, she was given his burial flag and has taken care of it ever since. "It was an honor ... taking care of it for 20 years," she said. But as she enters her latter years, she thought it would be better for someone else to look after it.

Last Friday, she had his flag aired out and refolded by the Post and transferred to Larry's older brother Gerald "Wally" Kyyitan, a veteran of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division.

"I chose to transfer the flag to him because he was there when I needed him," said Brenda. She and Wally worked closely to make all of Larry's funeral arrangements exactly as he had wished them to be. "To me, it's putting my mind at ease to make sure that the flag is being taken care of."

"Jan. 8 was [Larry's] death anniversary," Brenda said. Feb. 6 would have been his 64th birthday.

HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER



Auppa Hiosig Mashath

The name for this month references the blooming of the Cottonwood, which produces pale green blossoms that hang from the branches. After pollination, these blossoms will develop into catkins, which will hang in grape-like bunches called auppa haupulthag and are easily recognized.

This month several other plants start to produce fruits such as u:s chevadbād (Graythorn), which produces small purple-black berries that are about the size of a pony bead and contains a small hard seed-pit inside. Another plant that produces berries is kua:vol (Wolfberry or Squawberry), which produces juicy red berries that are about the size of a dime.

O’otham named the area just north of St. Johns s-kua:volik (place of many Wolfberry). When we were young we would all help Lulu’u (Grandmother on Mothers side of the family) go to gather the fruits of u:s chevadbād or kua:vol. Lulu’u always knew where the plants grew that produced the best berries. We would travel in a small group of young boys and girls with Grandmother leading the way with her ever-present walking stick carved from a sturdy piece of va:pai (dried cactus rib). We each carried an item of importance such as buckets, canteens and small squares of canvas. When picking Graythorn berries we would place the canvas under the bush and beat the branches with sticks and Grandmother would reach the higher branches with her longer stick.

Once enough berries were shook lose we would gather up the canvas by the corners and pour the berries into the containers. We would collect berries from four to six bushes, enough to fill three buckets. Once we got home, Grandmother would rinse off the berries and we would sit outside under our tree and eat the berries with her. We would spit out the hard seed and eat only the soft sweet fruit pulp. When going for kua:vol Lulu’u would always make pudding out of the berries when we got home. She would always remind us not to eat too many raw berries because “Tho chuchko heg ‘em thatham” (It would stain your teeth black). Today many families enjoy this practice and are transmitting this Traditional Ecological Knowledge from one generation to the next. This month our word match will feature plants that are edible, or produce fruits. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives. We also encourage you to go out and pick some fresh berries to eat.

Auppa Hiosig Mashath Word Match

kua:vol

u:s chevadbād

auppa haupuldag

hannam

onk i:vak

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Saturday, March 8th, 2014 **51st Annual**
MISS GILA RIVER PAGEANT





Saturday, March 8, 2014
5:00 p.m.
Vah-Ki Multipurpose Building
Casa Blanca, Arizona

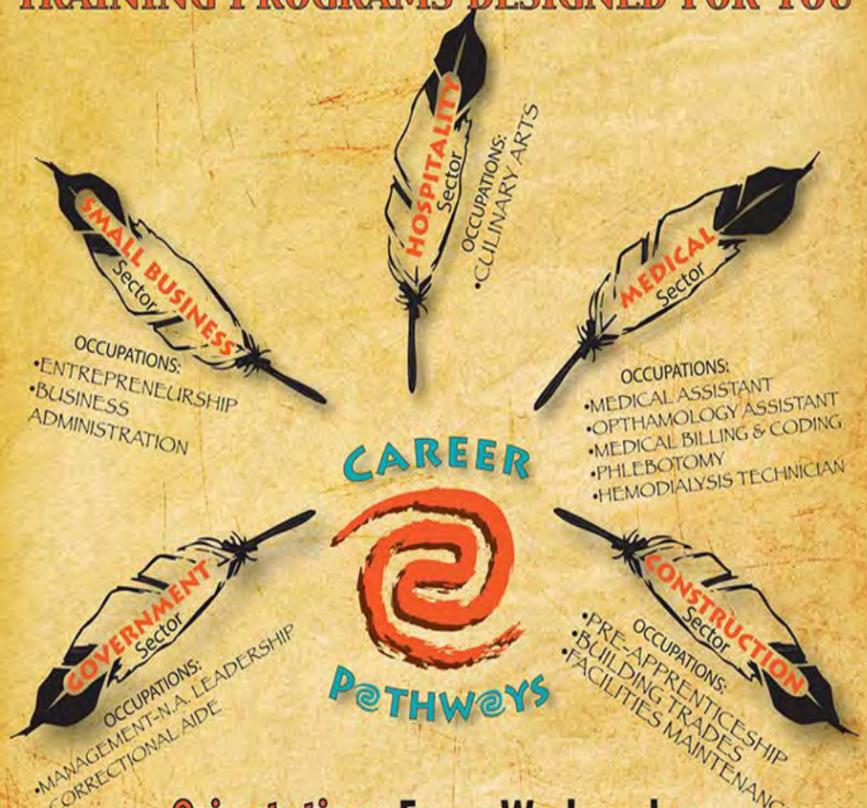
Event is free and open to the public. Drugs and alcohol are prohibited.
Questions or inquiries: missgilariver@gila.nsn.us



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
520.562.2234



Winter Bird Count



Submitted by Department of Environmental Quality

On February 8, the Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) held its 15th Annual Winter Bird Count. The Winter Bird Count annually provides the Community the opportunity to spend the morning

outdoors, observing the variety of bird species that call our Community home. This activity over the years, has put into perspective the importance of preserving the environment and as Governor Mendoza said, "it's always good to learn and to be reminded how significant the birds are to our Community." GRIC DEQ would like to give a special thanks to Governor Mendoza, Miss Gila River, the Gila River Youth Council, the Audubon Society, Barnaby Lewis, Brenda Robertson, the HuHuGam Heritage Center, and all the Bird Count presenters, dancers, singers, participants, and volunteers that gathered and shared their time to enjoy and learn about birds and the rich culture of our Community. We look forward to seeing you at next year's Winter Bird Count.



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MARCH 2014

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 3 D3 (SACATON) BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:30-2:30 PM | 4 VHM HIGH SCHOOL TEEN CLINIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 8:30-2:00 PM | 5 D5 (BAPCHULE) SACATE HOUSING 8:30-2:30 PM | 6 IRA HAYES HIGH SCHOOL TEEN CLINIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 8:30-2:00 PM | 7 NO CLINIC |
| 10 CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC | 11 AK-CHIN (MARICOPA) CLINIC INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:30-2:00 PM | 12 D1 (BLACKWATER) MULTIPURPOSE CENTER 8:30-2:30 PM | 13 D6 (KOMATKE) BY KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM | 14 NO CLINIC |
| 17 NO CLINIC | 18 NO CLINIC | 19 NO CLINIC | 20 NO CLINIC | 21 NO CLINIC |
| 24 D4 (SAN TAN) GILA BUTTE HOUSING 8:30-2:30 PM | 25 NO CLINIC | 26 D3 (SACATON) BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:30-2:30 PM | 27 D7 (Maricopa Colony) SERVICE CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM | 28 NO CLINIC |
| 31 CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC | | | | CALL AND SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY! |

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5th Annual Cancer Awareness Day

Event "Honoring the Journey"

April 26, 2014

District 5 Vah-ki Multi-Purpose Building



A continental breakfast and a light lunch will be served to all visitors.

Registration starts @ 6:00 am
Pre-registration will be available. For more information, contact: Tyrel Thinn @ 520-562-2025

10K run, 3-person 10k relay, & 1 Mile walk start @ 7am

Special program filled with speakers and entertainment starts @ 9 am

For more information, contact Devin Pablo
(Community Health Education Program) @ 520-550-8000



TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

“MASCHAHAMDUD A JENIKTHA”



Sacaton School District Recognizes Top AIMS Students

By John Timmons
Sacaton Elementary School
District No. 18

Fourteen third through sixth grade students were formally recognized for outstanding academic achievement on the 2013 AIMS Test at the regularly convened Governing Board Meeting of the Sacaton Elementary School District No. 18 on the evening of Feb. 11. These students all scored at the very top (the “Exceeds”, or “blue level”) in either reading, math, or science. Each student can be very proud of their academic prowess in a core subject. Three eighth grade students who are now attending area high schools also

scored in the “Exceeds” category on last year’s AIMS Test.

Those students scoring in the “Exceeds” level were: Arnold Castro (3rd- math), Cordell Jackson (3rd- reading), Kevin Lewis (3rd- math), Ellyse Enos (4th- science), Raylynn Mills (4th- math), Marrietta Rivers (4th- math), Nizhoni Williams (4th- math), Ayana Lewis (5th- math), Jalaine Zeek (5th- math), Patricia Hernandez (6th- math), Phillip Lewis (6th- math), Annalissia Mills (6th- math), Dominique Morago (6th- math), and Jones Williams (6th- math). Grade levels listed are for this past school year.



Photo Courtesy of Sacaton Elementary School District No. 18

Outstanding students honored at school board meeting for their high AIMS test scores.

DOJ holds hearing and visits youth council

From Page 4



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

Former Sen. Byron Dorgan leads a discussion with the Gila River and Ak-Chin youth councils.

and maltreatment,” said the governor. The Community has a Crime Victim Services office, a Tribal Social Services program (which includes Child Protective Services), a youth council, two Boys and Girls Clubs, the Residential Program for Youth housing center and a domestic violence shelter.

“I think our Community has taken a unique and proactive approach to addressing the issue of youth being exposed to violence,” said Mendoza proudly. “These efforts aim to not only provide relief and support for victims but to identify troubled youth offenders and put an end to the intergenerational cycle of violence within our Community.”

While the formal hearing took place in Salt River, the Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council hosted an informal listening session in the youth council chambers in Sacaton the day before. The Ak-Chin Youth Council joined Gila River’s youth to speak to members of the attorney general’s advisory committee and federal government officials during the afternoon discussion.

Before the listening session began, Tony West – associate attorney general and the third highest-ranking official in the Attorney General Holder’s office – said the reputation of Gila River’s youth organization attracted the task force’s attention.

“We wanted to hear not just

stories of difficulty...but we also wanted to find out what was working,” West said. “And Gila River is one of those places where it has one of the most organized youth councils. It’s an example both within and outside of Indian Country just the way that young people are sort of coming together here and really taking charge.”

West later called Gila River “the perfect place to come and listen.”

Sen. Dorgan led the listening session, asking questions to the youth about both the challenges and opportunities they perceived in their lives. Most youth council members said they were grateful for organizations like youth councils and tribal education scholarships. They pointed out that a lack of motivation was one of the biggest problems they saw amongst their peers.

As is the case with so many other young people in tribal communities, violence had encroached on each of the young leaders’ lives. At one point Dorgan asked how many of the youth had known or heard about someone who had committed suicide. Nearly all of the 15 youth council members in attendance raised their hands.

Other topics discussed ranged from dealing with prejudice, career goals and strategies for finding success.

West said he expects all the

listening sessions and hearings to amount to “tangible results that will be in the form of concrete recommendations” that will help reduce the exposure of Native American children to violence. West said the recommendations would end up in a report presented to the Attorney General and would be of use to multiple people, including policymakers, legislators, researchers and advocates.

The Gila River Indian Community is a rarity. It is blessed to be able to fund services like a youth council and a tribal social services program, yet many problems still persist. Meanwhile, other tribes do not have the funding that Gila River enjoys and they shout a recurring plea to the federal government for help. They have programs – or at least plans for programs – but not the means to implement them.

Many of the problems did not happen over night, warned Tohono O’odham Chairman Dr. Ned Norris, Jr. “These problems are the product of years of funding cuts and lack of infrastructure. We can do better. We must do better and we need your support,” he told the advisory committee.

“Today there are more than 600 [Tohono] O’odham youth involved in welfare cases,” he said. “At least 75 percent of cases involve children that have been directly exposed to violence or abuse. We know from experience that providing culturally appropriate services for youth plays a significant role in helping get our youth on the right track. However, the Nation has far too few services to assist our children.”

He added, “Additional funding for better training and facilities is required so that we can provide all these services on our own.”

The Tohono O’odham Nation is currently looking for solutions to integrate data resources with the state so it can begin to track youth through the judicial system. The TON Disciplinary Coalition, which started several years ago, includes cooperation between the Tohono O’odham Police Department, the TON Child Welfare Department,



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Gila River Gov. Gregory Mendoza and Tohono O’odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris shared the stage to discuss what their respective communities are doing to combat violence on the reservation.

tribal prosecutors, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the FBI and non-profits organizations – was lauded as a model system by the U.S. Attorney’s Office in 2011 but has struggled to maintain its success due to a lack of funding.

Native children are best served when states, tribes and the federal government embrace a spirit of cooperation, Norris said, but “without proper support from every level of government, no amount of partnership and creative thinking can deliver the level of service that our children need and deserve.”

Other tribal leaders and youth advocates from nations as varied as the Rose Bud Sioux Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Fort Belknap Community in Montana and the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming echoed such sentiments.

While tribes struggle to find funding for programs to help young victims of violence, sometimes the simplest solutions are free. Everyone can do their part by donating some time and lending an ear to a child in need.

When asked, “At your lowest point, what would have made the biggest difference for you?” both Cauffman and Young said, someone to talk to, someone who would listen and care.

“Somebody to tell me that they love me and they’re there for me,” said Young, her voice steady and

resilient. “I had nobody. I was on my own. So just to talk to somebody and not hold my feelings in.”

The two young panelists were applauded and praised for their courage.

“The two of you speak for thousands and thousands of children who go through what you’ve gone through and no one knows it,” Sen. Dorgan told them.

The impacts of violence on young people leave invisible scars that last a lifetime. But one thing Cauffman and Young brought to the table that day was an exhibition of strength – strength to move past their past and look forward to the future.

Young still struggles with the urge to cut her wrists, she said, “but I have the desire to stop. I want to make something of my life. Thank you for this opportunity to share my story.” She expects to begin her college career at a college in New Mexico this fall.

Cauffman is a student at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich. He is studying to become a social worker and plans to work with kids.

For more information on the task force and advisory committee, visit www.justice.gov/defending-childhood.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pima Agency Gila River Indian Community Environmental Assessment for a John Deere Demonstration Site Land Lease The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Pima Agency is releasing a Public Notice for a proposed Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential impacts of Deere & Company (John Deere) entering into a new lease with the Gila River Indian Community (Community) for existing facilities located at 1465 West Casa Blanca Road, Sacaton, Arizona in District 5 of the Community. John Deere has leased the land for the demonstration site from the Community since 1978, and owns and maintains the equipment and buildings located on site. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to address the potential environmental consequences of proposed actions as well as solicit comments from local, state, and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and interested members of the public during their decision-making process. Because BIA is a federal agency, an EA is required to comply with NEPA. The EA will address any potential impacts resulting from the project.

Project Description
Pima Leasing and Financing Corporation was established in 2010 to oversee the leasing of tribal land on behalf of the Community including the John Deere Demonstration Site. There are four buildings on the approximately 164-acre site, including a main building with a classroom, shop, and office, a large new "demonstration" building for watching equipment in use, and two small modular classrooms. The site for these facilities currently falls within two separate land leases, one for an approximately 19-acre allotment and the other for approximately 145 acres of tribal land. No new buildings or expansions are planned for the site. This project would establish a new 10-year lease with a 10-year option, combining the two current land leases for the site into a single land lease to simplify lease management.

Purpose and Need
The most recent land leases for the demo site will expire in 2015 for the

allotment, and in 2016 for the tribal land. The BIA is requiring that an EA be completed for the new lease since an EA has never previously been completed for the site. The EA will provide an environmental review of the site, present the project, and disclose associated environmental consequences that may result from continued operation of the demonstration site and its facilities.

Public Comment Period
As part of the NEPA process you are invited to provide written comments on the proposed action. All comments received become part of the public record associated with this action. Accordingly, your comments (including name and address) will be available for review by any person that wishes to view the record. At your request, we will withhold your: name and address to the extent allowed by Freedom of Information Act or any other law. Please submit any written comments you may have within 15 days, or by February 21, 2014 to the following individual by mail or fax:
Cecilia Martinez, Superintendent
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pima Agency
P.O. Box 8
Sacaton, Arizona 8514 7
Telephone Number: (520) 562-3326
Fax: (520) 562-3543
Thank you for your interest in this project.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL
POSITION DESCRIPTION
Job Title: Business Manager
FLSA Status: Exempt
Supervised By: Principal
Classification: Full Time
Salary: According to Salary Schedule
Directly Supervises: Business Office Personnel
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Possess a BS/BA in Business Administration or Accounting or School Administration with a minimum of a current Arizona Department of Education Supervisor Certification.
2. Previous successful experience in serving as a Business Manager in a Bureau of Indian Education grant school, other school, or for a public government entity preferred, with demonstrated competency in financial accounting and reporting, personnel supervision and

evaluation, and VISIONS or other comparable accounting system use and/or development required.
3. Equivalency – Any equivalent combination of training and experience to equal the educational requirement that will allow the applicant to satisfactorily perform the duties of the job may be considered when filing the position.
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OFFICE OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY PRESS RELEASE
HONDURAN MAN SENTENCED TO 27 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEX OFFENSES AGAINST TWO NATIVE AMERICAN FEMALES
TUCSON, Ariz – On Feb. 7, 2014, Hernan Ramirez-Ortega, 39, of Honduras was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson to 27 years in prison as the result of his guilty pleas to one count each of aggravated sexual abuse and abusive sexual contact. Ramirez-Ortega admitted sexually assaulting an 11-year-old Tohono O’odham girl in March of 2010 while he was living on the Tohono O’odham Nation, and sexually abusing another adult female who is a member of, and was living on, the Gila River Indian Reservation in August of 2010.
“The United States takes very seriously the victimization of Native American women. The nearly three year effort to bring Mr. Ramirez-Ortega to justice is a reflection of that resolute commitment,” said U.S. Attorney John S. Leonardo.
After Ramirez-Ortega completes his 27 year prison sentence, he will be immediately deported to Honduras. He will also be placed on 20 years of federal supervision, which includes a prohibition against his return to the United States.
The investigation in this case was conducted by the Tohono O’odham Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Micah Schmit, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

Sacaton Head Start

From Page 1



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Head Start students performed preschool songs in English and O’odham for the Grand Opening audience in the new auditorium.

day.” The building faces south toward the sun.
The previous Head Start facility was an old set of buildings – cramped, dark and over 50 years old. The windows were so caked with age, sunlight hardly made its way through. By contrast, the new Head Start is “bright and happy in the classrooms... This is really an awesome place,” commented Gila River Head Start Director Pat Foster.
The eight classrooms are divided into two groups: four to serve toddlers in the Early Head Start program and four for the Head Start Preschool program. Currently, the facility has about 60 Early Head Start students and 16 Head Start Preschool students.
When they are able to increase their staff, Sacaton Head Start will be able to bring in more students to max out the extra classroom space. Sacaton Head Start serves Districts 2, 3 and 4 and there are hundreds of kids on a long waiting list.
The new building had been an idea on the table for a long time. “This whole process started in 2003 with Urban Giff when he was Community Manager,” said Foster.
Dozens of others have thrown their support behind the project over the years. “We have such awesome support from our families and from Council,” said Foster. “We’re all just very very grateful that our children are important to this community... It’s awesome to see children and parents and families walking through here.”
The centerpiece of the new facility is itself not so new – a large tamarisk tree that has been there for generations, which has been given the moniker The Grandfather Tree.
“We wanted to save it ... as part of the building because of the memories,” said Foster. “Everybody remembers the tree. It’s like a landmark. And when they reminisce about the tree, they reminisce about walking over for the fair and sitting under the tree for shade and telling their stories.”
Now, the tree will have a new set of stories to tell as it looks over a new generation of Gila River babies.

Auppa Hiosig Mashath Word Match Solution

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| kua:vol | → | |
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| auppa haupuldag | → | |
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Attention all Gila River Business Owners!
The Gila River Business Owners Association is striving to grow and to make a difference in the Community. With a renewed determination to assist entrepreneurs to succeed in their business ventures, the Association would like you to consider becoming a member and participate in the continued Economic Development of the Gila River Indian Community.

The Gila River Business Owners Association can offer you assistance in many areas that will benefit the growth of your business. Anyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings to see what we have to offer and what we are involved with in the Community. To become a voting member requires a \$50 annual fee which will give you the following:

Membership Benefits

- Quarterly GRIN Listing
- GRTI Phonebook Listing
- Monthly eNewsletter Listing
- Leadership Opportunities on Committees
- Listing on GilaRiver.biz website
- Networking and marketing opportunities
- Social Media Resources
- Mentorship opportunities
- RFP Notifications
- Discount on Website
- Discount on Social Media Set-up

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if you would like to attend one of our meetings.

Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014**

ACTION SHEET

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

POSTING OF COLORS

Posted by Pee Posh Veterans Association

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Provided by Lisa Hendricks, Miss Gila River 2013-2014

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Provided by St. Peters Indian Mission School

INVOCATION

Provided by Reverend Aaron Johns

TRADITIONAL BLESSING

Provided by Timothy Terry, Jr.

TRADITIONAL SONGS

Provided by St. Peters Indian Mission School

STATE OF THE COMMUNITY ADDRESS

GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA DELIVERED THE STATE OF THE COMMUNITY ADDRESS

(Reception in the Governance Center Lobby)

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, February 5, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 10:36 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Gregory Mendoza

Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1- Cynthia Antone, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz;

D3-Dale G. Enos, Carolyn Williams; D4- Monica Antone,

Norman Wellington, Barney Enos, Jr. (11:13); D5-An-

nette J. Stewart, Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone (1:40),

Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.. Albert

Pablo, Terrance B. Evans; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Jennifer Allison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

REPORTS

1. Ira H. Hayes High School Tribal Allocation Annual Report SY2012-2013

Presenter: Crispin Zamudio

REPORT HEARD

2. Early Childhood Special Services 2013 DEC 1 - Tribal Child Count Letter

Presenter: Aurora Nevarez

REPORT HEARD

3. Pee Posh Veterans Association - First Quarter Report For FY2013-2014

Presenter: Danny Jenkins

REPORT HEARD

4. Comments on Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) Commission Report

Presenter: Randy Tracy

REPORT HEARD

5. Gila River Sand & Gravel Year End Quarterly Report

Presenters: Michael Morago, Robert Gazis

REPORT HEARD

6. Lone Butte Development Corporation FY2013 Audit Management and Power Point Presentation

Presenters: Bruce Bleakman, Esther Manuel

REPORT HEARD

7. Lone Butte Development Corporation Semi Annual Report

Presenter: Esther Manuel

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR AN HOUR AND HALF LUNCH BREAK

RECONVENED AT 1:40PM]

8. Office Of General Counsel 2013 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

REPORT HEARD

9. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. – Monthly Report December 2013 (Executive Session)

Presenters: John James, Kenneth Manuel, Board Of Directors

REPORT HEARD

10. Gila River Gaming Commission – General Report For The Month Of December 2013 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Courtney Moyah, Serena Joaquin

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Monthly Financial Activity Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The New Lease Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gila River Cellular General Partnership (D/B/A Verizon Wireless) Regarding The Construction And Operation Of A New Communications Facility At Sacaton Peak Within The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC, EDSC & CRSC concur)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Elizabeth Antone

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving A Trademark License Agreement Between Sun Valley Marina Development Corporation And The Gila River Indian Community For The Use Of The Wild Horse Pass Trademark By Sun Valley Marina Development Corporation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Super Bowl XLIX Sponsorship Agreement Between The Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee Inc. And The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment No. 1 To The October 1, 2013 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Public Policy Partners (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Office Of General Counsel

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving The Write-Off Of Twenty-Five Accounts Under The Federal Employees Loan Program Authorized On March 20, 1996 By Resolution GR-37-96 And The Delinquent Loan Amounts Are Uncollectable (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 33 To the Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For FY14 Through FY18 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Governor Gregory Mendoza

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 1 To The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2014 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; with the additional recitals)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Governor Gregory Mendoza

APPROVED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

8. A Resolution Establishing A Housing Owner's Team For Planning, Financing, Development, Design And Construction Of Much Needed Living Facilities For Community Members On The Tribal

Housing Waiting List

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Establishing A One-Hundred Million Dollar Housing Project Fund For Gila River Indian Community Tribal Housing Programs

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The 2009 Gila River Indian Community Code By Amending Title 20, Chapter 2, Homesite (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 4:56PM]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update Regarding The El Paso Right Of Way Project (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; ESC, EDSC & CRSC concur; NRSC forwards to Council with no recommendation)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

2. FY2014 Funding Agreement Negotiation with Indian Health Services, Pursuant to Title V of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638, as amended) (Executive Session) (H&SSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business in Executive Session)

Presenter: Linus Everling

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CONTINUE

WITH THIS EFFORT

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Declaration of Vacancy (1) - Wild Horse Pass Development Authority

Presenter: Jacqueline Thomas

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VACANCY DECLARED

2. Declaration of Vacancy (1) – Gila River Gaming Commission

Presenter: Jacqueline Thomas

VACANCY DECLARED

3. Declaration of Vacancies (2) – Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.

Presenter: Jacqueline Thomas

VACANCIES DECLARED

4. District Four Nomination Letter For Housing Advisory Committee (G&MSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: Lori Francisco

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

SHARON LEWIS

5. Contract Agreement For The Chief Prosecutor

(Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to

Council with recommendation of approval in

Executive Session; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Victoria Egoak

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

6. Council Concern – Councilman Barney Enos, Jr. Possible Suspension

Presenters: Devin Redbird

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014, 8AM, WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL & CASINO

>CONCERNS OF UNADDRESSED MAIL WERE EXPRESSED

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:26pm

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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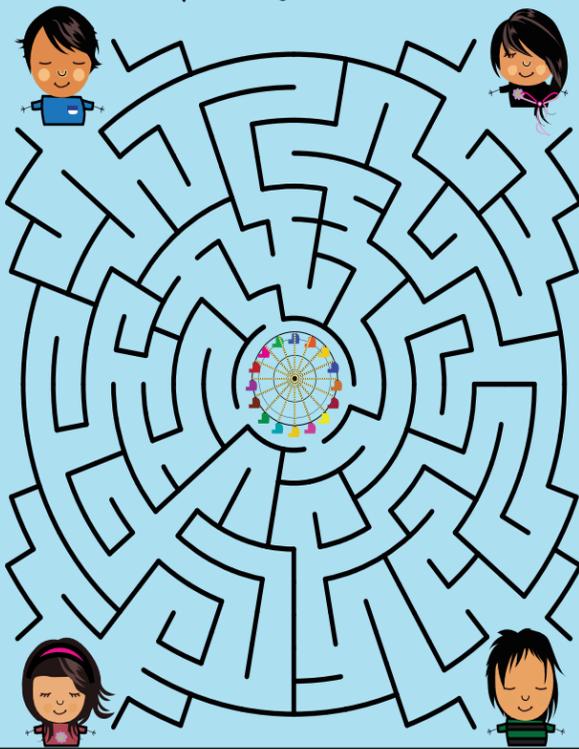
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