

Gila River Transit begins service in Sacaton



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

The Gila River Transit bus pulls into the Governance Center during its route in District 3.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Transit is off to a smooth start. The local bus program started offering rides around Sacaton on Jan. 11 and plans to begin service in the West End this month.

Sasha Pachito, who manages the program, said in its first week over 140 people utilized the bus service, "and every week since then we've had over 100 people."

The Sacaton route includes 17 stops that takes riders to the police department, the courthouse, the

hospital, Boys & Girls Club, the service center, the Executive Ki, residential areas and a number of other spots. More bus stops may become available as the route is evaluated.

If you've seen the bus and it looks a bit plain, GRIC DOT understands. For now they are all white, but they have some design concepts submitted by GRIC members and hope to have unique artwork on the buses in about a month.

"There are a couple buses out there that look just like [the

transit bus] and we want to be distinct from everyone else," said Pachito. The bus is in operation Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the last circuit beginning around 4 p.m. It takes about 3-5 minutes between stops along the route and one circuit takes between 40 and 50 minutes.

The transit service operates on what is called a deviated fixed route, which means, if a passenger can't make it to a stop and needs to be picked up at another location not too far from the route, he or she can call DOT and ask to be picked up. Buses will not, however, deviate to drop passengers off at another location.

All of the buses come equipped with a wheelchair ramp and all bus drivers are trained in assisting the disabled.

Gila River Indian Community Department of Transportation started to pursue the idea of a tran-

sit service many years ago and felt that this was the right time to get the program rolling.

Pachito, the GRIC DOT Transportation Planning Manager, said, "We applied for a grant through the Arizona Department of Transportation to operate a public transportation system."

The grant supplies approximately 80 percent of the program costs. The funding helped the Community purchase the three buses and pay for staffing.

Those dollars are now making an impact in Districts 6 and 7.

Gila River Transit will begin operating a bus route in the West End this month, possibly as soon as next week, the week of Feb. 8. It will not shuttle passengers between the West End and Sacaton; the two routes will operate independently.

In 6 and 7, the bus will make stops at the Boys & Girls Club, the clinic, the casino, the new District 7 Multipurpose building, the new housing area in District 7, some housing areas in District 6, among other areas.

GRIC DOT hopes to continue to expand the service in coming years, depending on funding availability.

If you have any questions or would like an estimate on the bus's next stop, you can reach the operator at (520) 562-6020.

Kevin Lewis, Kai Restaurant's sommelier and wine director finds passion in fine dining



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Kevin Lewis, wine director and sommelier at the award-winning Kai Restaurant at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Enjoying a good meal with friends and family is one of the more important moments in life, and this is something Kevin Lewis, 31, sommelier (wine expert) and wine director for renowned valley restaurant, Kai, has learned through years of discipline and experience.

Lewis, a member of the Gila River Indian Community and sommelier for arguably one of the best restaurants in Arizona, began his life's journey in District 4 in the village of Stotonic. It was there he spent much of his childhood, growing up with his father, the late GRIC police officer Sgt. Kevin Tilman Lewis, mother Velda, and three sisters.

"We lived in one of the housing developments for a while, [it was] pretty normal," said Lewis. "We had kids in the neighborhood that we would play with all the time and every now and then we would have block parties. Most of my family lived around the area, my aunt and uncle lived two houses down, we were [over] there all the time," he said.

At the tender age of eight, Lewis's father passed away, and it was during the following years his mother taught him responsibility and discipline, two traits that helped him succeed later in life.

"She was kind of strict, especially on me because I was the



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Chair volleyball teams battle it out at the Vah-Ki Tournament on Jan. 15.

Chair Volleyball Tourney

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Chair volleyball has become a big hit in the Gila River Indian Community because it gives the elders a chance to participate in a physical activity that promotes social interaction while seated in a comfortable position.

Don't let all the fun fool you; it's a highly competitive activity. That competitive drive was on display at the 2016 Vah-Ki Chair Volleyball Tournament.

The tournament was held at the District 5 Multipurpose Building on Jan. 15. Teams who attend-

ed the event were from GRIC, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Ft. McDowell and the Tohono O'odham Nation.

When the last serve was played the Tohono O'odham S-To:Ta A'an team from San Xavier took first place followed by the second place District 4 Rebels 1 and District 3 Silver Hawks in third place.

District 5 Recreation would like to thank Gila River Sand & Gravel for sponsoring the shirts and the artists Eric Manuel and Ben Yazzie for making the trophies.

Team Pictures on page 6.

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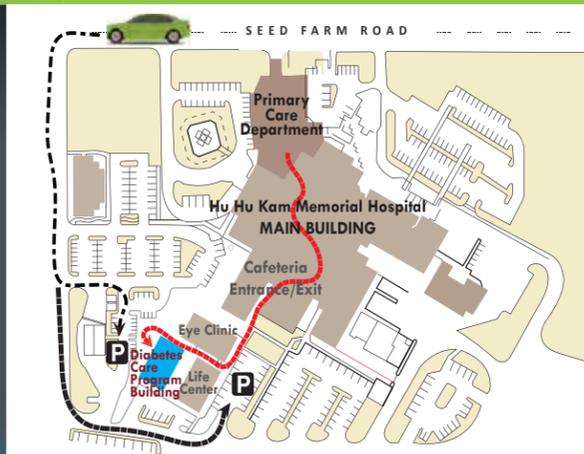
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Attention Renal Clinic Patients

Effective February 4, 2016, the Thursday Renal Clinic will move from the Primary Care Department to the Diabetic Care Program (DCP) building. The new location is larger with more exam rooms. Please note that patient registration will take place in the DCP building as well.

We appreciate your understanding while we enhance your access to health care.

If you have any questions, please contact (520) 562-3321 ext. 1363



The Caring House Admission Process

The Caring House's mission is to provide skilled nursing care and rehabilitation services in a kind, caring, and compassionate way, while honoring the tribal and cultural traditions of our residents and their families.

The Caring House is a long term care and skilled nursing facility that provides specialized rehabilitative services. Resident care is distinguished by our unique commitment from staff to provide highly-skilled, culturally-competent, kind and compassionate, restorative nursing care while working with residents to optimize and reinforce their skill with functional activities.

The Caring House is a 100-bed facility with the following specialty care units:

- Unit A: Dementia/Alzheimer with 20 beds
- Unit B: Skilled Nursing with 15 beds and an additional 5-bed Hospice
- Units F & E: Long Term Care with 60-resident capacity
- Unit G: Adult Daycare

How does a patient get referred to the Caring House?

A patient referral is made by one of the following sources:

- Acute Care Hospitals
- Long-Term Acute Care Facilities
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Assisted Living Facilities

GENERAL ADMISSION PROCESS

Step 1: The referring source identifies need for long term care and/or skilled nursing care and sends a referral to the Caring House for review and consideration.

Step 2: The admission criteria includes a provider's order for long term care or skilled needs and medical documentation related to the medical need for services.

Step 3: When the admission criteria have been met, the Caring House Admissions Office works with the referral source, Medical Director, and/or the hospital facility's discharge planner to coordinate the transfer of the patient to the Caring House.

Step 4: At this point, the Caring House Medical Director will:

- Assume responsibility for the patient/resident.
- Communicate with the patient/resident's primary care provider on an "as needed" basis.

Office Hours:

Mon. - Thur. 8 am - 4 pm
Friday 8 am - 12 Noon
Saturday 8 am - 12 Noon

Important: Referrals may be received 24/7 and process on the next business day.

The Caring House Admissions Office

Phone: (520) 562-7411 Fax: (480) 393-5952
Address is 338 South Ocotillo Drive, Sacaton, AZ 85147

For more information visit: www.grhc.org/the-caring-house

Leadership from the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation located in North Dakota visited GRHC on January 28th to learn about GRHC's Behavioral Health Services and Residential Treatment Center.

TRIBE LEADERSHIP VISIT GRHC



"Thank you for your hospitality and the great presentation. It was truly professional, and it made me very proud of your nation. The RTC site visit was excellent. It really felt like a peaceful sacred campus of positive spirits of healing. What a beautiful place to heal. Extremely welcoming and a true community of hope." - Monte Fox, SR. Director, Casey Family Foundation, enrolled member of the MHA Nation

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- a.) Keeps a record of the proceedings of the Board;
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First Year Memorial Mr. Reynold "Tony" Apodaca



February 26, 2016, will be one year of his passing. RIP, My Luv. Thank you for being the best husband in the world. Alex and I are always sharing memories, he has so much detail. Haha remember we used to say, "An elephant never forgets."

We can never forget the smile/grin upon your face, words of wisdom, and love you shared without haste. Although you are missed dearly, we know you are in a much better place. You left behind two special lil' guys,

is quiet. No more gospel songs on YouTube, barking or sound of the squeakers. I miss and luv you guys so very much...

2015 was a hard year but thanks to my brothers Alex/Huppo, Aunties Wanda/Carmen, Uncle Perry, ChaBaby, Bumba, and friends who have shown much love and support. I know Tony appreciates you for it. With much luv and respect,

Elizabeth Apodaca



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Thomas R. Throssell will be covering stories for the GRIN as a Community Newsperson.

Meet the GRIN's newest Community Newsperson

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian News has been covering the Community for decades and during that time the newspaper has undergone many changes, from being published once a month to its current manifestation as a multi-media community news outlet that produces a bi-monthly printed newspaper, online social media, and local broadcasting content.

And that's where I come in to tell you a little about myself as the new Community Newsperson for the GRIN.

My name is Thomas R. Throssell and while I may be new to the Gila River Indian Community, I am not unfamiliar with the O'odham people or their culture.

In fact, I am a registered member of the Tohono O'odham Nation. My family comes from the San Miguel Village area located in Chukut Kuk District and I have spent the past three years as the Tohono O'odham Runner newspaper's associate editor and contributed to that publication for almost a decade.

Now that I am joining the GRIN team, I am looking forward to learning about the Akimel O'otham people, their stories, and local traditions.

And while joining a new community with different traditions and customs is a delicate and tactful process, it is not the first time I have been the new guy in a different community.

After earning a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, I lived and worked in Tokyo, Japan for four years, teaching English at a public junior high school. During those four years I learned a lot about the Japanese culture, language, and way of life, which helped instill in me the value of tradition, language, and the importance of one's own culture in leading a fulfilling life.

These experiences have helped me navigate through the complex maze of life and will assist me in properly fulfilling my role as a community newsperson for the Gila River Indian Community.

If you are interested in a story please call (520) 562-9852 or email Thomas.Throssell@gric.nsn.us

Leslie Pasqual named Grand Marshal in the Casa Grande Cowboy Days & O'odham Tash Parade



Photo Courtesy of Dawn White

Leslie Pasqual riding his horse in a photo dated 2007.

Submitted by Ashley Pasqual

On March 17, 1927, Leslie Pasqual was born to Andreas and Annie (Lyons) Pasqual. Leslie is one of nine brothers, all which grew up in District 3. Along with his brothers, he is a veteran and served in World War II.

When Leslie was a young boy, he and his brothers were brought up to be hardworking cowboys. They were taught to raise cattle and horses and competed in rodeos during their prime.

At the age of 18, Leslie was drafted in the United States Army Infantry Division on June 19, 1945 and attended basic training at camp Roberts, California. He then

received his orders to attend Fort Ord, California to review combat training. On December 14, 1945, Leslie was shipped out overseas from Fort Lawton, Washington to Zama, Japan where he was stationed. Leslie was honorably discharged from Camp Beale, California in 1946.

Today, Leslie is the only surviving brother and, at the age of 88, is one of the few Community members who continues at his ranching skills in raising livestock, which has been handed down from generations past.

Leslie is a respected patriarch of his family, a devoted father and a grandfather to 34 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It is a

great honor to be asked to participate as the Grand Marshal in the Casa Grande Cowboy Days & O'odham Tash Parade on Feb. 13.

Leslie and his family would like to thank the Casa Grande Cowboy Days & O'odham Tash Events Organization for the opportunity and Thomas R. White and Bunty Ahamed for their contribution and support.

For parade information go to www.casagrandeaz.gov.

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Chief Judge Special Election: Feb. 9, all Districts

GRIN Staff
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community is holding a special election on Feb. 9 for the seat of Chief Judge. Polling sites will be

open in all districts from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you can't make it to the polls on Election Day, the Tribal Elections Office is accepting absentee ballots until 5 p.m. on Feb. 8. Contact your District Judge

or Tribal Elections Office at (520) 562-9735.

The candidates running in the special election for the office of Chief Judge are: Donna Kisto-Jones, Anthony J. Hill, and Victor Antone.

Gila River Indian Community

SPECIAL Election for Chief Judge February 9, 2016 Districts 1 -7

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FOR CHIEF JUDGE
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REMEMBER!

If you can't make it to the polls on Election Day; you can cast an Absentee Ballot by February 8th, 5 p.m., with your District Judge or the Tribal Elections Office:

District 1 - Valerie Williams, (520) 709-4537
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District 3 - Hazel Lewis, (520) 610-2222
District 4 - Sharon Miguel, (520) 418-2142
District 5 - Gaynell Lopez, (520) 709-9835
District 6 - Lorina Allison, (480) 532-7646
District 7 - Brenda Parker, (480) 356-1300
Tribal Elections Office, (520) 562-9735

POLLING SITES OPEN:
6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

District #1 Elder Center, 1060 W. Blackwater School Road, Blackwater

District #2 Event Center, 9257 W. Sacaton Flats Road, Hashan Kehk

District #3 Service Center, 31 N. Church Street, Sacaton

District #4 Service Center, 1510 W. Santan Road, Santan

District #5 Veteran's Building, 3500 W. Casa Blanca Road, Casa Blanca

District #6 Learning Center, 5230 W. St. Johns Road, Komatke

District #7 Multipurpose Building, 8035 S. 83rd Avenue, Maricopa Colony



CPAO Photo

Victor Antone.



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Donna Kisto-Jones.



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Anthony J. Hill.

Community Events

He'kiu A'aga am Hu'hu'u Vecho Storytelling Under the Stars Feb. 26, 2016, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Aji West of HWY 587 & San Tan Road
Feb. 6, 2016
3:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

February 15
Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents Day

District 3 Sweetheart Bingo - District 3 Service Center
Friday, Feb. 12, 2016
Contact: (520) 562-2719 or (520) 562-2705

71st Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising
Saturday, February 20, 2016
Military parade and flyover to begin at 8:30 a.m.
Matthew B. Juan, Ira H. Hayes Veteran's Memorial Park in Sacaton, AZ

Valentine Grams Bake Sale
Friday, Feb. 12, 2016
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
District Three Service Center

GRIC Science & Engineering Fair, District 5
Pre-K through High School students, Feb. 25, 2016
For more information, contact: 520-550-4834

Elders Appreciation Day - Huhukam Heritage Center

Complete guide at www.grbc.tv

GRBC TV GUIDE

*Schedule may be subject to change.

	Sunday 2/7	Monday 2/8	Tuesday 2/9	Wednesday 2/10	Thursday 2/11	Friday 2/12	Saturday 2/13
12:00pm	Creative Native <i>We Are What We Eat P2</i>	Creative Native <i>Aboriginal Friendship</i>	Creative Native <i>Medicine Stories</i>	Creative Native <i>Talking Stick</i>	Creative Native <i>Memory Lamp Shades</i>	Creative Native <i>Traditional Weaving</i>	Creative Native <i>Aboriginal Friendship</i>
12:30pm	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk
1:00pm	Native Planet <i>Australia</i>	Weaving Worlds <i>An absorbing and intimate portrait of economic and cultural survival through art.</i>	Black Indians: An American History <i>Brings to light a forgotten part of Americans past - the cultural</i>	Incas Remembered <i>People who once ruled half of South America before falling to the Spanish Conquistadors.</i>	Grab	Looking from our Roots	Spirits for Sale
1:30pm							
2:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>The New Masters</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Introduction</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Portrait of a Mask Maker</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Akwiten</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Journey of a Song</i>	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Gulf Coast Originals</i>
2:30pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Storytellers In Motion
3:00pm	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Gulf Coast Originals</i>	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Native Nation Building <i>Intertribal Relations</i>
3:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit <i>Daniel Crane</i>	From The Spirit <i>Fred McDonald</i>	From The Spirit <i>Terry McCue</i>	From The Spirit <i>Dale Auger</i>	From The Spirit <i>Tim Paul</i>	People of the Pines <i>Uncharted Territory</i>
4:00pm	Whaledreamers <i>The heartfelt story of the return of an aboriginal whale dreaming tribe to survive the slaughter by man, but to engage the human race into waking up in time.</i>	Creative Native <i>Medicine Stories</i>	Creative Native <i>Talking Stick</i>	Creative Native <i>Memory Lamp Shades</i>	Creative Native <i>Traditional Weaving</i>	Creative Native <i>Bow and Arrow</i>	Making Regalia
4:30pm		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS
5:00pm		Working It Out Together <i>Taking the Challenge</i>	Indian Pride <i>Indian Gaming</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride <i>Indian Treaties</i>	Storytellers In Motion	Voices Of <i>Leadership</i>
5:30pm	Return of the Red Lake Walleye	Back In The Day <i>The Two Highways</i>	Oskayak Down Under	Voices Of <i>Leadership</i>	Down The Mighty River <i>Addicted To Hydro</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian and Aliens <i>Sonny</i>
6:00pm	Horse Tribe <i>Legendary as one of America's greatest horse tribes, the 21st century Nez Perce decided to bring</i>	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Indigenous Focus <i>Bert Seabourn</i>
6:30pm		Native Report	People of the Pines <i>Assimilation</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu <i>The Sled Maker</i>
7:00pm	Native Voice TV	Black Indians: An American History <i>Brings to light a forgotten part of Americans past - the cultural</i>	Incas Remembered <i>People who once ruled half of South America before falling to the Spanish Conquistadors.</i>	Grab	Mirando Desde Nuestras Raices	Spirits for Sale	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People Native Report
7:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>Sundance Film</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Ways of the Quiet</i>	Wapos Bay <i>World According to Devon</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Catch the Spirit</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Partic-Inaction</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Wapos Falcon</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Ways of the Quiet</i>
8:00pm							
8:30pm	Fish Out of Water <i>Kawakanum Kennels</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Cape Mudge Resort</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>6 Nations of Grand River</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Algonquin Canoe</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Kokomville Academy</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Birch Narrows Lodge</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Cape Mudge Resort</i>
9:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS
9:30pm	Native Shorts	Oskayak Down Under	Back In The Day <i>Two Highways</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Bert Seabourn</i>	Rez Rides <i>Going National</i>	Indians and Aliens <i>Matthew Mukash</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Surviving Moose</i>
10:00pm	Amazonia Eterna <i>Presents a critical analysis of how the world's largest tropical rainforest is understood and</i>	Video Letters From Prison <i>A heartwarming story about the power of love and family.</i>	Back In The Day <i>Honoring a Structural icon.</i>	Greetings From The Colony	Trail of Tears <i>Events up to, life and death on the Trail of Tears.</i>	Black Indians: An American History <i>Brings to light a forgotten part of Americans past - the cultural</i>	Dances of Life
10:30pm							
11:00pm	Sacred Stick <i>Examines the historical, cultural, and spiritual aspects of lacrosse. From the ancient Maya to the world famous Iroquois Nationals</i>	Original Patriots: Northern California Indians of WWII <i>Over 25,000 Native American people joined the war effort.</i>	Walela <i>12 of the most beautiful melodic sounds.</i>	Good Meat	Trail of Tears <i>Events up to, life and death on the Trail of Tears.</i>	After The Gold Rush	Beyond Recognition
11:30pm							Spirit In Glass: Plateau Native Bead Work

Kevin Lewis creates a fine dining experience through his passion for pairing food and wine from Page 1

oldest," said Lewis.

"I think it shaped the way that my work ethic is, I didn't really want to let her down or disappoint her," he said.

"Having responsibility and not giving up is one of the big things that I feel I got from her," continued Lewis. "She would never let me give up on anything, (whether) it was school work or something I couldn't do, she would start pushing me until I was able to do it."

With a solid work ethic and strong sense of responsibility nurtured by his mother, Lewis spent the next few years figuring out what to do with his life. Studying for a year at the University of Arizona then heading back to GRIC where he continued his studies at Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Lewis continued to search for the right career.

And that's when it happened. In 2004 Lewis began working at Ko'sin Restaurant located at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort &

Spa, and began his journey into the depths of the fine dining world.

Over the next several years Lewis worked his way through a variety of jobs at the resort, from working at Ko'sin as a server assistant, to bartending at the lobby bar, and eventually making his way to Kai.

"I ended up [at Kai] as a server assistant, (and) pretty much worked every position up to where I am now," said Lewis.

With many people who decide to make a career in fine dining, the journey is often prompted by an epiphany-like moment during a meal. That moment can occur while eating a delicious main course, drinking a full-bodied glass of wine, or enjoying an extraordinary dining experience. Like many of his profession, Lewis's journey into fine dining was no different.

Lewis's moment occurred while on a trip to take his introductory exam at the Court of Master Sommeliers in 2008. After passing the exam, Lewis and

Frank Giannotti, Kai's supervisor and sommelier at the time, stopped to grab a bite to eat. Lewis ordered a bottle of sparkling wine and Giannotti ordered fried calamari.

"He had ordered fried calamari to go with the wine," said Lewis. "I had no clue that that's what he was doing. We were sitting there and eating and I'm taking a bite...I would sip the sparkling wine and it was mind blowing. Just the way that everything...seemed to work perfectly, the fried aspect of the calamari worked with the [wine's] bubbles, it had a bit of a toasty note, the saltiness complimented it amazingly," said Lewis.

"I had never tasted anything like that before or had wines paired with food before."

Thus began Lewis's passion for pairing wine with food and another step forward to becoming Kai's sommelier and wine director, an advancement that ended up being more of a realization than a promotion.

At the time, Kai's previous sommelier, Thomas Klafke left the restaurant, leaving Lewis to find his replacement. And, it was while Lewis was driving home one day from work a realization hit him.

"I was thinking, I am going to have to...interview the new sommelier, this person is going to have to know the [wine] list, the food, the clientele...and I thought wait, that's me, I have been doing that for the past three years," said Lewis.

Shortly after, Lewis asked Klafke if he could properly fill the role as Kai's new sommelier.

Lewis said, "He just gave me a look of disbelief, and said, you're really going to ask me that question? Of course you can do it."

And that's what Lewis has been doing ever since, delighting guests with his knowledge of wine and helping create a magical dining experience at Kai.

To make a reservation at Kai visit wildhorsepass-resort.com/kai or call (602) 385-5726.



Photos Courtesy the Ak-Chin Runner

Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel (left) and Vice Chairwoman Delia Carlyle (right).

Robert Miguel named Ak-Chin Chairman, Carlyle Vice-Chair

Thomas R. Throssell
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Ak-Chin Indian Community."

On Jan. 20, the Ak-Chin Indian Community (ACIC) Tribal Council named Robert Miguel as the tribe's Chairman and Delia Carlyle, Vice Chairwoman.

An ACIC news release said that Miguel and Carlyle will continue to develop economic projects and focus on job creation endeavors for both their own community and surrounding areas.

"I am honored to have been selected to serve my Community as the chairman," said Miguel in the news release. "Our entire Tribal Council will continue to work together to solidify the foundation for education, social and health services and continue building a stronger economy for the

According to ACIC's Articles of Association, the by-laws that govern the community, the tribe's council is made up of a chairman, vice chairman, and three council members. The council members are selected in a community election each year and serve two-year terms that are staggered.

The council selects the chairman and vice chairman among their own ranks at the beginning of each year. Both the chairman and vice chairman serve one-year terms.

Former ACIC Chairman, Louis Manuel, Jr., who won re-election to the tribe's council last November, was not re-selected as tribal Chairman for the first time since 2009.

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CSD running events promote health and wellness in the Community



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Runners from across the Community, in photo above, begin The Desert Run on the morning of Jan. 23. Bottom right, runners and walkers come together for the Jan. 28 Governance Center Run.

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The Gila River Indian Community Services Department hosted a series of three running events, over the past three weeks, in an effort to promote health and

wellness throughout the Community.

The three running and walking events, attended by hundreds of Community members including Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, were part of the 2016

Healthy Initiative Community Kick-Off Events: 3rd Annual Akimel O’otham & Pee Posh Partnership for a Healthy Community.

The Desert Run, the first of the series, featured 2, 3, and 6-mile running and walking categories that

sent participants down desert trails just north of Blackwater.

Lloyd Honyumtewa, Special Events Coordinator for CSD, said that while all three runs are being held in an effort to promote health and wellness in the Community, the Desert Run in particular, has always been a little different.

It is more spiritual because of the run’s location and the beautiful scenery, which is why we have the singers and blessing out here, he said. Barnaby Lewis and family preformed the singing and morning blessing just before runners began the event.

The second event, held on Jan. 28 near the District 3 Governance Center, and the third event, held at the District 7 Multipurpose Building on Feb. 4, both featured 2 and 3-mile running and walking categories.

Honyumtewa said, there will be more events

focusing on health and wellness in the Community throughout the year and the runs will attempt to focus on culture, spirituality, physical health, and wellness.

“[Running] clears your mind...and a lot of times that’s what we need,” said Honyumtewa. We can get bogged down with work, responsibilities, and obligations, and running can give us that break, he said.

And while the series of three events may be over,

CSD is planning to host more health and wellness runs and wants Community members of all ages and fitness levels to lace up their sneakers and get moving.

“Come on out and have a good time,” said Honyumtewa. “We are here and we are going to keep it going, hope to see you out there!”

For more information about upcoming events visit mygilariver.com or call CSD at 520-562-9691.



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Robotics STEM Club a Hit at Sacaton Middle School



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Sacaton Middle School eighth grade student Zachery Lewis demonstrates robotic drone on Jan. 20. Bottom right, Patricia Stewart, 15, watches as her robot vehicle completes the “Alpine” climb challenge.

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In 2012, Sacaton Middle School (SMS) students Carlos Peña and Clay Jackson’s passion for robots began a movement that would eventually spawn the school’s Robotics STEM Club, a club that has exploded in popularity and now numbers 69 members.

The club lets students tinker with and program different types of robots to accomplish a specific goal, like the “Maze” challenge where students must map out the length their robot vehicle travels and the angle at which it turns to properly navigate a wooden maze. Other challenges include flying drones through obstacle courses, robot jousting, the alpine climb and more.

JoEllen Kinnamon, SMS science teacher and club founder said, while club members may appear

to be just playing with toys, they are in fact learning math and science in a real world setting.

If you give a student a mathematics problem sheet and ask them to solve it, the students will sometimes sit there, look at the sheet and sigh, she said.

“Now you take these [math] problems and say, you can do them here [at the club], it’s fun here... you [can] understand it here and now,” said Kinnamon.

This style of hands on learning has been successful in attracting the attention of SMS students all-the-while teaching them the fundamentals of physics, geometry, and engineering.

While learning math and science is the club’s main focus, preparing for a highly competitive international robotics competition called RoboRAVE, is the incentive that keeps the students energized.

The robotics competition, which began in 2001 and is being held this year at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, N.M. from May 5-7, is the end goal for club members.

This year the club plans on making their mark on RoboRAVE and has been working hard since Sept., honing their skills and knowledge up to four times a week.

The club meets every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and lasts 1 ½ hours, said Kinnamon. We also have a club meeting every other Saturday from 9:30 a.m.



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Winners from the 2016 Vah-ki Chair Volleyball Tournament

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Tohono O’odham S-To:Ta A’an team from San Xavier took first place.



Photos courtesy of District 5 Recreation

Rebels 1, District 4, came in second place.



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The Silver Hawks, District 3, came in third place.

A'AGA

Something to be told

By Billy Allen

This is the season for storytelling in O'odham and Piipaash country. The Huhugam Heritage Center hosted a group of Tohono O'odham children who enacted segments of our traditional stories followed by Mr. Barnaby Lewis whose stories had the people gasping and laughing. It was a great opportunity to have an "ancestral experience." The audience helped make the evening special: People from different locations and different dialects, all ages, made it a gathering of clans. When the tash/sun set and the cold surrounded us, we became Huhugam, anxious to hear our stories.

Stars and constellations figure heavily in many different cultures' creation stories. At the HHC event, I gave a brief summary of Gila River Indian Community names for various stars and constellations. Anthropologist Leslie Spier recorded songs and stories of the Piipaash during the winter of 1929-30. According to what was written, here is a brief summary.

A world had evil things in it and two brothers

caused a flood to end this world. They went under this sea to be safe. When the water of the sea went down, the brothers floated up and one was blinded by the salt water. On top, they got on a log and floated about. They landed near a dry spot and dug up sand to make more dry land.

This world was dark, no sun, moon or stars. One of the brothers, Cipas, took a hair from his face, twisted it and placed it in the east; it became the sun. He took his fingernail and placed it in the west; it became the moon. He dug deep within the earth for sand and spread the sand in the sky; they became the stars. Men and animals were created but the brothers quarreled about whose creations were better. In anger, one brother sank into the ground and attempted to pull down the sky to crush the world. Cipas put up his hand to hold up the sky. Morning stars in the eastern morning sky show his finger marks, visible in cold weather.

Sources further explained to Mr. Spire, "that there was a duplicate of this world above the sky. Our earth and sky are moving, so that from time to time there is an opening at the horizon. When the sun sets it goes through this gap. Then it rises in the world above and moves eastward to set. Then, coming through the gap once more, it rises for us in the east."

Frank Russell spent the winter of 1901-02 on our

land to study our people. Thin Leather shared a version of our ancient stories. In the old days, it would take 4 nights to complete all the stories. In the beginning, there was nothing, so shegoi/creosote, s-cuk totoñ/black ants were made to dry the earth. Spider webs helped stabilize the earth. The creator threw frozen water to the east; it became the sun/tash. He threw another piece of frozen water skyward; it became the moon/masad. From his mouth, he sprayed water skyward; they became the stars/ho'o. He broke his crystal and threw the big pieces into the sky and they became the big stars. North Star is Pi himan ho'o/Not Walking Star. He took his cane/tco kut, put ashes on the end and drew his cane across the sky. It became the Milky Way. Venus, though not a star but a bright planet, was known as a Morning and Evening Star. It is a Morning Star now and is called Su:mas Ho'o/Visible Star. The stories give geographical locations which make our place the hik/bellybutton or the center of the world. The Colorado River, the Pinacate Mountain down south and Ho'ok Vo'o near the Santans give physical evidence to our stories. Ga gauth/Crooked Mountain/Superstition Mountain shows how high the water rose during a flood creating the people of stone. This is the season of storytelling in O'odham and Piipaash country. Take advantage of a storytelling event before it gets too hot.

Huhugam Heritage Center hosts winter storytelling night

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Open your ears and suspend your questioning mind, the storyteller requested of the audience. Feel this cold air and embrace these stories, he said.

Three hundred and fifty people filled the dirt ball court of the Huhugam Heritage Center under winter stars and the soft glow of a waxing quarter moon. Bundled up for warmth, expelling little white puffs of frosted breath, and steeped in the aroma of burning mesquite wood, the audience faced the stage, young and old, quietly absorbing the history of their people.

"Every generation wrestles with such questions as: Who are we? Where did we come from? And why are we here?" said historian and retired educator Billy Allen in a later email. "These sto-

ries represent our ancestor's answers and on many levels, these stories can offer guidance, enlightenment and entertainment."

Allen was the emcee for the Jan. 15 storytelling event, as well as one of the contributing storytellers.

The Himdag Ki: Storytelling Group from the Tohono O'odham Nation enlightened and entertained the audience first with a production of the story of The First Saguaro. A narrator recounted the story while children in costumes, surrounded by elaborate set design acted out the scenes and recited dialogue in O'otham.

It was inspiring to see young people acting out the stories of their ancestors, learning lessons about working hard and caring for others.

Fire pits, mobile outdoor heaters and free hot cocoa (distributed by the

Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council) warmed the guests. Dewski's Catering provided the food.

Allen spoke next. He talked about the significance of the stars in O'otham culture and told the story of Jeved Makai, Se'he and Ban.

"We selected Mr. Allen because...he's a natural emcee," said Robert Johnson, one of the event coordinators. "[He knows] how to speak eloquently, clearly and concisely and he puts some life into what he's talking about."

Johnson said the Community can expect more language-oriented programs to be held at the Huhugam Heritage Center in coming months as it develops a language program.

Recording was not permitted at the event, nor was photography during the storytelling. These stories must be experienced live.

Barnaby Lewis is another well-known orator. This is the 23rd winter he's told the O'otham stories, but the first time on a stage at the Huhugam Heritage Center.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

More than 350 people attended the storytelling night on Jan. 15.

Lewis told the story of Ho'ok – how she came to be, how she terrorized the people from her dark cave in the side of a mountain and how Elder Brother, Se'he, destroyed her. He also told the story of Eagle Man.

When Lewis tells a story, he is lively and evocative. He brings characters to life and draws the audience in, making the listener feel as if they are in the story.

Lewis alternated be-

tween O'otham (the stories' original tongue) and English (so everyone could learn and understand). With well over 300 people in the audience, the event was like a huge family gathering.

"It's always a good experience to see that many people interested in the stories," said Lewis.

Listening to the old stories on a cold night in near silence gave listeners a connection to their ancestors, an

impression of how it might have been hundreds of years ago.

But all of the stories told that evening add up to only a fraction of the canon of O'otham oral tradition, which, historically would be told in its entirety over the course of four long winter nights, and O'otham stories are only told during the winter when the rattlesnakes are in hibernation.

Allen was the one who asked the audience to "suspend your questioning mind." He said the western way of thought depends on concrete evidence and reproducible results.

"That view does not always work with Native cultures. If one tries to follow the 'logic' with our stories, it diminishes the stories. By 'suspending the questioning mind,' the power and strength of nature and humans can be appreciated."

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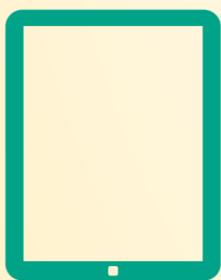
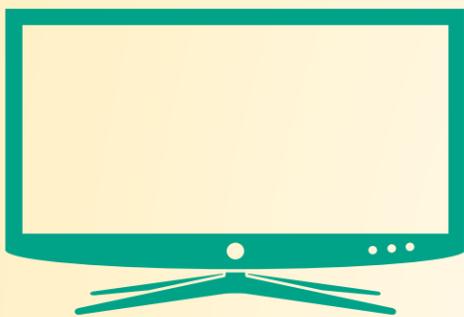


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Arizona tribal leaders convene at the State Capitol for Tribal Legislative Day

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis joined several tribal leaders at the 21st Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the Arizona State Capitol on Jan 19.

The Arizona Commission on Indian Affairs, the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona and the Arizona Indian Gaming Association organizes the event to recognize the contributions of American Indians to the state of Arizona.

To open the session the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 presented the colors on the floor of the Arizona House of Representatives.

Outside, universities and policy institutions that work with the Arizona tribes on education and government-to-government relations set up informational booths on the lawn of the capitol.

Within the Arizona House of Representatives Speaker of the House David Gowan and Senate President Andy Biggs along with tribal leaders and students from across the state led a Joint-Protocol session.

“You’re contributions to the economy and state-wide community are such a necessary part of the state of Arizona’s future,” said Gowan.

He said in order to take

on the big issues that affect both tribal and state governments each side must cooperatively work together.

“I appreciate the spirit of cooperation that we have with each of the tribes within the state of Arizona,” said Biggs, “It is very critical as we enter an era of improved relations and communication with the tribal nations, [We] value your input.”

Biggs underlined the states interest in tribal matters before he gave the floor to Ak-Chin Chairman Louis Manuel Jr., Gov. Lewis, Navajo Nation Speaker of the House, Lorenzo Bates and Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye.

Gov. Lewis said, “Our tribes understand and remain committed to fostering positive relationships with neighboring communities and government entities.”

He emphasized the significance of Arizona tribe’s position over critical issues that impact them and said they are one of the biggest contributors to the state’s economy.

Gov. Lewis, along with Senator Carlyle Begay and Senator John McCain are sup-

porting an initiative for increased background checks on homes where American Indian children are placed when they are at risk.

He said it is important for the state of Arizona to utilize the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s National Crime and Information Center database, and the implementation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Service Purpose Code X information sharing program for tribal social service agencies.

Discussion at the sessions focused on the safe guarding of the Indian Child Welfare Act to keep American Indian families together in the interest of tribal communities.

“ICWA has kept Indian families whole. It has allowed Indian children to retain their identities as Native Americans,” said Gov. Lewis, “It has prevented predatory adoption agencies from turning a profit by preying on tribes, children and families and would-be foster parents.”

He is working with House Representative Sonny Borrelli (R)-District 5 and the Arizona Veterans Caucus to introduce House Bill 2323, a measure that



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Left-Right: Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone stand on the floor of the House of Representatives at the state capitol on Jan 19.



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The Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 presents the colors at the 21st Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day on Jan. 19.

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Gov. Lewis’s address shed light on the many challenges that lie ahead, but spotlighted how the Community is exercising its tribal sovereignty.

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Two GRIC dancers featured in Ballet Arizona's Nutcracker

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Two young Community members are pursuing the high art of ballet.

Brothers Richard Thomas and Issac Felix recently danced in a performance of the Nutcracker at the Phoenix Symphony Hall last December.

Charity Thomas, a mother of four from District 5, said she is proud of her two boys, "It really means a lot to me to see them performing in such a well-known play."

The Nutcracker, which dates back to the late 19th Century, has been performed around the world and is known for its elaborate sets and cast of talented dancers.

They joined a cast of over 150 dancers and are going to be taking part in a production of The Sleeping Beauty from Feb. 11-14 put on by Ballet Arizona.

Thomas was cast as one of Drosselmeyer's Assistants, but as the play goes on, he transforms into the Nutcracker Prince.

Charity said, "It was the most amazing thing to find out that he was chosen for the part. It's one those things you feel proud to see him do."

Last year's performance marked Thomas's third year in the Nutcracker and was a successful debut for Issac who starred as one of the party boys in Act I of the play.

Currently, Thomas and Felix are the only two known performers from a tribal community to be cast in the Nutcracker.

"It is an honor," Charity said, in seeing her two boys representing the Community, "It is a very special addition to the play and is a big accomplishment."

At 11 years old, Richard is an active student in his school and often prac-

tices in the Osborn School District after school ballet program for three days out of the week for three hours.

In some cases where there is a performance coming up, he will put in an additional three hours to be ready before showtime.

Charity said Richard's opportunity to increase his ballet skills was made possible through being awarded a scholarship to attend the School of Arizona Ballet and since then he has shown a lot of intuitiveness.

What sets Richard apart from the other male dancers is his braided hairstyle that allows him to express his American Indian heritage.

Issac takes after his older brother and quickly distinguished himself as a talented ballet dancer.

When asked about being nervous Richard said it doesn't really bother him, because his concentration

is on getting the routine done correctly.

The School of Ballet Arizona offers classes for students of all ages that have an interest in learning concepts and training in classical ballet.

Isaac is studying ballet in an after school program in Phoenix and is in the third grade at Encanto Elementary School.

This isn't the only time Charity has had two of her children performing in ballet, her daughter went through the same ballet program for three years under the close tutelage of well-known ballet instructor Camden Lloyd.

"Richard is thinking about pursuing a career in ballet, but Isaac hasn't really decided if he wants to do the same thing," she said, "I'm happy with what ever he wants to pursue, as a single mom it is hard, but I have a lot of support from close friends."

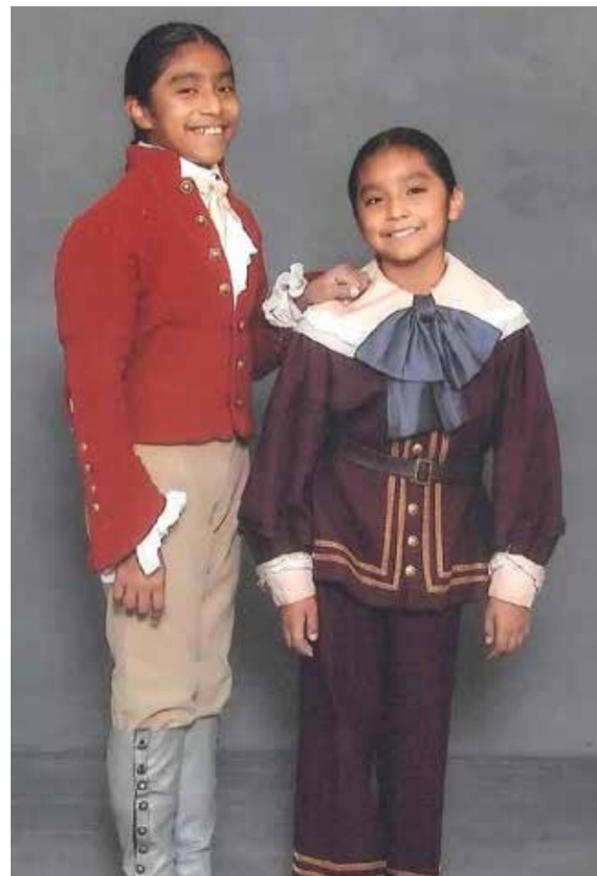
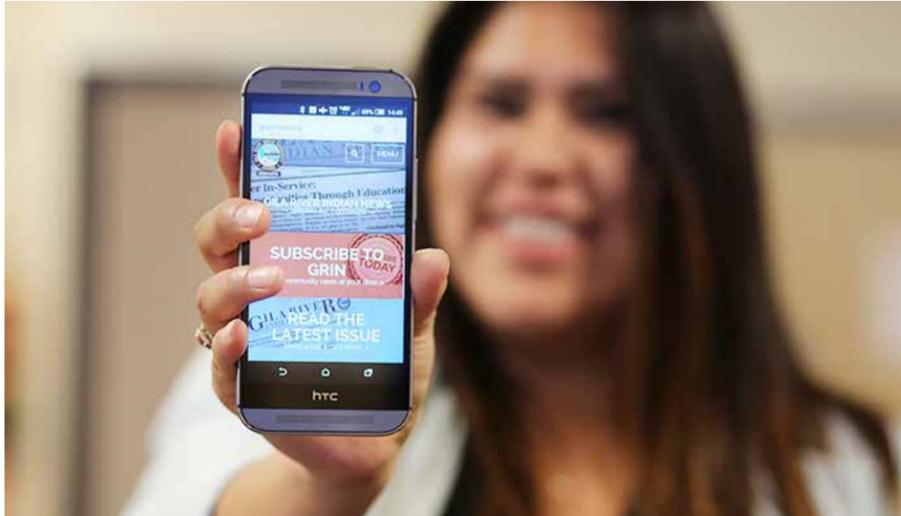


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Left-Right: Brothers Richard Thomas and Issac Felix stand together before a performance of The Nutcracker at the Phoenix Symphony in December of last year.

New GRIN website design improved for mobile users



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Screenshot of the new Gila River Indian News website on www.gricnews.org. Right: the Gila River Indian News website works easily on smart phones and mobile devices.

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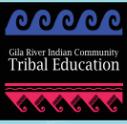
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO CLINIC	2 D5 SACATE HOUSING 8:30-2:00PM	3 D3 SACATON (SOUTHWEST SIDE OF HOSPITAL CAMPUS) INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:00-3:00 PM	4 *NO CLINIC	5 NO CLINIC
8 D6 (LAVEEN) RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	9 AK-CHIN 8:30-2:00 PM	10 D4 GEORGE WEBB HOUSING HWY 587 8:30-2:30PM	11 SACATON DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (DRS)	12 NO CLINIC
15 NO CLINIC	16 D5 (BAPCHULE) MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-3:00 PM	17 D1 (BLACKWATER) HOUSING 8:30-3:00 PM	18 D6 (KOMATKE) BY KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	19 NO CLINIC
22 D3 (SACATON) BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:00-3:00 PM	23 D7 (Maricopa Colony) HOUSING 9:00-2:00 PM	24 D2 MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-2:00 PM	25 NO CLINIC	26 NO CLINIC
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7 D3 (SACATON) BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:00-3:00 PM	8 AK-CHIN BY THE CLINIC 9:00-2:00 PM	9 D6 (KOMATKE) BY KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	10 SACATON DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (DRS)	11 NO CLINIC
14 D6 (LAVEEN) RTC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	15 D4 (SAN TAN) GILA BUTTE HOUSING 8:30-3:00 PM	16 NO CLINIC	17 NO CLINIC	18 NO CLINIC
21 D2 HOUSING ON HWY 87 8:30-2:00 PM	22 D5 (BAPCHULE) MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-3:00PM	23 D3 SACATON (SOUTHWEST SIDE OF HOSPITAL CAMPUS) INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:00-3:00 PM	24 D1 (BLACKWATER) HOUSING 8:30-3:00 PM	25 NO CLINIC
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Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

ACTION SHEET

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

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday January 20, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:10 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Executive Officers Absent:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman (9:29), Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams (10:19), Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison; D5-Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Angelia Allison, Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Robert Stone; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)

1. Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Az Chapter Presentation

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED MR. JIM BREWER AND EXPLAINED THE CHAPTER WAS A RECIPIENT OF A STATE SHARED GAMING REVENUE GRANT. MR. BREWER EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE FOR THE GRANT AWARD AND PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

2. Introduction of TCH Administrator Mr. Dean Kidder
Presenter: Myron G. Schurz

MR. MYRON G. SCHURZ AND DR. ANDERSON INTRODUCED MR. DEAN KIDDER. MR. KIDDER PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS PROVIDED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

3. Native STEM Robotics Program Demo

Presenter: Jo Ellen Kinnamon

MS. JO ELLEN KINNAMON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM. MR. JACOB OCHOA MR. JOSIAH OCHOA AND MR. ZACHARY LEWIS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES. THEY DEMONSTRATED THEIR DRONES FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND THE AUDIENCE.

REPORTS

*1. Huhugam Heritage Center (HHC), Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant Interim Report

Presenter: Monica King

REPORT HEARD

*2. Ha-ak Va-ak Intaglio Fencing Project, District 4, Upper Santan Community, Gila River Indian Community

Presenters: Larry Benallie, Barnaby V. Lewis

REPORT HEARD

3. GRICUA FY15 Q4 Report

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

REPORT HEARD

4. Housing Owners Team Council Report As of December 31, 2015

Presenters: Councilman Franklin Pablo, Sr., Lamoni Yazzie, Executive Director

REPORT HEARD

5. FY16 1st Qtr Report Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51

Presenter: Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51

REPORT HEARD

6. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending December 31, 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT [GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:54 P.M.]

RESOLUTIONS

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

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2015 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Franzoy Consulting, Inc. (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Office of General Counsel

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving Tribal Education Allocation Funds For Schools Located Within The Gila River Indian Reservation And Rescinding Resolution GR-342-15 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval; ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with corrections)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Police Department To Participate In The Law Enforcement In Indian Country – 2015 Digital Media Training Program (LSC forwards to Community Council for discussion & possible action and motioned to include corrected items on resolution for submittal to Council)

Presenter: Kathleen Elliot

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Supporting The Statewide Recognition Of Indigenous People's Day (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Linda Sauer

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bureau Of Indian Education-Sovereignty In Education Enhancement Initiative-Year 2 Cohort 2 (G&MSC motioned to forward to ESC with recommendation for approval; ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Arizona State University Proposal No. FP0006267 (G&MSC motioned to forward to ESC with recommendation for approval; ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Native STEM Robotics Program (ESC forwards to Community Council with corrections)

Presenter: Jo Ellen Kinnamon

ITEM HEARD

NEW BUSINESS

1. Declaration of Vacancy (1) - Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council to declare vacancy and advertise for 60-days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND ADVERTISE FOR 60-DAYS

2. District Two Motion Sheet For The Housing Advisory Committee (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Laurie Thomas

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Proposal Seeking Additional Funding for Lease Payments For The Gaming Commission Department (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council for discussion and action) Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. District Seven Letter of Appointment for Stephen Sunn (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Darren Pedro-Martinez

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

5. Casa Blanca Community School Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with corrections and additional information)

Presenter: Jacque Bradley

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Sacaton Elementary School Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with additional information)

Presenter: Leslie Rychel

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. Sacaton Middle School Written Plan SY2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with additional information)

Presenter: Philip Bonds

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

8. Skyline Gila River District 5 Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Gila Crossing Community School Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with corrections and additional information)

Presenter: Justine Ashihi- Subia

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. Blackwater Community School Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with corrections and additional information)

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11. School Construction Presentation (ESC motioned to forward to Community Council "School Construction Presentation" under New Business)

Presenters: Jagdish Sharma, BWCS Board

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN IT UP TO ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL TO ATTEND

12. Native Language Teacher Certification Policy (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Anthony Gray

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13. Sacaton Peak - Southwest Ambulance License Agreement (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Elizabeth Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

14. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Resolution Approving the Gila River Enterprises, Inc. Revised Operating Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2016 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Joseph Magliarditi, Board of Directors, Janice Ponziani

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

15. Appointment Treasurer Mentee Position

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MS.

SUZANNE M. JOHNS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND (2)

TREASURER MENTEE POSITIONS FOR 45-DAYS

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>EDSC WORK SESSION THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 THRU SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016

>NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS TAX BILL

DROPPED TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

>AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY NEW CHAIRMAN

ROBERT MIGUEL

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:50 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Environmental Assessment for an Expansion of Gila River Sand & Gravel Corporation's Master Lease on Gila River Indian Community Lands

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Pima Agency (Agency) and the Gila River Indian Community are releasing a public notice for public scoping in support of an Environmental Assessment, for the proposed amendment to a master lease of land by Gila River Sand & Gravel (GRSG) on Gila River Indian Community ("Community") lands. Gila River Sand & Gravel has applied for a lease of two (2) parcels of Gila River Indian Community land adjacent to their existing sand and gravel mining operations. The two (2) parcels are 154 acres and 200 acres, and would be used to expand and continue the GRSG's current sand and gravel mining operations in the Gila River for approximately 20 additional years.

Project Description

GRSG currently holds a master lease on 550 acres of Gila River Indian Community land for mining and processing mineral materials (sand and gravel) products at the San Tan aggregate materials plant. The mineral materials mined at the current location are projected to be exhausted within the next five years, should current demand and production rates remain constant. GRSG has applied for an amendment of the master lease to include two additional parcels of land- 154 acres to the southeast of the current operations and another parcel of 200 acres located to west of the current lease operations. In 2006, following a large flood event, GRSG was granted an emergency lease of 60 acres, located within the proposed 200 acre expansion parcel, in which mining activities are currently occurring. The expanded mining areas would enable GRSG to produce 2-6 million tons of mineral materials per year for the duration of approximately twenty years, depending on yearly demand. No new processing facilities would be constructed on the new parcels. The additional parcels would only be used to mine mineral materials and the mineral materials would be processed at the existing San Tan Plant facilities. As work would be expected to continue at the facility for 20 or more years, reclamation would occur incrementally over time as sections become "mined out" and abandoned. Reclamation activities would consist of the establishment of a permanent low flow channel, stabilization and reconfiguration of abandoned pits, removal of roads, berms and equipment, revegeta-

tion and riparian/wetland enhancement.

Amending GRSG's master lease is a federal action subject to compliance with NEPA. As a result, an Environmental Assessment will be prepared to document the existing conditions and potential impacts of leasing the additional land for the mining of mineral materials and production of aggregate products, denying the lease (no action alternative), and the cumulative effects that approving the lease may have with other planned projects.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed action is to permit Gila River Sand & Gravel Corporation to expand the San Tan plant operations on Gila River Indian Community land. The proposed action is needed because the sand and gravel operation is projected to run out of mineral materials within the existing lease area in the next five years if demand remains consistent. The additional 154 and 200 acre parcels would allow Gila River Sand & Gravel to continue supplying aggregate products for up to a projected additional 20 years.

Scoping Period

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act, federal agencies are required to take into consideration the potential social and environmental impacts of a proposed action (in this case, approving the lease). With this notice, the BIA invites you to provide written comments on the proposed action; the BIA will consider input on issues, concerns, and opportunities related to 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 the Freedom of Information Act or any other law.

This letter serves as an invitation to your agency to submit any concerns or suggestions regarding the proposed action. Please submit your comments by February 25, 2016, by mail or fax to:

Cecilia Martinez-Baker, Superintendent
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pima Agency
P.O. Box 8
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
Telephone: (520) 562-3326
Fax: (520) 562-3543

Thank you for your interest in this project.

COMPLETED LEGISLATION
SUBROGATION ORDINANCE

A copy of this ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinators' offices and the Community Council Secretary's office.

TITLE 8

CHAPTER 13. SUBROGATION
8.1301. Purpose and Findings.

Pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community (1960), art.

XV§§ 1(a)(9) and (19), the Community Council is authorized to act to promote and protect the health and general welfare of the Community and its members, and to pass ordinances necessary to the exercise of those powers. In exercising those powers and responsibilities, the Community Council finds:

A. The Gila River Indian Community is a large employer and, along with several subordinate entities and schools on the Gila River Indian Reservation, provides health care benefits to its employees by self-insuring the cost of the benefit rather than providing coverage through an outside insurance company; these benefits are provided through the Community's Health & Welfare Benefit Plan (the "Community Plan") and Community Plans which are paid for with Community funds.

B. Community Plan participants sometimes receive benefits due to injuries caused by the acts of third parties (such as in an automobile accident or other negligent act), and because they caused those injuries, those third parties or their insurers are liable for or obligated to pay for the same health care costs that are or would be otherwise borne by

the Community Plan.

C. Providing employment benefits to Community employees directly affects the health, economic security, and welfare of the Community, and conduct which deprives the Community of its continued ability to fund and provide those benefits threatens the health, economic security, and welfare of the Community.

D. The Community has exercised its inherent authority to curb Community health care costs through its long-standing custom and practice of applying subrogation, reimbursement and offset rights, as well as through written Community Plan documents expressly recognizing broad Community subrogation, reimbursement and offset rights.

E. This Ordinance is not intended to establish new rights that the Community did not otherwise have, but is intended to codify the Community's long-standing and inherent rights of subrogation, reimbursement and offset as a means to foster greater recoveries and health care funding for the overall benefit of the Community and its Community Plan participants and beneficiaries.

8.1302. Scope.

This Chapter applies to any self-insured employment benefit plans administered by the Gila River Indian Community and the Community entities and to any individual who participates in a Community plan. This includes employees of the Community or any entity participating in a Community plan, their spouses, and dependents ("participants").

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

Pursuant to the Gila River Indian Community Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 1.1 (d), Amendments, this is to provide public notice of a proposed amendment to Criminal Procedure Rule 32.3, Warrants, Search Warrants, and Summons. Under this amendment the Court will have the authority to issue a temporary arrest warrant before a criminal complaint is filed upon the request of a Community law enforcement officer or other peace officer acting under the authority of the Community and a finding of probable cause.

Any public comments may be submitted to the Gila River Indian Community Court at one of the following:

Courtpublicmailbox@gric.nsn.us
Gila River Indian Community Court
P.O. Box 368
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
Please submit any comments by February 22, 2016. Thank you.

Rule32.3. Warrants, Search Warrants, and Summons. DRAFT

a. Arrest Warrants. An initial arrest warrant may be issued upon the filing of a criminal complaint; upon a defendant's failure to appear at the initial court date for which the defendant was summoned, or there being good cause to believe that the defendant will fail to appear, or the summons cannot readily be served or delivered; or upon law enforcement's request for an arrest warrant before a criminal complaint is filed with the court.

1. Before issuing an initial arrest warrant, the judge shall find probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed and that the person to be arrested has committed the offense or find that such a determination has previously been made. The showing of probable cause may be based upon hearsay in whole or in part, provided there is a substantial basis for believing the source of the hearsay to be credible and for believing there is a factual basis for the information furnished.

2. Any Community law enforcement officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement officer, or some other officer authorized by Gila River law or by the Community Council may present themselves before a Community Court judge or may submit a written application upon oath or affirmation to a Community Court judge to reduce a probable cause statement to an arrest warrant pursuant to GRIC Code § 5.1605(B). The facts constituting probable cause may be stated in a separate affidavit in lieu of an oath or affirmation. The affidavit must contain in addition to a statement of the essential facts constituting the elements of the offense a statement of the facts relied upon by the officer to establish probable cause.

(i) An officer in the actual presence of the Community Court judge shall without delay be called forth to approach the judge at the bench. The officer shall be sworn under oath before informing the judge of the probable cause to arrest. The officer's recorded sworn statement given at the bench shall be made outside the presence of other persons. Upon a finding of probable cause as provided in this section, the Community Court shall sign the arrest warrant and provide to the officer.

Said recorded statements shall be retained and subject to disclosure.

(ii) An officer may submit by facsimile or other means of electronic communication a written application upon oath or affirmation to a Community Court judge. The application must provide details only necessary to inform the judge of the probable cause to arrest. The application may consist of but is not limited to the standard Community law enforcement Form IV.

3. In exigent circumstances, in lieu of a written application as provided in Rule 32.3(a)(2), a judge may take an oral statement under oath, which shall be recorded on a tape or wire or by other comparable method. The statement may be given in person to a judge by telephone, radio or other means of electronic communication. This statement is deemed an application for the purpose of requesting an arrest warrant before a criminal complaint is filed with the court. Said recorded statements shall be retained and subject to disclosure.

4. If the officer is not in the actual presence of the Community Court judge

as provided in Rule 32.3(a)(2)(i) to receive the arrest warrant, the Community Court shall ensure the arrest warrant is, without unreasonable delay, to the extent practicable, provided to law enforcement for execution before the end of the same business day the application is received.

5. An arrest warrant must contain the name of the person to be arrested, or if it is unknown, a name or description by which the defendant may be identified with reasonable certainty; and a description of either the offense(s) charged in the underlying criminal complaint or suspected in the probable cause statement. The arrest warrant must be signed by a judge. An arrest warrant shall neither be invalidated, nor shall any person in custody be discharged, because the arrest warrant contains technical or clerical errors. The arrest warrant may be amended by any judge to remedy the defect. An arrest warrant issued before a criminal complaint is filed with the court must command the authorized officer to execute the warrant within a specified time no longer than 15 days. If the warrant is not executed within 15 days and is not extended by a judge, a new arrest warrant may be issued pursuant to this section. A judge may extend the time for execution of the warrant for no longer than 15 days.

6. An arrest warrant is executed by an authorized officer arresting the person named in the arrest warrant. The officer must complete all required information on the arrest warrant, including the date, time and location of the execution of the arrest warrant, as well as the legibly printed name, signature and badge number of the arresting officer and then return the completed arrest warrant to the court at or prior to the initial appearance.

The Court shall ensure the filing and safe-keeping of the returned arrest warrant.

7. A previous denial of the issuance of an arrest warrant from a probable cause statement does not prevent an officer from acting under Rule

32.3(a)(2) upon obtaining new or additional information related to the probable cause for arrest.

b. Bench Warrants. After the initial appearance and before final disposition of a case, when the defendant fails following proper notice to appear for a court appearance, the court may issue a warrant to secure the defendant's appearance.

1. The warrant must contain the name of the person to be arrested, or if it is unknown, a name or description by which the defendant may be identified with reasonable certainty; and a description of the offense(s) charged in the underlying criminal complaint. The warrant must be signed by a judge. A warrant shall neither be invalidated, nor shall any person in custody be discharged, because the warrant contains technical or clerical errors. The warrant may be amended by any judge to remedy the defect.

2. The Court shall ensure the warrant is, without unreasonable delay, provided to law enforcement for execution.

3. A warrant is executed by an authorized officer arresting the person named in the warrant. The officer must complete all required information on the warrant, including the date, time and location of the execution of the warrant, as well as the legibly printed name, signature and badge number of the arresting officer and then seasonably return the completed warrant to the court. The Court shall ensure the filing and safe-keeping of the returned warrant.

c. Search Warrants. Search warrants shall be issued and executed pursuant to GRIC Code§ 5.1604.

d. Summons. A summons must contain: the defendant's name, or if it is unknown, a name or description by which the defendant may be identified with reasonable certainty; describe the offense charged in the complaint; command that the defendant appear at a designated date and time before a judge; and be signed by a judge. A summons may be served in the same manner as a civil summons and complaint or may be served by Community law enforcement officials, Bureau of

Indian Affairs law enforcement officials, or some other officer authorized by law or by the Community Council.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Gila River Indian Community Council will be considering a revision to the Children's Code.

A copy of the proposed revised Children's Code in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office. This revision will be considered at the February 23, 2016 Legislative Standing Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Community members may comment on the proposed revised Children's Code by contacting their Council member(s) and/or Councilwoman Jennifer Allison, the Chairperson of the Legislative Standing Committee. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of General Counsel, Post Office Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85147.

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

5.101. CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

A. The Gila River Indian Community Court shall have criminal jurisdiction over any Indian who commits any offense in violation of the Gila River Indian Community Code ("code" or "GRIC code"), when the offense occurs within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation.

B. Nothing in this title shall be construed as limiting the civil or criminal power of the Community over non-Indians other than the express limitations imposed by the law of the United States.

HISTORY: GRIC Code §5.101 (2009).

5.102. INDIAN DEFINED.

A. An Indian is any person who is any of the following:

1. Is a member of, or is eligible for membership in, a federally recognized Indian tribe;

2. Has ever been eligible for membership in a federally recognized Indian tribe;

3. Is an Alaskan Native and member of a Regional Corporation as defined in Section 7 of the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act; or

4. Possesses some degree of Indian blood and maintains tribal or federal government recognition as an Indian. Tribal or federal government recognition as an Indian can be established by considering the following factors, in descending order of importance:

a. Tribal enrollment;

b. Government recognition formally and/or informally through receipt of assistance reserved only to Indians;

c. Enjoyment of the benefits of tribal affiliation; or

(A copy of this proposed ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinators' offices and the Community Council Secretary's office.)

CHAPTER 1. TITLE AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

7.101. Title.

A. Title Seven shall be entitled the Children's Code of the Gila

River Indian Community (the "Children's Code") and shall govern actions taken by the Community for the protection of children and adjudication of juvenile offenders subject to its jurisdiction.

B. Copies of the Children's Code shall be available from the Community Council Secretary's Office of the Gila River Indian Community.

7.102. Purpose.

A. The Gila River Indian Community (the "Community") hereby affirms its interest in the protection of all children residing within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation (the "Reservation") and its authority to provide assistance to children and families in need of rehabilitative services and to safeguard reservation residents from harm. To these ends, no matter adjudicated hereunder shall affect a result contrary to the Community's interests in promoting the protection of children and the welfare and safety of reservation residents.

B. In any action taken pursuant to the provisions of this Title, whether administrative or judicial in nature, the best interest of a child shall be given greater weight than any other interest present in a child in need of care matter and in no instance shall a family be kept unified to the detriment of a child's interest in being free from maltreatment.

C. Parents shall be responsible for the safekeeping and control of their children and shall be held responsible for the acts of their children. To the degree possible, a parent's right to control his children shall not be violated and families shall be kept whole; disruption in a child's custodial environment shall remain the measure of last resort available to the Community.

D. To the extent practicable, consistent with the Community's interest in preserving the peace and safety of the Community, actions taken regarding offenses committed by a child shall effect and support the rehabilitation of the offending child.

E. All matters shall be conducted in compliance with the Indian Civil Rights Act, 25 USC § 1301 et seq., P.L. 95-608, 82 Stat. 73, 77, to ensure that the rights of children, their parents and guardians are protected. All parties shall be treated fairly and uniformly when they appear before the Children's Court for matters arising under this Title.

F. Matters adjudicated before the Children's Court shall compel the provision of child and family services which emphasize the prevention of and timely response to child maltreatment. The Tribal Social Services Department is hereby authorized to provide services appropriate to such end.

G. Subject to other express provisions of this section, the customs and traditions of the Pima and Maricopa peoples shall be supported and promoted to the greatest practicable degree in matters arising hereunder. In matters involving children who are members of other Indian Nations and other cultures, the

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice of Hearing
In the Gila River Indian Community Court, State of Arizona
TO: Patrick Rhodes
In regards to: Erika Zuniga

Case Number CV-2001-0376

Please take notice that a Status Hearing regarding this matter has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court at the place and time set forth below:
Sacaton Community Court
721 W. Seed Farm Road
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
DATE & TIME: February 29, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Phoenix Symphony visits St. Peter School

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Music and education come together to get students excited about the performing arts.

The St. Peter Indian Mission School Billy Farris Memorial Hall transformed into a concert hall when musicians from the Phoenix Symphony visited the students on Jan. 14.

The Phoenix Symphony's Education Program Concert Classroom consists of a series of school visits funded through a two-year, \$75,000 grant awarded by the Community.

It is a community outreach program that visits over 25 schools in Maricopa and Pinal Counties throughout the

year. The Phoenix Symphony Education Assistant, Ben Baer said, "We want to get kids excited about music and instruments."

Lead percussionist Bruce Pulk, who plays the kettle-drums said, "It's always a pleasure coming out and visiting the students. The program really took off 10 years ago and has been a success."

He said the kind of exposure students have to instruments is not confined to a concert hall, but out in their own community.

The goal of the outreach program is to promote the idea about music and instruments as an integral part of our daily lives, including the amount of creativity that comes from it.

He said visits like the one to St. Peter leave a lasting impression, which may inspire the next generation of musicians in any genre of music.

"As the landscape of music changes. A lot of the instruments we bring are no longer the instruments that originated out of Europe," said Pulk.

"Many of the instruments are a result of the sharing of cultures."

On the day of the visit an array of percussion instruments were brought out to demonstrate to the students.

One set of instruments included a cinder block and rocks used to create a high pitched sound similar to a xylophone and another was a set of deer hoofs commonly used in indigenous peoples' performances.

Baer said that playing an instrument is different from most activities because an individual has the ability to play according to their personality and that allows them to take ownership of it.

"Like the accelerator pedal of an automobile you determine how much speed you want to travel. It's a similar approach to playing an instrument, it's up to the individual to determine how much work you want to put into [it]," said Pulk.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Phoenix Symphony Percussionist Bruce Pulk demonstrates an instrument at the St. Peter Indian Mission School on Jan. 14.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Meeting and
Request for Public Comments on the revised
Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Management Ordinance

Public Meeting

The GRIC Department of Environmental Quality invites you to attend a public meeting to learn and ask questions about the revised Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Management Ordinance on

Thursday, February 18, 2016
DEQ Main Office
45 S. Church St.
Sacaton, AZ 85147
Anytime between 2:00 to 7:00 PM

Background

The GRIC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has prepared a revised version of the 2008 Wastewater Management Ordinance. The Ordinance applies to all persons who dispose, collect, truck or haul, treat, manage, blend, store, distribute, release, discharge, reuse, recharge, pump or otherwise use, manage or affect the flow, quality, or storage of wastewater, treated wastewater, reclaimed water or septage within the external boundaries of the Reservation or import wastewater, treated wastewater, or reclaimed water into the Reservation. This new proposed version will also provide a greater level of protection for the Community's groundwater, surface water, and human health.

Public Comment Period

The public comment period will **end on March 8, 2016**. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for review at the District Service Centers and on the DEQ website, www.gricdeq.org. To comment you may write, email, or fax

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