

## Community Comments on FEIS

Representatives from ADOT and FWHA attend a Public Forum on the South Mountain Freeway and the Final Environmental Impact Statement

By GRIN Staff  
Gila River Indian News

The proposed Loop 202 extension, also known as the South Mountain Freeway, is nearing the end of its public comment period for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Last weekend, representatives from the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration visited the Gila River Indian Community to hear input from Community members at a public forum in Komatke.

The forum was assembled by the Executive Office pursuant to Community Council motion to hold a public forum. Community members' comments were recorded at the forum for the highway project's official record.

Citing health concerns, negative environmental impacts and damage to culturally

significant areas, the majority of comments opposed the construction of the freeway.

"I'd like to tell you that this FEIS is incomplete," said Danelle Spring, District 6.

Several individuals who spoke at the forum also participated in a roughly 5-mile prayer run earlier that morning. The march ended at the Boys & Girls Club, where the forum was held, as they entered the forum with signs and banners.

Opponents of the freeway also reminded the audience that the federal Environmental Protection Agency rated ADOT's draft EIS as inadequate and recommended that ADOT redo or supplement their environmental studies.

Wayne Nelson, District 7, in his testimony, referenced an older agreement between Gila River and ADOT called the Borderland Study from 1998.

He said in the Borderland Study the Community agreed to



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Andrew Pedro gives his testimony at the Loop 202 Freeway open forum in Komatke on Nov. 15.

the on-reservation alignment of the freeway "because they knew this day would come on saving the mountain, whether to have the mountain disturbed or to have an alignment run south of it."

Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and District 6 Council Representative Anthony Villareal emphasized to the audience that GRIC is officially opposed to the freeway.

The Community Council recently made a motion to start a

budget to fund legal services to help fight the freeway.

Villareal read that motion out loud to the audience:

"October 15, 2014,

Councilman Anthony Villareal Sr. stated, I make a motion that the Community Council directs the Law Office to begin identifying a budget to support litigation in delaying or stopping the proposed 202 South Mountain freeway, after the Record of Decision is finalized; the General Counsel

will be authorized along with the Treasurer to take the necessary step in carrying out this motion on behalf of the Community; seconded by Councilman Devin Redbird."

The deadline for public comments on the FEIS is Nov. 25 with a possibility of the comment period being extended into December.

## GRIC General Election Results Certified

By Roberto A. Jackson  
Gila River Indian News

The 2014 General Election results from the Nov. 4 election have been certified.

Community Council certified the election results of the Gila River Indian Community's 2014 general election at the Nov. 19 regular Council Meeting, which included the election of Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis as governor, District 4 Council Representative Monica Antone as lieutenant governor, the re-election of Chief Judge Anthony Hill and each of the associate judges.

The five candidates elected as associate judges are Lucille Antone-Morago (incumbent), Donna Kisto-Jones (incumbent), Janice F. Breckenridge (incumbent), Lucinda M. Nez (incumbent) and Dallas De Lowe, a former associate judge.

The District 4 Special Council Election results, which was won by Angelia Allison, was also certified.

The items were presented under New Business and were forwarded to Council by the Legislative Standing Committee.

## Boys & Girls Club Gets Grant Sponsored by NASA



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Illiana Miguel (left) and Andrew Jackson (right) work together on a project in the Maker Program at the Boys & Girls Club - Sacaton Branch in District 3.

By Roberto A. Jackson  
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The Boys & Girls Club - Sacaton Branch is getting a boost in science and technology thanks to a new grant sponsored by NASA. The Sacaton

Branch was recently selected to participate in the Boys & Girls Club of America and NASA's Great Futures in Science program. With the grant, the Sacaton club will implement a robotics program called Robo Tech, which will run for three

eight-week cycles. One of the cycles will feature an all girls robotics team to raise the profile of young women in science. The Girl Scouts and American Indian Science & Engineering Society, AISES, are going to partner with the club to

help facilitate the curriculum, specifically the girls only group.

The Sacaton Branch, which is under jurisdiction from the Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley, has programs that emphasize science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculums, which made it a perfect fit for the Great Futures in Science program.

Every Friday club members can attend the Maker Club, which is a class that teaches students how to use technology in innovative and creative ways in STEM disciplines.

The Maker Club meets in the branch's Intel Computer Clubhouse.

Rodrigo Castellon, who runs the Maker Club and is the Intel Computer Clubhouse Coordinator, heard about the grant through the Boys & Girls Club's grant director. Castellon, 23, said the branch applied for the grant and with the Maker Club's emphasis on science and technology it was awarded to them. "We got the grant as a

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# Gila River Health Care Respecting People & Culture

## ◆ Tohono O'odham Nation Contract Services Changes ◆

Thank you for entrusting your medical needs to Gila River Health Care (GRHC). We appreciate and value the trust you place in us. We are committed to providing quality health care and partnering with those we serve. In that light, we wish to provide you with information regarding necessary changes to one area of care.

Due to federal funding issues, GRHC will be making changes in the way we handle payment for medical services that are provided by **off-site private hospitals, physicians, and other providers.**

Beginning October 1, 2014, the changes include:

- GRHC will no longer be in a position to pay for **non-emergency care provided outside the GRHC system.**
- If you are covered by private insurance or Medicare, GRHC will no longer cover

copays, coinsurance, or deductibles for **non-emergency** medical treatment at Non-Gila River Health facilities.

• If you are an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and married to an enrolled member of the Tohono O'odham Nation, GRHC will no longer be in a position to pay for **non-emergency care provided outside the GRHC system.**

This change does **not** affect you if:

- You are enrolled in AHCCCS (the Arizona Medicaid program).
- Contract Health Service eligible Tohono O'odham Nation member living on the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) or the AK-Chin Community reservation.
- You are an enrolled Tohono O'odham member married to an enrolled GRIC member.
- If you need emergency services (services necessary to prevent death or serious

impairment to your health or to prevent loss of a limb), GRHC will continue to cover the costs of emergency care and the off site provider.

In addition, the regular care you received at Gila River Health Care facilities will remain the same. There are no changes being made to this area of medical care. You are still required follow the *72 hour notification* process for patients *64 and under* and *30 day notification* process for *elders 65 and over.*

We encourage you to continue utilizing Gila River Health Care for your medical care. We welcome you as our patient and look forward to meeting your health care needs.

Thank you for your understanding of this difficult, but financially necessary decision.

**For any further questions, please call GRHC Contract Health Services at (602) 528-5000.**

## ◆ Ebola ◆

Ebola is a rare and deadly disease cause by a infection with an Ebola virus. The infected person can become seriously ill and it can affect the kidneys and liver functions.

Ebola is spread to others **ONLY** through direct contact with blood or other bodily fluids of an Ebola infected person. Ebola is not spread through the air, water or food. Symptoms:

- Fever • Headache • Joint and or muscle pain • Weakness and fatigue • Stomach pain, vomiting and or diarrhea • Bleeding

The signs and symptoms appear as few as 2 days and up to 21 days after exposure.

The risk of an outbreak is very low. It is important to remember that in order to develop the disease; you must have traveled to certain areas in Africa or have had direct contact with an Ebola infected person with symptoms.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has instructed all hospitals to ask patients if they have recently traveled out of the country. **To learn about prevention, risk, or other up-to-date info, visit the CDC website: [www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola](http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola)**

Submitted by: Marcy Hamblin, Infection Preventionist

## ◆ 2014 Flu Season ◆

Following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, Gila River Health Care recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older. Receiving the flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease. Get vaccinated as soon as possible, to ensure protection before flu season begins.

People are encouraged to take everyday preventive steps:

- Stay away from sick people • Wash your hands to reduce the spread of germs • If sick with the flu or flu like symptoms, stay home from work or school

Symptoms:

- Fever or feeling feverish • Headache • Muscle or body aches • Feeling very tired • Cough • Sore throat or stuffy nose

Signs and symptoms usually appear within 2 days of exposure. Symptoms come on quickly and all at once.

If you do get the flu, your provider may order antiviral medications that can make illness milder. It is important to take all the medication even though you maybe feeling better. This is important in order to prevent flu related complications, like pneumonia.

**For more information contact Marcy Hamblin-Infection Preventionist at (602) 528-1556 or visit [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)**

Submitted by: Marcy Hamblin, Infection Preventionist

## ◆ Enterovirus D68 ◆

Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) is one of many non-polio enteroviruses. The virus was first identified in California in 1962, but it has not been commonly reported in the United States.

Since EV-D68 causes respiratory illness, the virus can be found in an infected person's nose or mouth. EV-D68 likely spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or touches contaminated surfaces and then you touch your mouth, nose, or eyes.

Symptoms of EV-D68 infection

- EV-D68 can cause mild to severe respiratory illness.
- Mild symptoms may include fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches.

• Most symptoms develop in 2-14 days.

You can help protect yourself from respiratory illnesses by following these steps:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after changing diapers
- Cover your cough and sneeze with tissue or your shirt sleeve, not your hands
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid kissing and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick
- Stay home if you are sick and consult your provider.

Submitted by: Marcy Hamblin, Infection Preventionist

**Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, Komatke Clinic will be CLOSED Thu. and Fri. Nov. 27 & 28, 2014** in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. HHKMH Pharmacy will be open Fri. Nov. 28 12pm-8pm, Sat. Nov. 29 12pm - 8pm, Sun Nov 30 1pm-9pm. If you need medical assistance, please visit the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Emergency Department.

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483 W. Seed farm Road  
Sacaton, Arizona 85147

(520) 562-3321  
(602) 528-1240

### Komatke Health Center

17487 S. Health Care Dr.  
Laveen, Arizona 85339

(520) 550-6000

### Ak-Chin Clinic

48203 W. Farrell Road  
Maricopa, Arizona 85239

(520) 568-3881





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**SPHS Senior Dylan Anselmo named Homecoming Queen**



Congratulations to Dylan Anselmo, the daughter of David and Dana Anselmo, on her new title of South Pasadena High School Homecoming Queen - Grandma and Grandpa Whittaker

**CORRECTIONS**

In the last issue, in the article Koli Delivers Trailriding Experience, we inaccurately reported the company's prices. We regret the error. The correct prices are as follows: group rides are \$65, private rides are \$85, Kids Club lessons are \$50, adult lessons are \$85 and Community members receive a 15 percent discount on all. *To report an error call (520)562-9719 or email GRIN@gric.nsn.us*

**In Loving Memory of Our Shaylon P. Sunna**



May 25, 2003 - November 27, 2013

You were a precious gift from God above, So much Laughter, Grace, & Love. You touched our hearts in so many ways. Your smile so bright even on your sad days. You must have heard Gods whisper calling you, You didn't want to go and leave us, You

loved us so much... But you couldn't let God wait, So you gave your lil hand to God and slowly drifted away, Knowing that with our love, We'll be together again someday!

On Behalf of the Sunna Family We are deeply grateful for all the support and prayers everyone has given to the Sunna Family, after the passing of our precious Shaylon Paul Sunna. We would like to thank our friends and family for your support during this very difficult time. No words could ever express our appreciation for all the support we have received. We would like to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for the prayers, food, flowers, & kind words, etc. Also for everyone that stepped up and offered to help the family out 1 year ago, when we lost our loved one Shaylon P. Sunna.

Thank you & God bless you all!

**Congratulations Malcolm**

Dear Malcolm, Congratulations! We are excited to honor your 12 year achievement! This is a significant milestone in your service to Starwood and Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa. People are

and always will be our greatest asset. As a valued member of our team your abilities and contributions play an important part in our continued success.

Your dedication and commitment serve as a vital link in the chain which drives our operation - and our journey.

Thank you for making our Values of Warm Connected Community come alive every day for every guest. Please accept our deepest gratitude and warm wishes on your anniversary.

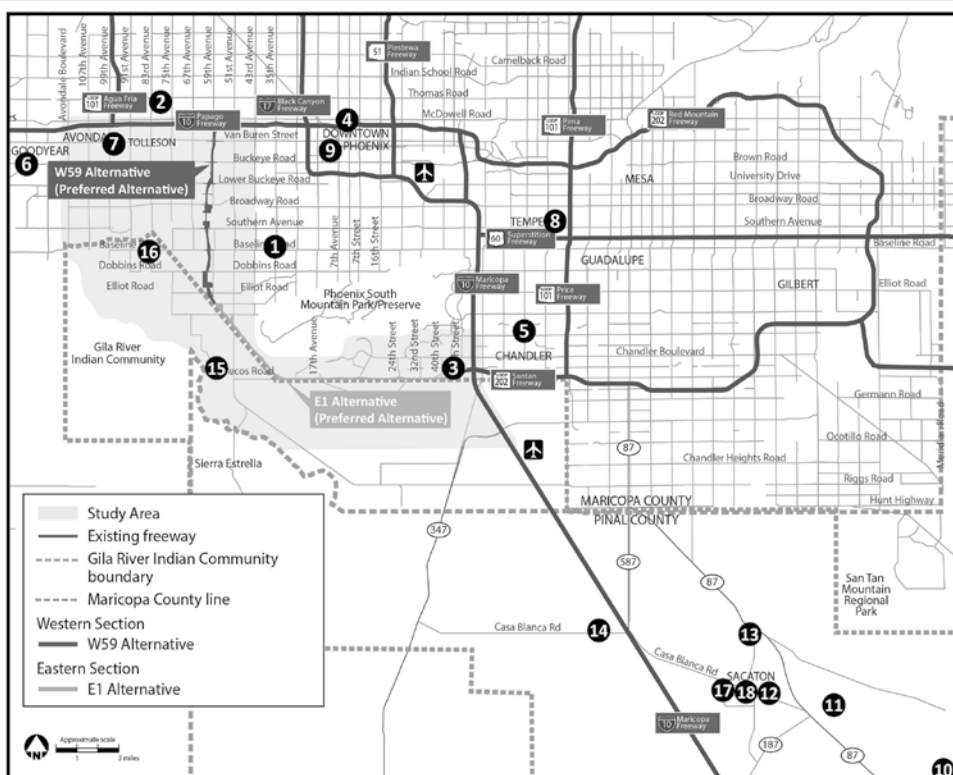
We look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries with you!

Warm Wishes,  
Your Executive Committee  
Sheraton, Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa

**Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Available**

On September 26, 2014 the Arizona Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration published the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Study. The Final EIS is available for a 60-day review until November 25, 2014 at [azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway](http://azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway) and at the following locations during normal business hours:

- 1 Phoenix Public Library – Cesar Chavez**  
3635 W Baseline Rd, Laveen, AZ 85339  
602.262.4636
- 2 Phoenix Public Library – Desert Sage**  
7602 W Encanto Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85035  
602.262.4636
- 3 Phoenix Public Library – Ironwood**  
4333 E Chandler Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85048  
602.262.4636
- 4 Phoenix Public Library – Burton Barr**  
1221 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004  
602.262.4636
- 5 Chandler Sunset Library**  
4930 W Ray Rd, Chandler, AZ 85226  
480.782.2800
- 6 Sam Garcia Western Avenue Library**  
495 E Western Ave, Avondale, AZ 85323  
623.333.2565
- 7 Tolleson West Public Library**  
9555 W Van Buren St, Tolleson, AZ 85353  
623.936.2746
- 8 Tempe Public Library**  
3500 S Rural Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282  
480.350.5500
- 9 ADOT Environmental Planning Group**  
1611 W Jackson St, Phoenix, AZ 85007  
602.712.7767 (call for appointment)
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- 12 Gila River Indian Community District 3 Service Center**  
31 N Church St, Sacaton, AZ 85147  
520.562.2700
- 13 Gila River Indian Community District 4 Service Center**  
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520.418.3661 / 520.418.3228
- 14 Gila River Indian Community District 5 Service Center**  
3456 W Casa Blanca Rd, Bapchule, AZ 85121  
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- 15 Gila River Indian Community District 6 Service Center**  
5230 W St. Johns Rd, Laveen, AZ 85339  
520.550.3805 / 520.550.3806 / 520.550.3557
- 16 Gila River Indian Community District 7 Service Center**  
8201 W Baseline Rd, Laveen, AZ 85339  
520.430.4780
- 17 Ira Hayes Library**  
94 N Church St, Sacaton, AZ 85147  
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- 18 Gila River Indian Community Communications & Public Affairs Office**  
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The EIS process, which includes both the Draft EIS and Final EIS, was conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and has identified a preferred alternative route for this freeway corridor - running east and west along Pecos Road and then north and south between 55th and 63rd avenues, connecting with Interstate 10 on each end. It also formally documents the analysis of potential impacts associated with the proposed freeway. The Draft EIS was published in April 2013 and made available for a 90-day comment period, including a public hearing held on May 21, 2013. Responses to public and agency comments on the Draft EIS are provided in Volume III of the Final EIS. Comments received during the 60-day Final EIS review period will be considered in the "Record of Decision," the final decision-making document prepared by the Federal Highway Administration. The Record of Decision is expected to be available for public

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For more information, visit [azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway](http://azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway), email [projects@azdot.gov](mailto:projects@azdot.gov), phone 602.712.7006, or write to ADOT Community Relations, 1655 W Jackson St, MD126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

**Worldwide GIS Day in Gila River**

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

The Worldwide GIS day is an annual awareness day to educate people about the Geographical Information System used for the public. At the Gila River Governance Center in Sacaton, the tribal GIS Department hosted a GIS day to reach out to the Community members Nov. 19.

In speaking with Leslie Stovall the GIS manager over the GIS Department, the GIS day event started three years ago. "It was basically to show people who visited us what we had to offer to the Community," said Stovall.

About the department Stovall said, "Right now there are four of us working in GIS fulltime, with the addition of an intern, which is unpaid, but useful for the experience."

"We want to get a tribal

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# “Three Precious Miracles” Helps Families with Donations

By Mikhail Sundust  
Gila River Indian News

When Melissa Kirkpatrick got an urgent call from Tribal Social Services one August evening asking if she could take in the four children of a relative, she said yes without hesitation – after all, they’re family.

But with six children of their own at home, Kirkpatrick and her husband suddenly felt the weight of parental responsibility bear down on them as they added an 8-year-old, a 6-year-old, a 5-year-old and, most surprising of all, a 5-month-old baby to their household.

Kirkpatrick said when she got the kids later that night, “They handed me a little Nike drawstring bag. There was one outfit in there, a bottle, a can of milk, a couple of diapers.” The older children, meanwhile, came with no extra clothes than their school uniforms and what they had on their backs.

Taking a moment to absorb the shock, she thought, “I don’t have no supplies for a baby. (Her youngest had been out of diapers for years.) I sat back, took it in and then I texted Elisia.”

Elisia Manuel, who happens to also be Kirkpatrick’s coworker, is the founder of a new non-profit organization that specializes in just these kinds of situations.

“I told her I have nothing,” said Kirkpatrick, “not even a bottle brush, no car seat, nowhere to put the baby.” Manuel was on the spot. She provided Kirkpatrick with a car seat, some baby clothes, a baby swing, a diaper bag with extra diapers and a crib.

The organization is called Three Precious Miracles and its mission is to help displaced children in the Gila River Indian Community by providing

necessities to their newly appointed caretakers.

When a child or children are removed from their parents’ care, they are often times placed in a new home, where, due to the unexpected nature of transplanting children, the new caretakers are unprepared and do not have adequate supplies such as clothes, diapers, baby food, comfort items or even a car seat.

This happens a lot more often than people realize, said TSS Child and Family Welfare Administrator Sara Bissen.

She said that at any given time there are more than 220 children in GRIC who are wards of the court, cases that TSS is monitoring or managing. She also expects that when Manuel’s organization is ready to handle it, TSS could refer over 400 cases a month to Three Precious Miracles. “We definitely need the resources and support she’s wanting to provide.”

According to Bissen, “There’s a huge need for foster and adoptive placements,” but the vast majority of what they do is kinship placements, in which the child goes to a relative or close relation (such as a Godparent) for an indefinite amount of time – sometimes a few days, weeks, months or sometimes even years.

“TSS believes the best place for children is with family,” said Bissen in an email, and is “trying to [provide] solid streams of resources for relative placements.”

Currently, TSS does refer families to organizations like Helen’s Hope Chest in Mesa and Arizona Helping Hands in Scottsdale, but they don’t always make it out there.

“It’s hard to utilize those resources, especially when you live in a rural area (like Gila River),” said TSS Child Protective



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

From left: Timothy Antone, Elisia Manuel, Prosper Waukon, board members of the “Three Precious Miracles” organization.

Services Supervisor Jacqueline Cardinet.

More often than not, people have to rely on friends, other family members and their own pocketbooks. A lot of times it puts a financial strain on the family to take in children unexpectedly.

TSS supports Three Precious miracles and looks forward to referring more families to TPM’s services as the organization grows.

Manuel’s vision is that Three Precious Miracles will become the Helen’s Hope Chest of Gila River. In fact, the recently adoptive mother of five is personally familiar with that organization’s services, having gotten help there before.

“When [my son] came to me, he was seven days old and I had a borrowed car seat for three days and his first outfit. And to me, I thought, man, how can you start a child’s life off with that? ... No child should be removed from an environment [and] placed in a new home with nothing,” she said.

After taking in five children in a span of one year, Manuel and her husband Tecumseh have become

an instant family. In the process they have collected a garage-full of baby clothes and baby supplies, so they started giving it out to those who needed it.

TPM is still in the startup stages but it’s off to a healthy start. The group is looking for a larger storage area but for now Manuel’s garage is the TPM warehouse. Since starting the organization, she’s had “a truckload of stuff” delivered to her house and they are still accepting donations.

“Instead of giving it to Savers or to Goodwill or throwing it away, give it to us,” said Manuel. “We’ll gladly pick it up and get it to somebody that truly needs it, one of our kids here in the Community.”

For now, TPM is focusing on helping children ages 0-5 years. The goal is to provide diapers, car seats, blankets, clothes, toys, baby formula, bottles, cleaning supplies, pretty much anything they can to get the babies started off right.

“I would like to help our older kids,” Manuel said, but “Right now we’ll be focusing on the little

guys because that’s the highest number of kids in the system and that’s what I can handle right now with what we have available.” Looking to the future, she would also like to expand to other tribal communities.

The organization is working on becoming a federally-recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit and has established a board, which consists of Elisia, Tecumseh and their friends Tim Antone and Prosper Waukon.

“We can’t help everybody but we’re going to do what we can to get started,” Manuel said. Fortunately, TPM was able to help out Kirkpatrick the day after she got temporary custody.

Kirkpatrick said the financial burden would have been too much for her and her husband to bear if TPM didn’t step up. “[It] was a big relief because I didn’t know if I was going to have to go purchase a car seat or what all else I was going to have to buy for the baby. I didn’t know how long they were going to be with us.”

The kids were only supposed to be with Kirkpatrick’s family for a few days but that turned into several weeks. They are with another relative now until the courts can determine where best to place them. But for a time, Three Precious Miracles helped Melissa be their guardian angel.

“Three Precious Miracles really helped us out a lot,” she said. “I think the organization would be a lot of help to other families.”

You can contact Three Precious Miracles at 805-947-3040 or [threepreciousmiracles@gmail.com](mailto:threepreciousmiracles@gmail.com) or find them online at [www.facebook.com/threepreciousmiracles](http://www.facebook.com/threepreciousmiracles).

## BG Club Grant From Page 1

result of what we’ve been doing with the Makers Club,” said Castellon, who lives in Sacaton.

For club members who are curious about technology and have a creative streak, the Makers Club is for you.

Castellon’s instruction is based on a “Do It Yourself” approach using technology-based activities. On Nov. 14, the club members made battery holders and circuits to power LED lights. Hector Chavez, 10, is from Sacaton and he said that the Maker Club is “pretty fun.” He added: “We’re learning stuff, we’re building stuff.”

The Sacaton Branch will start implementing Robo Tech after staff attends a training session developed by the Boys & Girls Club of America.

The Sacaton Branch is one of two Boys & Girls Clubs in the Community, the other is the Komatke Branch located in District 6. The majority of the funding comes from the Community, and the Sacaton Branch sees over 100 club members a day, ages five to 18.

### PER CAPITA CORNER

#### Per Capita Schedule for this Quarter

Quarterly Deadline	Payment Date*
December 15	February 2, 2015

Trust Early Disbursement Request	
December 31	January 15, 2015 (Checks mailed)

### Happy Thanksgiving wishes from the Per Capita Staff!

The 2014 Per Capita pay-out year has ended. Updates or new applications are now in process for the February 2, 2015 pay-out.

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**About Returned Statements and Checks.** Keep your address current at the Enrollment Office with an Address Update Form. Then, always submit an “IRS W-9 Form” to the PCO showing your current address before the deadline date above.

**Pay Card Expiration.** If your Chase Pay Card account is in good standing, Chase will send a new pay card to you after the old one expires. Otherwise, you need to call Chase Pay Card Customer Service. Also, your address must be current with the Enrollment Office and you must inform the PCO that the change has been made, so the Chase Pay Card database can be updated with your new address, by the PCO. If you have questions, please call the Chase Pay Card Customer Services at (866) 795-3890.

**New Adult Applications.** Members turning 18 years old by January 31, 2015 and applying for adult Per Capita must apply by December 15, 2014 to be eligible for the January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 pay-out.

**Payment Method Change.** To change your payment type, submit a “Payment Method Change Form” by the deadline date. No need to submit a new application; approved applications for Per Capita are permanent.

**Power of Attorney (POA) for Per Capita Distribution.** This form is the ONLY POA form acceptable for PCO use. The fully completed form is valid for one year from the date it is notarized. The POA form must be on file by the deadline date (45 days before a payout) to be in effect for this same pay-out date.

**IRS 1099 Forms.** A Per capita pay-out is taxable income. The 1099 forms for the 2014 per capita will be mailed out to the current mailing address before January 31, 2015.

#### PER CAPITA MINOR TRUST ACCOUNTS:

Submit your request to Providence First Trust as early as possible in the quarter. Early submittal will give Providence a chance to review your request and notify you if further information or a correction is needed. Call Providence at (800)350-0208 or (480)282-8812 if you have questions.

#### PER CAPITA OFFICE INFO:

The PCO is open Mon. - Fri., 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. You may call our direct line (520) 562-5222 or (866)416-2618. Information and forms are also available on the Community website [www.mygilariver.com](http://www.mygilariver.com), and we can mail the information to you.



# COMMUNITY UPDATES

BY GRIN STAFF

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

## Police Sergeant Demoted for Targeting Native Americans

According to an internal investigations report by the Chandler Police Department, between March and August of this year, Sgt. Sue Freeman repeatedly ordered her patrol officers to target Native Americans stopped for shoplifting and book them, rather than issue simple citations.

Freeman was charged with conduct

unbecoming of an officer and demoted Oct. 16. She was not, however, discharged, granting her time to qualify for her pension. She will leave the department by the end of 2014.

Freeman's patrol district borders the Gila River Indian Community and has reportedly seen a high incidence of shoplifting.

"She was telling her officers not to give them a ticket. It was an unlawful order," said Chandler Police Sgt. Joe Favazzo in a report by The Arizona Republic.

"Your directive was interpreted by members of your team as removing any discretion for handling a shoplifting investigation and more specifically for

singling out a race of people for disparate treatment," the Republic quoted from an investigation report.

Favazzo clarified that if Freeman had ordered all shoplifting suspects booked as a strong statement that the crime would not be tolerated, it would not have been a problem.

## Hygiene Drive

The Gila River Indian News is proud to announce its first ever Helpful Hygiene Drive and we'd like to ask for your help.

This is a donation drive to collect hygiene products to help those in recovery at the GRIC Residential Treatment Center "stay clean."

We are asking for any kind of hygiene products, but they must be new (unused) and preferably small or travel size.

This includes but is not limited to shampoo, body wash, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors, feminine care products, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

We have placed collection boxes at the Governance Center, District 3, 5 and 6 Service Centers, the Native American Connections office in Phoenix and will soon have boxes in the Hohokam Memorial Hospital and Hamilton High School in Chandler.

Thank you for your participation!

Call (520) 562-9715

## GIS Day

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member in here to who has knowledge of the tribe," said Stovall. The chance to work in the GIS department is a good opportunity as one of the GIS technicians Suzanne Allison a Community member will be retiring.

The vision is to have a Community member involved in the GIS outreach, a position the GIS department wants to fill.

In her position, Suzanne is responsible for the physical addressing, a position that requires her to reach out to the Community contacting it's members, because they feel comfortable and are able to explain why they need to obtain physical addresses and other relevant information.

At the moment one Community member is interested and "you have to be a special person to do that," said Stovall, because it

takes a lot of commitment to enter large amounts of data into the database "it's something you have to love to do."

So what is GIS and how can this be used to help the Community? The uses for GIS are boundless according to Stovall "Anything that sits on the face of the earth we can catalog it."

This allows the department to catalogue within a geo-database numerous addresses and other features associated with a specific section of land that is part of a broader picture.

Currently they are working with DPW, OEM, EHS, Emergency Services to assist them in the establishment of a database that fits the scope of work they do. The GIS day is "a way to let people know we are here that we have something they can utilize to help their departments," said Stovall.

Information given at the

event was to educate Community members on geographical vocabulary "To get them familiarized with the terms we use on a daily basis, if they have to come in and request something it gives them more knowledge on what they are asking," said Tisha Gonzales, GIS technician.

"When someone requests a physical address, they can be able to write it on a magnet we are handing out to keep it close by their phone," said Stovall. This helps in case of an emergency when information like a physical address is important to emergency responders.

Matthew Deveney another GIS technician said, "We are going to be doing a hands demo to show people the program that we use and how they can be able to use [it]."

The GIS department is also involved in helping other tribes with their geographical needs as

one of the leaders in utilizing GIS in greater applications.

"We work closely with Salt River and Ak-Chin, but we know other tribes like the Tohono O'odham Nation who doesn't have an addressing system have reached out to us, so we can reach out to them to get started on something," said Stovall.

Being a member of the Arizona Geographic Information Council, AGIC, allows them to be part of a broader network of GIS users. A benefit to this association means they can contribute to the inclusion of other tribes, serving as a bridge for tribal communities interested in joining.

As for working with the tribal departments Stovall said, "It doesn't take much to get them up and running...we show them how to use the software, and they tell us what they want to use the software for, and we show them how to get the data."



# Natural Gas SAFETY

**We're working to keep you safe. This includes:**

- Routinely patrolling, testing, repairing, and replacing our pipelines.
- Continually meeting or exceeding all federal and state requirements and standards for safe pipeline operation and maintenance.
- Regularly communicating and training with emergency responders.

Natural gas pipeline leaks can still occur due to natural disasters, corrosion, and careless or unsafe excavation. Natural gas leaks may lead to evacuations, service outages, fire, property damage, injury, or loss of life.

If you ever suspect a natural gas leak, whether you're our customer or not...

**Call 911 and Southwest Gas at 1-877-860-6020 immediately**



For more information about natural gas pipeline safety, visit [swgas.com/safety](http://swgas.com/safety) or call 1-877-860-6020.

# Giving Thanks

by Governor Gregory Mendoza

On Thursday, November 27, 2014, the Gila River Indian Community will join the rest of the nation, in celebration of the Thanksgiving Day tradition. This holiday provides an opportunity for all of us to take note of the many graces and blessings that have been bestowed on our families and our community. I encourage everyone to join me in putting aside our normal day-to-day routines and come together in a spirit of gratitude and fellowship.

Let us remember and be grateful for the freedoms and security we enjoy and let us be sure to remember those who provided us with such. As tribal members, we are protected by the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Many of these soldiers are our own family members and our friends who currently serve. And, many times they also place themselves in harm's way, in our defense. They deserve our gratitude, and our thanks, for their sacrifice.

On this Thanksgiving Day, we are also reminded of those who suffer from the continuing challenges and hardships: those who are struggling to make ends meet. Let us join with and support the many members of our community who reach out to offer kindness and generosity by helping our fellow citizens. I look forward to joining the many volunteers at the Salvation Army and doing my small part to feed the homeless among us. And later in the day, I will join my family and friends in a Thanksgiving celebration that has been a highlight and an important part of this holiday for me for the past three years.

As we gather for our Thanksgiving Day meal, let us rejoice in the abundance of what we have together which graces our tables, in the simple gifts that mark our days, in the loved ones who enrich our lives, and in the gifts of Heavenly Father.

Join me and Lt. Governor Stephen Roe Lewis in encouraging everyone to come together this Thanksgiving Day whether at home, at church, or at service centers and give thanks for all we have received this past year and to express our appreciation to those whose lives enrich us and most importantly, to share a little of what we have with others.

Again, I want to wish you all a happy, wonderful, and safe Thanksgiving Day holiday. May Heavenly Father bless you, your families and our Gila River Indian Community.

Gregory Mendoza  
Governor



## HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER



### Soa:m Mashath

Soa:m Mashath means the yellow/brown month in the Akimel O'otham language. The name refers to the plant-life that goes dormant during the winter months. This month is also Native American Heritage Month honoring the heritage of all Tribes in our nation.

Today, our community is surrounded by modern cities and towns, and despite modern improvements we have managed to keep our Himthag intact for present and future generations; this is only made possible through the teachings of our Elders. Historically, we have always been communal people who worked together to keep our farms in operation.

During planting seasons whole families would gather to plant seeds. Sometimes horses and a wooden plow were used to plant but other times a mesquite branch was used as a harrow and drug over the rows to bury the seeds. Long before machinery was in use, families irrigated and weeded the fields by hand. When the crops reached maturity and ripened, families would also harvest the crops by hand.

It was during this time of year that storage rooms became full of produce, seeds, and basket making materials. This was also the time of year when hunters would slip out of the village very early in the morning to hunt in the surrounding mountain ranges. Sometimes a village chief would announce a meeting and a man with a loud voice would get on top of a vatho and call on the men to gather together and discuss the business at hand. Sometimes a social dance would be planned, or a foot race between villages. Plans would be made and on the day of the festivities several villages would get together to celebrate. If it was a short dance the singing and dancing would last until sunrise the next day. If it was a large dance singing and dancing would last for four days and four nights.

We have always had our own version of Thanksgiving in the form of social dancing, feasts, and races. When we celebrate we give thanks to our Creator by singing praises to him for the abundance he has given us throughout the planting cycle. Our spirit of giving and helping each other is what our heritage is about.

In the coming days ahead our families will get together to celebrate Thova Thash (Thanksgiving). This month's crossword puzzle will focus on items that can found during harvest time. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives.

*Thova Thash – Match the O'otham word with the picture of items found on our Thanksgiving Table!*

Ha:l



Thova



Hu:n̄



Ko:ji Chu:kug/Hamo:n



Pa:n



U:dvis



Thova Kayio



# Nike N7 Partners with Gila River

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

Gila River's young and talented tested their skills in the Nike N7 basketball clinic. The basketball clinic was held at the Sacaton Wellness Center Nov. 13. This was the second time an event of its kind was held in the Community.

The N7 series called "Move Your Generation" is an initiative that reaches out to American Indian communities across the country. Gila River is among seven tribal communities selected to partner with Nike N7.

With a partnership with a major brand like Nike, the opportunity could not be passed up, especially one that brings benefits to the youth of the Community looking to hoop it up.

With the recent example of Shoni Schimmel, a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, venturing into the WNBA, today's younger generations of American Indians are eager to join the ranks.

Kids went through a series of ball handling and passing drills led by Stan Pratt, the basketball instructor.

In a series of sprints, dribble exercises and layups, the kids were ready for whatever Pratt had in store for them. This wasn't your afterschool shoot around, it was a lesson in how to stay ahead of the game.

Hitting the court to show off their skills and what they can do with the ball, the youth wasted no time following through each of the drills. Impressive as it was to see the youth out there putting their heart into a sport they enjoy,



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

A young basketball player participates in the Nike N7 basketball clinic on Nov. 13.

it is no surprise why basketball is the sport of choice for many of the Community's youth.

Alvin Casoose, the Tribal Recreation Coordinator, and his staff have been planning various events taking advantage of the opportunity. "So far, N7 has sent us toolkits to use during these events, which included kits for soccer and basketball," said Casoose.

In May the recreation department hosted a soccer clinic that was held on the same day as the other six communities that are part of the N7 initiative.

The action on the court won't end with the conclusion of the basketball clinics. Adult and youth basketball leagues will be making a fast

break out in the Community in early December.

On Nov. 20 another youth N7 basketball clinic was hosted in District 5. The plan is to introduce the basketball clinics to other districts, giving youth from around the Community a chance to participate.

**2nd Annual MASIK TAS DANCE CONTEST**  
Sunday December 14, 2014  
Ak-Chin Indian Community  
St. Francis of Assisi Church

Music Provided by:  
"Gertie & The T.O. Boys"  
4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Registration:  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Age Groups:  
Ke'kel O'ok (26 & older)  
Vechij Hemackam (13-25)  
A'alga (12 & under)

Sponsored by  
Ak-Chin Youth Council

For more information contact:  
Antonio Davis (520) 568-1044  
Email: Adavis@ak-chin.nsn.us

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**  
Drug & Alcohol Free Event

# Bird Count

Submitted by Department of Environmental Quality  
Gila River Indian Community

Started in 1998, the Winter Bird Count is an annual event sponsored by the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the HuHugam Heritage Center. The event promotes cultural, educational and environmental awareness within the Community and gives participants a chance to observe birds in an undisturbed, natural setting. This special event will take place on Saturday, February 7th (please see flyer for additional information) and features local and wintering bird species that call the Community home. Knowledgeable members of the Audubon Society accompany participants and DEQ staff to provide expert information on species and bird behavior. During the 2013 Bird Count, a total of 20,422 birds comprised of 77 species were counted at 5 sites across the Community.

The Winter Bird Count brings together the Community to share and celebrate our cultural relationship with birds in our homeland. At the conclusion of field activities, participants are invited to the HuHugam Heritage Center to experience enriching bird songs, dances, and stories shared by knowledgeable cultural leaders of the Community. The Winter Bird Count continues to be a rewarding experience for all who participate.

For additional information, please contact the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality at (520) 562-2234.

**GRIC Recycling Calendar 2014**

For issues regarding bin pick-up call the Dept. of Public Works at 562-3343  
For recycling information call the Dept. of Environmental Quality at 562-2234

November							December						
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**DISTRICTS 1-4**  
The yellow signs posted throughout your district indicate recycling will be collected that Wednesday  
"When you refuse to reuse it's our Earth you abuse!"

**Thank you for recycling!**

Questions?  
Contact the Dept. of Environmental Quality at 562-2234.  
For pick-up issues, contact the Dept. of Public Works at 562-3343.

Please place bins at curb by 6am on your scheduled collection day  
GRIC DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY / 520.562.2234

# Community Council Action Sheets Wednesday November 5, 2014

## ACTION SHEET

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

### CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday November 5, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Lieutenant Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:17am.

### INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

### ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Gregory Mendoza

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza (10:15am); D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa

Council Members Absent:

D4- VACANT; D7- Devin Redbird

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

### PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Mayor Gail Barney, Town of Queen Creek

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### REPORTS

[ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA]

1 4. Pee Posh Veterans Association – 4th Quarter Report For FY 2014

Presenter: Dan Jenkins

REPORT HEARD

2 5. Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post 51

3rd Quarter Report April – June FY 2014 And 4th

Quarter Report July - September FY 2014

Presenter: David Anderson

REPORT HEARD

\*1. Sacaton Middle School 3rd Quarter Report 2014 (April – June)

Presenter: Phil Bonds

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

\*2. Head Start Program Staffing Analysis

Presenter: Mario Molina

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Gila River Health Care Implementation of

Priority Levels for Tohono O'odam Patients

Presenters: Myron G. Schurz, Ginger Fligger

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Flood Control Management Task Force Report and

Update

Presenter: Seaver Fields

REPORT HEARD

LT. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED

FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING

RECONVENED AT 11:50AM.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. – Monthly Report

September 2014 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Janice Ponziani

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Gila River Gaming Commission – General Report Sep-

tember 2014 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Gaming Internal Audit Department-4th Quarter

Report Fiscal Year 2014 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LT. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED

FOR AN HOUR AND HALF LUNCH BREAK.

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:09PM

### RESOLUTIONS

\*1. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For April Crawford Located In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30314-0709 (NRSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

\*2. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Antonelli Anton Located In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30414-0916 (NRSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 3608) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 462) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 161B) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotments 4208, 4209, 4210, 4211, 4212, 4213, 4214, and 6039) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 4813) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 4793A And 4739B) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 210A) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 1930) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC

concur.)

Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Approving The Purchase Of Certain Allotted Lands Pursuant To The American Indian Probate Reform Act (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval to proceed with the offer, NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Javier Ramos

APPROVED

12. A Resolution Approving The Adoption Of Bylaws Of The Gila River Farms Board of Directors (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: June Shorthair

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13. A Resolution Rescinding GR-133-14 And Authorizing The Early Head Start To Submit A Grant To The US Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start American Indian/Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion And EHS- CC Partnership Grant (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

14. A Resolution Approving The Amended and Restated Joint Powers Airport Authority Agreement For The Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority And Approving The Loan Cancellation Agreement Between The Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority And The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs, EDSC concurs with recommended changes)

Presenter: Tana Fitzpatrick

APPROVED

15. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Tribal Project Advisors For Fiscal Year 2015 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Tina Notah-Enas

APPROVED

16. A Resolution Approving The Appointment Of Two Persons To Represent The Gila River Indian Community On The Joint Control Board Per The Amended And Restated Gila River Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Agreement Exhibit 20.1 (NRSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Linda Sauer

APPROVED

### ORDINANCES

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Elections Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council)

Presenter: Scot Butler

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REAFFIRM

GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT'S DECISION

TO MODIFY THE POLITICAL ACTION FUND

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Off Reservation Gaming Update (Executive Session)

(G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council)

Presenters: Scott Butler, Eric Dahlstrom

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

Executive Session

3. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Board of Directors Appointments (2)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY PAMELA F.

JOHNSON AND LAWRENCE H. MANUEL

### NEW BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

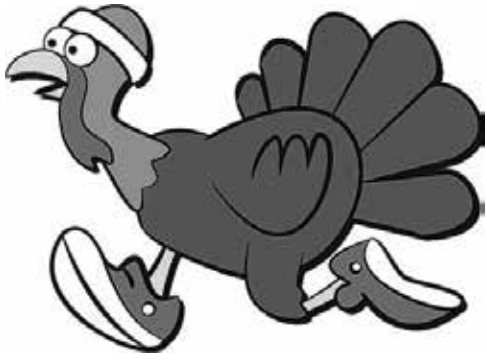
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**Casa Blanca Community School**

# TURKEY TROT

Come run like a Turkey with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool Program



**WHEN:**  
**Tuesday, November 25, 2014**  
**3:30PM-4:30PM**

**WHERE:**  
**District 5 Service Center**  
**3500 Casa Blanca Rd. Bapchule, AZ 85121**

Casa Blanca Community School  
 3455 W. Casa Blanca Rd  
 Bapchule, AZ 85121  
 520-315-3489 ext. 2507

**Family Event**

Earn a raffle ticket for each lap you run!

**PRIZES for**

Youngest runner

Most family members present

Healthy Snacks and Water for all participants!

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Special Audit Report – Court of Appeals (Executive Session)  
 Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller  
 ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Executive Summary, Assessment of Written Complaint (Executive Session)  
 Presenter: TeriLynne Kisto  
 ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR THE REMOVAL OF JIM ORTEGO, APPELLATE JUDGE AND TO TERMINATE THE CURRENT AGREEMENT  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FOR 60-DAYS AND FORWARD TO THE REVIEWING COMMITTEE, UNDER THE GRIC CODE OF CONDUCT

3. Declaration of Vacancy (1) - Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors (Subject to the Code of Conduct, Advertisement for 60 days)  
 Presenters: Community Council  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND ADVERTISE FOR 60-DAYS

4. Revenue/Internal Audit Department-4th Quarter Report Fiscal Year 2014 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council)  
 Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

5. Employee Benefit Trust Letter (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council)  
 Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA [ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA]

6. Holiday Gift  
 Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:37PM  
 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN A ONE-TIME HOLIDAY GIFT AND THE ONE-TIME HOLIDAY GIFT NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY PROVIDES; FURTHER, IF THE ENTERPRISE BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES WISH TO CONSIDER FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO AMEND THEIR BY-LAWS

7. November 7, 2014 Special Council Meeting  
 Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO MOVE THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO DECEMBER 5TH AT 9:00 A.M.

**MINUTES**

1. June 18, 2014 (Regular)  
 APPROVED

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

>SPECIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2014, 10AM  
 >CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING NOVEMBER 14, 17 & 18, 2014  
 >DISTRICT 1 AMERICAN LEGION HASKELL OSIFE-ANTONE POST 51 VETERANS DAY EVENT, NOVEMBER 11, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT**  
 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:05pm  
 \* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

## Ira H. Hayes High School Going To Six Flags-Magic Mountain In December

Submitted by **Crispin J. Zamudio**  
 Ira H. Hayes High School

Even though Ira H. Hayes High School is operating on its final school year, students are up for the challenge. The eligibility for this school fieldtrip: 91% attendance (October 15th to December 19th) and passing grades this fall semester. At the moment we have 61 students eligible and they have to maintain excellent attendance for the next two months.

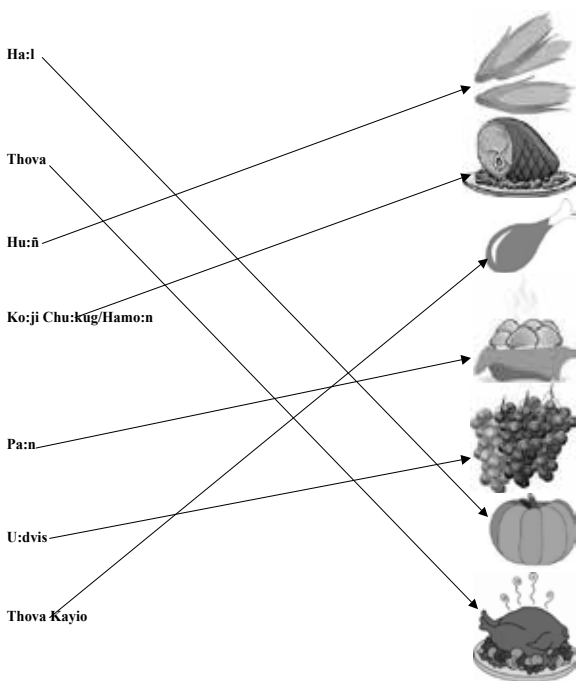
The objective of this fieldtrip is for students to start believing that nothing is impossible. We also want to congratulate Anisa Brown for completing all her High School Requirements last week. Her accomplishments really inspire other students not give up.

Furthermore, what is Ira H. Hayes doing different this school year? Why do we have more than 100 students enrolled since August 2014? Don't wait for the school year to be over, stop by and visit our campus during school hours (9:00am to 3:00pm). We encourage parents and community members to meet the faculty and staff that are making a difference: Mrs. Apkaw (Pima Language), Mr. Van Druff (Agriculture/Music), Mr. Hobson (Art), Mrs. Liddell (Science), Mr. Smith (English), Mr. Vazquez (Social Studies), Mr. Buman (Mathematics), Mrs. Hanscom (Special Education), Ms. Lenny (Curriculum Coach), Mr. Thomas (Administrative

Assistant), Mrs. Eaglebull (Front Desk), Mr. Peters (Custodian), Mrs. Fisher (Kitchen Manager), Miss Kisto (Assistant Cook), Mr. Blackwater (Student Advisor/Jonhson O'Malley), Mr. Blain (Driver), Dr. Liddell (Driver), and Officer Rodriquez (SRO). In addition, every Friday we have a 30 minute assembly. We do our best to bring guest speakers that will continue to motivate and inspire our students. If you know of someone that would like to be a guest speaker, call the main number: 520-315-5100.

Finally, we are looking forward to finish the school year strong. Take advantage of the Referral Program and win two (2) Movie Tickets every time you refer a friend or family member to enroll at Ira H. Hayes High School. Thank you for making a difference and for choosing Ira H. Hayes High School.

Thova Thash – Match the O'otham word with the picture of items found on our Thanksgiving Table! SOLUTION



## COMMODITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

PO BOX 1539 SACATON, AZ 85147  
 520-562-9233  
 FAX: 520-562-3573

YOU CAN MAIL, FAX EMAIL OR BRING YOUR APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE.  
 We are located at 300 Ocotillo Road (between Sacaton Supermart and the Laundromat).



IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE, WE CAN HELP. WE DEDUCT 20% OF EARNED INCOME, ADULT/CHILD DEPENDENT CARE COSTS (TOTAL MONTHLY COST), MEDICARE PART B, MEDICARE PART D, AND CHILD SUPPORT PAID AND SHELTER/UTILITY EXPENSES.

Here are the Monthly Income Guidelines for the Commodity Food Distribution Program:

\*\* Amounts listed are after 20% is deducted.



**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT- NUTRITION ASSISTANCE**  
**Additional Information Needed:**

- ♦ All income for household such as Social Security, SSI, employment check stubs, etc for the last 30 days
- ♦ Tribal identification from a member in the household
- ♦ Proof of Residency

Household Size	Income Limit
1	1128
2	1466
3	1805
4	2153
5	2519
6	2886
7	3224
8	3562

## PUBLIC NOTICE

United States Department of the Interior  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
PIMA AGENCY  
P.O. BOX 8  
SACATON, ARIZONA 85147  
**NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS FOR LEASING OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS**  
In accordance with 25 §162.209(a)(4), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) may grant an agricultural lease on behalf of an Indian landowner. The BIA Pima Agency located at 104 North Main Street, Sacaton, AZ 85147, is accepting bids for the purpose of leasing agricultural lands to the highest bidder until 10:00 a.m. on December 12, 2014. All bids must be delivered to the Pima Agency's Superintendent or a designee either in person at the Pima Agency or by U.S. Postal Service. If the U.S. Postal Service is utilized, the bid must be received at Pima Agency, P.O. Box 8, Sacaton, AZ 85147 by 10:00 a.m. on December 12, 2014, to be considered an acceptable bid offer.

The land being offered is described in the following Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) allotment(s):

Sections 17, 20, 21, and 22, Township 4 South, Range 4 East, District 5, Gila River Indian Community.

Total acres: 840.00 more or less

Each offer of bid must include the allotment number and legal description of the land to be leased; proposed conditions being offered including 1) Bid Per Acre and 2) Term, being from five years, with an option for an additional five years. In order to submit an acceptable tract bid, the bidder must include a 25% deposit of the rental payment proposed with his or her bid offer. If the bid is not accepted, the 25% deposit will be refunded in whole to any unsuccessful bidder.

If the bid is accepted, the Superintendent, Pima Agency, will provide notification that the bid has been accepted and will provide you with a lease document and instructions to submit the executed lease agreement along with the remaining 75% bid amount. The lease package will require an acceptable form of rental bond in the amount that will be used by the Agency should a lease rental default occur at any time during the term of the lease agreement. All deposits held by Pima Agency to any unsuccessful bidder(s) will be refunded.

The Superintendent reserves the right to reject any and all bids that do not meet the bid advertisement requirements. Bids may also be rejected by the Superintendent using his or her discretionary authority for any terms and rent. If this occurs, negotiation may resolve the issue(s) before any final rejection of a successful bid.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS ON DECEMBER 16, 2014**

The Casa Blanca Community School is pleased to announce that it will be holding an election on December 16, 2014 to fill three (3) seats on its Board of Trustees. The only polling station for this election will be at District 5 Veteran's Building and District 4 Service Center. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. CBCS's Board meets at least once per month. Board members are also expected to attend periodic work sessions (usually held over a two day period on the weekend), and to attend various out-of-state trainings and conferences. If you are interested in running in the election, you must meet the following qualifications:

- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age as of December 16, 2014 (the date of the election);
- Be a Community member;
- Reside in District 3, 4, or 5 and have lived in the District in which you are running for at least one year prior to December 16, 2014;
- Have a high school diploma, or GED;
- Successfully undergo a background check and drug/alcohol screen;
- Obtain an Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card; and
- Submit a timely petition signed by seven eligible voters from your District.

To obtain a petition to get on the ballot, please contact Krysten Madrid at the School. Ms. Madrid can be reached at 520.315.3489. Petitions must be returned to the School no later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

The following persons are eligible to vote in the election (and sign petitions for Board candidates):

- (1) Enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community who are at least eighteen (18) and who reside within District 3, 4, or 5 as of October 1, 2014; OR
- (2) Parent, grandparent, or legal guardian whose name is on file as the responsible party for a child currently attending Casa Blanca Community School.

Any questions regarding the election should be directed to Jacque Bradley or Martina Ashley at the above number.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

United States Department of the Interior  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
PIMA AGENCY  
P.O. BOX 8  
SACATON, ARIZONA 85147  
**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY:**  
**GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY EL PASO NATURAL GAS GRANT OF EASEMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is releasing a Notice of Availability (NOA) to advise the public that the BIA has finalized the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed El Paso Natural Gas Grant of Easement Right-of-Way (Project) on the Gila River Indian Community in Pinal and Maricopa counties, Arizona. The Proposed Action requires BIA approval of the proposed grant of easement of right-of-way (ROW). Approval of the grant of easement would allow El Paso Natural Gas (EPNG) to continue to operate and maintain existing natural gas pipelines and facilities (Figure 1-1, enclosed).

EPNG has a current Grant of Easement for ROW on Allotted and Tribal lands within the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) for the operation and maintenance of natural gas pipelines set to expire on December 14, 2014. EPNG has applied for a new ROW for the existing natural gas pipelines and facilities, as well as areas along the pipelines that are identified for maintenance access and facilities improvements.

EPNG's current ROW extends approximately 89 miles (covering approximately 448 acres) and is utilized for the operation and maintenance of natural gas pipelines and associated facilities. This EA documents the existing conditions and potential impacts for approving the grant, denying the grant (no action alternative), and the cumulative effects that approving the grant may have with other planned projects.

The purpose of the new ROW is to permit EPNG to continue to operate and maintain its existing natural gas pipelines and facilities, as well as areas along the pipelines that are identified for maintenance access and facilities improvements. Should the ROW expire before a new ROW is obtained, EPNG could be considered in trespass on GRIC lands. The EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). NEPA requires that federal agencies take into consideration the environmental consequences of proposed actions, as well as input from state and local governments, Indian tribes, the public, and other federal agencies, during their decision-making process. The EA identifies and assesses the significance of any potential environmental impacts of the project activities and alternatives.

A public scoping period was held from February 2 to March 4, 2013 during which the public was given the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed project and to identify potential issues to be addressed in the EA. No new comments were received during the public scoping period.

The EA analyzes two alternatives for the project, 1) The No-Action Alternative (not approving the grant of easement for the ROW); 2) Proposed Action Alternative (approval of the grant of easement for the ROW).

As part of the NEPA process, public comments, questions, corrections or concerns are requested for this EA. An electronic copy of the EA is available on the BIA's website:

[www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/RegionalOffices/Western/index.htm](http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/RegionalOffices/Western/index.htm). To submit a written comment or to request paper or electronic copies of the document, please write or contact: Cecelia Martinez, Superintendent Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pima Agency P.O. Box 8

Sacaton, AZ 85147  
Phone: 520-562-3376  
Fax: (520) 562-3543

Copies of the EA are available for public review on the internet at <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/RegionalOffices/Western/index.htm> or at the BIA Pima Agency office in Sacaton, Arizona.

## LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF SACATON, ARIZONA

In re the Matter of the Repossession of the 1997 Fleetwood Mobile Home 28' x 66'; Vin: AZFLV21A/B04508-SK12, and concerning Barbara E. Robles (deceased debtor) and Green Tree Servicing LLC, (Plaintiff). Docket No. CV-2014-0210

NOTICE OF SUIT TO: Any Interested Person  
1. A Petition for Order Allowing Repossession of the 1997 Fleetwood Mobile Home 28' x 66', VIN: AZFLV21A/B04508-SK12, owned by Barbara E. Robles, deceased, has been filed in this Court on August 22, 2014.

2. Any interested party to this lawsuit is directed to file a pleading in response to the Petition For Order Allowing Repossession on file herein, in the office of the Clerk of the above Court.
3. If you want to deny the claim you must file a written answer.
4. You may go to a legal counsel or advocate who can prepare an answer for you.
5. A hearing has been scheduled in the above court on December 1, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. It is suggested that any interested person to this action attend the hearing.
5. If you do nothing, the Court may give judgment for the Plaintiff.

## What's New at GRICUA?

## Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority



## GRICUA Office Grand Opening

Please join us as we celebrate the Grand Opening of our new office building on Thursday, December 18th at 10:00 AM. GRICUA's new office building is located at 6636 W. Sundust Road, just east of our former location. The new building will be decorated with artwork purchased from Community artists. We will also have an arts & craft fair during the Grand Opening to provide our contributing artists a place to sell their work. Building tours and refreshments will be provided immediately following the ceremony.

## GRIC Employment &amp; Training Job Fair

GRICUA attended the GRIC Employment and Training's Job Fair in Sacaton, AZ, on October 31st. GRICUA is currently looking for a Distribution Systems Engineer and is taking registrations for the Utility Management Training Program. GRICUA also distributed information on our Youth Programs and Energy Saving Tips. Please check our website [www.gricua.net](http://www.gricua.net) for more information.

## GRICUA District Days 2014

GRICUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (433 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to 3pm.  
December 8

## Before you dig, call Arizona Blue Stake

GRICUA is a member of Arizona Blue Stake. Please call 1-800-782-5348 to request an under-ground line locate of both GRICUA and SCIP on reservation facilities.

## GRICUA's Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Payments are accepted on-line and by phone both during our normal operating hours as well as afterhours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business hours. GRICUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to [gricuacomment@gricua.net](mailto:gricuacomment@gricua.net). You can also go to our website at [www.gricua.net](http://www.gricua.net).



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality is announcing that the 30-day public comment period for Gila River Sand & Gravel Maricopa #41, located at 2425 N. Power Road, Bapchule, Arizona 85121, air quality operating permit officially begins on November 21, 2014. The sand & gravel operation is being permitted for Particulate Matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM10) and Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions. Public comments will be accepted in writing until December 22, 2014, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the Department to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and request shall be received by the Department within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the Gila River Indian Community Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Department offices. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:

Gila River Indian Community  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Attn: Ryan Eberle  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147  
Physical Address: 1576A S. Nelson Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226

For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520)796-3781 or visit our offices located at 1576A S. Nelson Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality is announcing that the 30-day public comment period for MRM Holdings, LLC, located at 2425 N. Power Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85239, air quality operating permit officially begins on November 21, 2014. The cement batch plant is being permitted for Particulate Matter (PM), Particulate Matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM10), Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs), Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions. Public comments will be accepted in writing until December 22, 2014, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

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## District Five's Fall Festival

GRICUA participated in District Five's 1st Annual Fall Festival on October 24th in Bapchule, AZ. Kids played witch ring toss and spooky bowling and were rewarded with a goodie bag. Our staff had a great time and can't wait for next year's festival.



## Utility Management Training Program

The GRICUA Board of Directors has set a goal of:

"... having the General Manager of GRICUA be a qualified Gila River Indian Community Member. The GRICUA Board recognizes that to achieve this goal requires planning and development of a mentoring program to provide the appropriate levels of training for potential qualified GRIC Members."

The first step to achieving this goal is to identify qualified interested members of the Community who would be interested in being considered for participation in this program. To register to be considered for participation in the Mentoring Program, please send your letter of interest and resume to 6640 W. Sundust Rd Box 5091, Chandler, AZ, 85226 or email to [gricuamp@gricua.net](mailto:gricuamp@gricua.net). In order to register you must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a member of the Gila River Indian Community.
- Must possess a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering, Accounting, Finance or Business.
- Successfully complete the 2-5 year Utility Management Training Program

Please visit [www.gricua.net](http://www.gricua.net) for more information.  
Deadline to register - December 31, 2014 12:00 AM

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality is announcing that the 30-day public comment period for Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores #328 (D-4), located at 7001 W. Sundust Rd., Chandler, AZ 85226, air quality operating permit officially begins on November 21, 2014. The gas station is being permitted for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). Public comments will be accepted in writing until December 22, 2014, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the Department to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and request shall be received by the Department within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the Gila River Indian Community Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Department offices. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:

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# Community Members Run Broadcast of Council Meetings

Training is open for GRIC members interested in broadcast production

By Roberto A. Jackson  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community has been broadcasting Community Council meetings since 2007, but only recently has a crew of all Community members replaced the previous production team.

"The goal always was to have this run by tribal members only," said Abdul Zuhri, broadcast contractor for GRTI and NTS.

Zuhri had the task of launching the broadcast of the Community Council meetings and distributing it to the service centers and other offices in the Governance Center similar to other government access channels.

"We needed a professional production crew in here that could actually run the system in a professional manner and also train," said Zuhri.

RM Producer Services, a video production company out of Mesa, managed the broadcast

since April of 2007, when the broadcast was initially launched, but they were replaced this September when the former GRIC trainees could successfully run the operation.

Yvonne Garcia, District 4, who was a trainee under the previous team, is the new Director and the Switch Operator. Garcia, who works for Native Technology Solutions, is also enrolled at Scottsdale Community College in the broadcasting program. "It's helps having a lot of patience and actually being interested in this type of industry," said Garcia.

Tucked away in a room in the Executive wing of the Governance Center is the Audio/Visual room, which serves as the control room for the broadcast.

With Garcia at the helm, directing the broadcast and switching out the cameras on the screen, the crew works closely together to extend the Council meetings across the Community.

Kimberly Martinez, District



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

The production team for the Community Council meetings run the broadcast from the Audio/Visual Room in the Governance Center on Nov. 19. From left Mabel Tsoie, Kimberly Martinez and Yvonne Garcia.

3, has been in the technology field for 10 years and started in early 2014 operating the character generator for the meetings. She is responsible for the titles and

slides you see on the screen. "I like the fact broadcasting can be brought to the Community at the district level, not everyone can make it to Council Chambers,"

said Martinez.

Martinez works meticulously with Cherie Mack, District 3, and Paul White, District 5—the camera operators. The Council Chambers has four pan and tilt zoom cameras to capture video during the meetings.

In addition to acquiring broadcast knowledge, Mack said that the meetings keep her informed as a Community member. "You get to learn what's going on in our Community," said Mack.

Zuhri said it took about two to three years to train an entire crew to run the entire broadcast. It was a challenge to find individuals available to train throughout the scheduled meetings, because a Council meeting can last a few hours or late into the night. Garcia said the longest meeting she's ever broadcasted ended at 12:29 a.m. If you consider that the production crew starts at 8 a.m.—an hour before the Wednesday meetings—that was a 16 and a half hour work day.

During Executive Sessions, the broadcast is shut down and resumes when Executive Sessions are over.

For individuals interested in learning hands-on how to be proficient with industry standard tools in broadcasting and audio production, Zuhri and Garcia welcome any Community members to sit in and observe the operation. "Who ever wants to come in here and learn, we're happy to extend the knowledge," said Zuhri.

It's rare to get hands-on training in a production control room if you're not enrolled in an integrated media program with a broadcast curriculum. Despite the competitive nature of this field, the opportunity is available and the skills you learn are transferable to a broadcasting environment.

## November Monthly Elders News

Gila River Indian Community

### President Proclamation—National Family resident Proclamation— National Family Caregivers Month 2014

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Each day, courageous individuals step forward to help care for family members in need, their quiet acts of selflessness and sacrifice telling a story of love and devotion. Across our country, parents and children, siblings and spouses, friends and neighbors heroically give of themselves to support those in their lives affected by illness, injury, or disability. During National Family Caregivers Month, we salute the people who play difficult and exhausting roles, and we recommit to lifting up these Americans as they care for their loved ones while protecting their dignity and individuality. In the United States, more than 60 million caregivers provide invaluable strength and assistance to their family members, and as the number of older Americans rises, so will the number of caregivers. Many of these dedicated people work full time and raise children of their own while also caring for the needs of their loved ones. Caregivers support the independence of their family members and enable them to more fully participate in their communities, and as a Nation, we have an obligation to empower these selfless individuals. My Administration continues to work to improve many of the resources on which caregivers depend.

**ELDERS REMEMBERING THEIR PAST Sponsors for this event were Executive Office, Elderly Nutrition Program, Lone butte Development, Sand & Gravel and GRTI** "We thank them very much for the support in providing the breakfast, the traditional lunch and the thank you gifts to the elders!

On Saturday, November 1, 2014 at the newly opened District Seven Service Center, there were 160 elders who attended the event, with an agenda which had a blessing and opening prayer from Ms. Edena Antone, District 7 elder. The welcoming from Joyce Lopez, Chairperson



Pee Posh Veterans Association posting Colors as Rebecca Rowe is singing the national anthem at the Elder's Day in District Seven Service Center November 1, 2014

The Affordable Care Act invested in programs that expand home and community-based services. To lift up a new generation of service members -- our 9/11 Generation -- we are fighting to ensure those who care for them have access to the support they need, including financial assistance, comprehensive caregiver training, mental health services and counseling, and respite care. Many caregivers rely on workplace flexibility and reasonable accommodations, and this year my Administration held the first-ever White House Summit on Working Families to develop a

comprehensive agenda that ensures hard-working Americans do not have to choose between being productive employees and responsible family members. And next year, we will host the White House Conference on Aging, which will focus on the needs of older Americans and those who care for them. Not only this month, but every month, let us work alongside our Nation's caregivers and make certain they are able to provide the best possible care for their loved ones for as long as necessary. Together, we recognize those who place service above self, including the women and men looking after our veterans. By offering them the same comfort, social engagement, and stability they bring to others, may we remind them that they are not alone.

for Elder's Concerns Group. The Mistress of Ceremonies' Ms. June Shorthair, who did a great job in moving the program throughout the day, There were tributes' to Mary Thomas. Mr. Rod Lewis, provide reflections on the goals for the water rights and future of the Community. Cultural enlight-

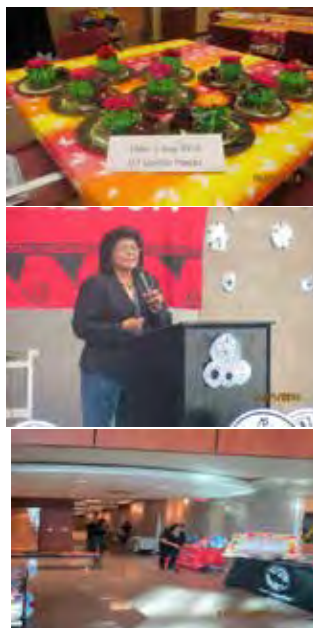
ment was provided by the D7 Bird dancers and D1 Basket Dancers. The closing was provide by Marlene Norris, Vice Chair and a small gift provided to the elders in appreciation, and throughout the day there were physical activities and raffle prizes provided.

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November 4, 2014

#### Special points of interest:

- Pee Posh Veterans Association were in attendance throughout the event in opening and retrieving of Colors.
- Remarks were received from the Governor Mendoza and Lt. Governor Lewis.
- Honorable Mentions of Ms. Mary Thomas dedication to the Community Elders Issues.
- Mr. Rod Lewis, on Reflections Gila River Water Rights
- Cultural Enlightenment from District 7 Bird Dancers and District 1 Akimal O'otham Basket Dancers

#### Photos from Elders Day 2014



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### GILA RIVER INDIAN UTILITY AUTHORITY

6640 W. Sundust Rd.  
Ste. 5091 Chandler AZ  
520.796.0600

### FIRE STATION 429

5002 North Maricopa Road  
Chandler, AZ  
520.796.5900

### FIRE STATION 421

829 Blackwater School Road  
Coolidge, AZ  
520.796.4510

### FIRE STATION 423

599 East Seedfarm Road  
Sacton, AZ  
520.796.4580

### FIRE STATION 426

4793 W. Pecos Road  
Laveen Village  
520.796.4515



All collected gifts directly benefit Gila River Indian Community Tribal Social Services, Residential Programs for Youth and Community Head Start Programs.

A partnership between Gila River Indian Community Fire Department & Marine Corps Toys for Tots of Pinal County.

For more information or schedule a toy pick-up contact:

Merlena Calabaza at  
(520) 562-6024  
Merlena.calabaza@gric.nsn.us

Amber Childs at  
(520) 562.6176  
Amber.childs@gric.nsn.us

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