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McCain Files Senate Bill in Support of H.R. 1410 after Indian Affairs Committee Hearing



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From left, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Diane Enos, Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers and Tohono O’odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris, Jr. share a panel before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs at an oversight hearing July 23. The three officials testified on their unique positions in regard to the proposed Tohono O’odham Glendale casino. Enos and Weiers support an effort to push legislation known as H.R. 1410 - “Keep the Promise Act,” which would effectively block the casino, through Congress. Five days after the hearing, Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake of Arizona announced that they would introduce a Senate bill to complement this effort.

By Mikhail Sundust
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WASHINGTON, D.C. – In response to a surge of support for H.R. 1410, U.S. Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake of Arizona on Monday announced a Senate companion bill that would block any new Indian casinos in the Phoenix-metropolitan area.

In the statement, the senators

said, “We share the objections of many fellow Arizonans when we see attempts to bring Indian gaming to metropolitan areas that are on lands not connected to an extant reservation.”

Five days earlier, on July 23, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held an oversight hearing titled “Tribal Gaming: The Next 25 Years,” an allusion to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of

1988, which established federal regulations on tribal gaming.

The hearing attempted to focus on the benefits and barriers of Indian gaming throughout the country and how those testimonies may or may not affect the future of tribal gaming. But with so many Arizonans in the room that day, discussions repeatedly turned to the topic of off-reservation gaming and, specifically, the To-

hono O’odham Nation’s proposed Glendale casino.

Advocates of H.R. 1410 packed into a small hearing room last week in Washington, D.C., filling it to capacity and leaving no room for doubt that the idea of upholding the promises of the tribal-state gaming compact and keeping casinos out of Phoenix area cities carries a wealth of support in Arizona.

More than an hour before the hearing, representatives from the Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Quechan Tribe, Hualapai Tribe and the cities of Apache Junction, Mesa, Scottsdale and Glendale showed up in full force to support H.R. 1410 at the Dirksen Senate Office Building, filling the corridor outside room 628 with a queue stretching nearly the length of the building. As they filed in, it slowly became apparent that almost no room remained for opponents of the bill.

The tactic had its desired effect: for the Committee to witness the magnitude of the proposed legislation, which has broad support from a majority of Arizona tribes, an array of Phoenix area municipalities, Gov. Jan Brewer, Congressmen Trent Franks and Paul Gosar and most of the state legislature.

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Residential Programs for Youth Unveils Impressive New Facility

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In the Community, preparations are being made for the youth in the care of the Residential Programs for Youth. The new RPY facility is on the cusp of opening its doors, to serve as a new place of residence for children in the present youth home. Recently, Governor Mendoza and other GRIC dignitaries toured the 47,000-plus square foot facility, near sprawling farmland in Sacaton.

The new facility offers so much more in the way of comforts than its predecessor. Mendoza was impressed at what he has seen thus far. Kimberly Herman, the Director of RPY, recalls when Governor asked her the question, “Have you ever seen anything like this?” Her answer was, “No, I’ve never seen anything like this in Indian Coun-

try, Arizona, or elsewhere. The new facility is on the forefront of technology.”

Herman, in her three year tenure with the Community, started out as a case manager and was promoted to the Family Services supervisor position at Tribal Social Services then served as the acting RPY administrator.

As the RPY administrator, overseeing the transition from the current RPY facility to the new facility is high on the priority list. “I definitely was sharing in the excitement and enthusiasm of the new building,” Herman said. “However, coming on board as the new administrator, what I’ve tried to impress upon the staff is, let’s not rush into this new building, there were a lot of changes that needed to be implemented.”

Creative thinking was instrumental in the assessment of what



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The new Residential Programs for Youth campus features wide open pathways, a garden area, a fitness room, a meditation room, a “river” lawn and five “cottages” with room for approximately 80 youth.

services needed improvement, provided the new facility may present new challenges.

“We needed to think as if we were in this building and we needed to assess what we need to

improve upon in terms of our capabilities,” said Herman. Among the changes included more training for the staff, more therapeutic approaches for the children, and partnering with other Community

departments to provide other services.

Part of this process included revising the policies and procedures to meet the level of the new

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Setting the record straight on the West Valley casino

Lost in this week's headlines about the Glendale City Council's 4-3 vote to no longer oppose the Tohono O'odham Nation's neighborhood casino are some critical points about what this new casino could mean for Valley neighborhoods and for the Nation's sister tribes. At the risk of injecting a dose of fact and reality into the Nation's overheated rhetoric about soaring tax revenues and "West Valley opportunity," allow me to set the record straight.

First and foremost, while to date the Nation's leaders' public statements have focused on building a casino near 91st Avenue and Northern, in recent legal filings and depositions attorneys for the Nation have argued that the Tohono O'odham have the right to build not just one Phoenix-area casino, but four such properties.

Of course, such an assertion again flies in the face of the Nation's promises to its sister tribes and to the voters of Arizona during the 2002 statewide campaign to approve the tribal gaming compacts. Then, the Nation portrayed itself as a southern Arizona tribe happy to dominate the Tucson area with its casinos. Little did anyone know that the tribe was already shopping for land in Glen-

dale using a dummy corporation headquartered in Delaware. That same scenario — land purchased anonymously and held for exactly the right moment — already likely has happened again here in Maricopa County. Given the literally hundreds of county islands dotting the Valley, there's no telling where Tohono O'odham is likely to site its next three casinos.

Nor has the Nation volunteered such information. In fact, Tohono O'odham's leadership has pointedly refused to reveal the tribe's landholdings in court, to neighboring governments, or to any inquiring parties.

Such subterfuge and duplicity has played an enormous role in the Gila River Indian Community's years-long opposition to the Nation's casino and in the opposition voiced by the majority of Arizona Indian tribes and other tribes nationally. Since its earliest days, tribal gaming in Arizona has been predicated on striking a careful balance — one that allows all tribal economies and Arizona communities to benefit, while restricting gambling to traditional tribal lands. Though the Nation argues that they've played by the rules, the truth is they are exploiting loopholes that only exist

because its leaders and attorneys mislead other negotiating parties about its true intentions. Through bad faith negotiations the Tohono O'odham Nation has unilaterally changed the rules mid-game, in a way that could invalidate the voter-approved gaming compacts and open the door to Las Vegas-style casinos in multiple neighborhoods.

The possibility of unfettered gaming has created an enormous backlash to the Nation's casino, birthing a coalition that includes Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, nearly the entire state congressional delegation, mayors across the region, and Gila River and more than a dozen tribal communities in Arizona and nationally. Also opposed to the project: More than 10,000 Glendale residents who signed petitions asking to put the issue on the ballot in November — a request denied by the city of Glendale on procedural grounds. Indeed, while the Nation portrays the recent Glendale vote as an enormous victory, it ignores the two lawsuits still outstanding against the casino and the need to secure permission from U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to game on the Glendale land.

The Nation also continues to

gloss over H.R. 1410, a congressional bill put forth by a bipartisan coalition of Arizona representatives. That bill, written to preserve tribes' 2002 campaign promise to prevent Las Vegas-style gambling in neighborhoods, passed the U.S. House in a landslide voice vote and is awaiting action in the Senate.

As the leader of a community that has faced its own hard times, I'm sympathetic to the four Glendale Council members who so desperately want to believe the Nation's promises of riches. Given Glendale's financial woes, it must be powerfully tempting to believe salesmen and lawyers offering an easy way out. All I can say is, get those promises in writing. Our tribe took the Nation's leaders at their word for many years, only to find out that their promises were accompanied by secret land deals, broken vows and years of expensive legal mumbo jumbo.

For the Valley's sake, let's hope that Glendale's bet on sudden riches does not turn out to expose three more neighborhoods to gambling gone out of control.

Gregory Mendoza
Governor

New RPY

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facility. "Most importantly was revising the policy and procedures... It is much more cohesive, because it really speaks about everything that will be done at the new facility," said Herman.

Equally important is thinking of the residential youths that will be making the move. "The youths are anxious about the move, we want to pay extra close attention to what their needs are with the transition; we want to adhere to them and respond to them," said Herman. "We have to think of the children first and transition in the right way."

"With numerous features like cottage-style homes with a kitchen, the technology that exists in this building, it is unprecedented...It's really state of the art. It's unbelievable," said Herman as she lauded the many amenities the new facility will offer. These features add to the learning atmosphere for the children as they are able to exercise their inner talents and prepare for a variety of educational endeavors.

Plans for the new facility include attaining accreditation from the state of Arizona to become a licensed Behavioral Health Residential Facility that will provide



Playground and basketball court at the New RPY facility.

Christopher Lomahquahu/CPAO

reimbursable behavioral and mental health services. One idea envisioned by the RPY administrator is to see the new facility benefit other children, that it may be a "safe haven" for residents removed from unsafe environments of other tribal Communities.

For those teens making their transition out of the RPY program, there are plans that will help prepare them for the future. One of the things anticipated for the new facility is the addition of two new homes that will serve as a transitional living facility, where teens over 17 will be able to learn important life skills.

"Safety is number one," said Herman. "That is our mission to keep them safe and protect them from harm by creating a sense of home."

Cartoon by Wayne Narcia, Sr.



CORRECTIONS

In the GRIN article "Youth Council Hosts 26th Annual Youth Conference," Pete Sanchez was awarded the "Leader of the Year" and not the "Citizen of the Year" which was won by Aaron Lewis. To report an error call (520)562-9719 or email GRIN@gric.nsn.us

New Lone Butte Chevron Store Opens for Business

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The new Lone Butte Chevron Store opened its doors last month with an outpouring of support from local patrons.

At the grand opening July 18, a stream of customers flowed through the new marketplace, which sits cater-corner from the Lone Butte Casino on Kyrene Road just south of the Loop 202. They enjoyed free food, entertainment and ticket giveaways to Diamondbacks games and met local radio hosts from KNIX and Arizona Sports 98.7 FM.

The new convenience store “offers patrons a large walk-in beer cave, a convenient drive-thru window for quick service, Chevron gas, and a dedicated tobacco room, offering the lowest priced and largest selection of tobacco,” said the store owners in a written announcement.

The Lone Butte Chevron Store is co-owned by David Montiel and Sterling Thomas, tribal



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Vehicles stream in and out of the brand new Lone Butte Chevron Store at its grand opening July 18. The new store is on Kyrene Road, just south of the Loop 202 highway, cater-corner from the Lone Butte Casino. The tribal member-owned store boasts a walk-in beer cave, a drive-through window, a tobacco room and design inspired by traditional O’otham roundhouses.

members from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Gila River Indian Community, respectively.

The two go way back. Thomas began working for Montiel at another convenience store when he was 18 years old and over the past 18 years he has ascended the ranks from security guard/doorman to manager/business owner.

The duo is not just in the business of offering quick, convenient service to customers on the go; they are also intent on growing a

new crop of future tribal business owners, just like Montiel did with Thomas. Like other stores that Montiel owns, Lone Butte boasts over 95 percent tribal employment, drawing primarily from the well of available workers in Salt River and Gila River.

Visitors to the new Lone Butte store will be pleasantly surprised at the design, which took cultural cues from the O’otham into consideration.

The front of the store presents a basket weave design while

an indigenous plant palette surrounds the circular design of the store, which is meant to represent a traditional O’otham Olas Ki, or roundhouse.

“The store’s iconic architecture was the creation of the design/build team Architekton and Cochise Contractors,” noted Kimberly Lewis, the owners’ representative. They’re the same team that worked on the Wild Horse Pass Chevron store and Komatke Market.

The site is five acres and

saves room for future expansion plans, which may include a car wash and quick service restaurant, according to Lewis.

Montiel and Thomas “feel proud and privileged to be a part of the tribe’s local economy by creating new tribal jobs, generating new tribal tax revenue and serving as a economic catalyst,” with their new store, they said in their announcement.

Montiel, who now owns two stores in Salt River and two in Gila River, started small.

“They started in the triple-wide [trailer] store,” on Allison and Maricopa Roads, said Lewis. The Lone Butte Trade Center, as it’s called, sits across the street from the old Lone Butte Casino building and has been the go-to tobacco shop of the Lone Butte area since 1996.

Montiel has said for loyal patrons worried about their trusty little smoke shop, the Lone Butte Trade Center will remain open in addition to the new Chevron Store. “Since opening for business, [it] has [generated] millions of dollars in tribal tax revenue and land lease payments to the Gila River Indian Community.”

Lewis said the two strategically positioned their new store at the “northern gateway” of the Lone Butte Development Park to be on the forefront of what they expect to be a new swell of economic growth in Gila River.

With this idea in mind, the two decided to expand their operation. “The opportunity came about when the Lone Butte Development Corporation [opened up] more land. There was an opportunity for other tenants to lease additional sites within the park,” said Lewis.

The Community worked alongside Montiel and Lewis to get the new store open.

“When we talked about Community support, what we’re really speaking of is how Lone Butte Development Corporation, the board, made a strategic decision to invest over a million dollars in expanding Kyrene Road farther south,” said Lewis. “It was just going to be a dirt road [but] they were really working hand-in-hand with David and Sterling,” to get their business development plan off the ground. Eventually, Kyrene may loop into Sundust Road, opening up “new opportunities for businesses to locate within the park.”

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COMMUNITY UPDATES BY GRIN STAFF

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

H.R. 1410 Hearing

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The bill known as the “Keep the Promise Act” is aimed at maintaining the status quo on Indian gaming in Arizona by upholding a promise made to Arizona voters in the 2002 campaign for the Arizona state-tribal gaming compact that in exchange for exclusive rights to own casinos, tribes would limit the number of casinos in the Phoenix-metropolitan area. In effect, it doesn’t change anything in Indian gaming law in Arizona.

President Diane Enos of Salt River said in her testimony before the SCIA, “The ‘Keep the Promise Act’ simply conforms tribal behavior to tribal promises. It doesn’t change Indian gaming. It doesn’t create precedent. And it doesn’t amend the Gila Bend [Lands Replacement] Act. It protects Arizona Indian gaming.”

Enos shared a panel with Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers and Chairman Ned Norris, Jr. of the Tohono O’odham Nation. All three testified before the SCIA and its chairman, Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.).

The debate over the Glendale casino goes back more than five years.

“Like many Glendale residents, I was blind-sided when the Tohono O’odham Nation... announced in January 2009 that

it was going to create a reservation and build a Las Vegas-style casino on a 54 acre county island within our city limits,” said Mayor Weiers. “This announcement came seven years after voters approved the ballot initiative that we thought prohibited new casinos in the area.”

Weiers referred Arizona’s tribal-state gaming compact, which was negotiated between 1999 and 2002. The vote and campaign for the new tribal-state agreement was known as Prop. 202. It was approved by Arizona voters in 2002 by a slight majority of 50.9 percent.

“One key aspect of the initiative was that there would be no additional casinos in the Phoenix area,” said Weiers, who was at the time a state legislator in support of the compact.

The Arizona gaming compact is the result of 17 Arizona tribes working together to create a unified state-tribal gaming compact. One of those tribes, the Tohono O’odham Nation, was, as Pres. Enos put it, “working behind our backs and behind the backs of Arizona voters the entire time.”

“Documents recently disclosed by Tohono reveal that they were acting secretly to buy casino land in metro-Phoenix as early

as March 2001 – a full year and a half before voters approved the compact and at the very same time that tribes in the state were promising voters that there would be no additional casinos in the Phoenix-metro area.

“They made a calculated choice to keep their plans secret for years from other tribes and to violate our promise to voters. They looked us in the face and lied. They broke faith with us and the voters of Arizona.”

“The deceit did not stop there,” said Weiers. “T.O. had already purchased its Glendale land when a school district announced plans to build a new...high school just across the street. T.O. watched us build a high school while continuing to keep its plans a secret and said nothing. We never thought our children would be across the street from a Las Vegas-style casino.”

The Gila Bend Lands Replacement Act of 1986, a law that Sen. McCain co-authored, gave the Nation the right to buy land in any of the three Arizona counties neighboring the Nation, including Maricopa County. The Nation used that settlement claim to purchase a parcel of land in Glendale with the intention of building a casino on it. They used a shell com-

pany called Rainier Resources, based out of Delaware to buy and hold the land before announcing its true ownership in 2009.

Recently, the Department of the Interior took that land into trust, meaning it is now a part of the Tohono O’odham Nation’s reservation. It does not mean, however, that they can start gaming on the land. The Nation still faces litigation in regards to the land use and they must seek approval from the DOI to clear it as eligible for gaming.

Also last month, the Glendale city council reversed its position of dissent on the casino issue, a position it held for nearly five years, when one member changed his vote.

When Sen. Tester asked Norris about the claims of deceit and bad faith, Norris responded, “We’re not here to re-litigate,” and said the U.S. District Court sided with them on a number of counts.

Enos responded quickly, however, noting, “Contrary to what Chairman Norris has asserted, the court had to dismiss the charges that the state of Arizona filed against Tohono O’odham of fraud, misrepresentation and promissory estoppel because they raised sovereign immunity defense.”

At one point during her testi-

mony, Enos said, “With me today, are over 25 elected officials from tribes and Phoenix-metro cities,” said Enos during her testimony, inducing all of the state and tribal leaders to stand up in the hearing room and show their support.

Among the representatives were Virgil Smith, a council member from the Quechan Tribe and Chairwoman Sherry Counts of the Hualapai Tribe. They say that allowing the Glendale casino to be built, not only affects the Phoenix area tribes but all the rural tribes, such as their own, that contract with tribes such as Gila River, Salt River, Ak-Chin and Fort McDowell. If those tribes take a financial hit, so will the rural tribes who depend on the revenue they gather through contracts they share with Phoenix area tribes.

Smith and Counts didn’t get to testify before the Committee, but they let their opinions be heard during a gathering the morning of the hearing.

“It impacts us significantly due to the amount of money that we receive every year,” said Counts. She said losing the money “could really significantly impact our budget and the things that we do for the people.”

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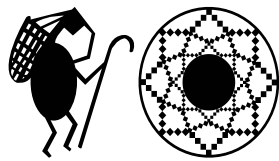
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SOMETHING TO BE TOLD OR TALKED ABOUT

As much as we do welcome the rain of Shopol Es'big Mashath ("short planting month" – August) some people still complain about the heat and humidity. (I think I've even been heard muttering now and then.) What better excuse to stay inside and watch old movies?

In my childhood, movies were called veggi. Rapid flashes on the screen probably reminded our great grandparents of lightning. Veggi also meant electricity. Whatever a movie was called it seemed most O'otham and Pipaash enjoyed them. An elder told me old timers liked westerns and when a horse chase was shown,

many of the men would lean to the right and left, front and back as if they were riding! (Who needs an Xbox?) In another incident, a Native family was excited to go see another western but "Frankenstein" was not what they expected.

I have another excuse to justify my movie mania – I'm researching Native Americans in movies. Burdette Morago shared some of his family history with me. One of his relatives, Louis Morago, wore quite a few hats. After graduating from the University of Arizona in 1929, he worked for the community and the BIA. Along with George Truman Jones, he helped write the

first constitution for the Gila River Indian Community. Louis became a teacher and had a lengthy career in school administration in the Los Angeles area. He was also a stand-in for Jay Silverheels who played Tonto in "The Lone Ranger" television series.

Another relative, Louis's sister Edith, worked as an extra in the movies. She knew all the western stars of the era, and she would sometimes host dinners with popovers being a big draw. Gary Cooper was a big fan of these get-togethers. When Burdette was pitching for the University of Arizona Wildcats and playing in the Los Angeles area, Louis would pick up Burdette and drive over to Edith's home for dinner. Burdette recalls a room full of movie memorabilia from her career. To this day, Burdette can sometimes see her as an extra in certain movies, most recently in "Across the Wide Missouri."

"Tell Them Willie Boy is

Here," which was released in 1969 and starred Robert Redford, Katharine Ross, and Robert Blake, is based on a historical incident. A Gila River resident who has relatives in the Palm Springs, California area says that there is still debate about the true story of Willie Boy. There are several books about Willie Boy and those stories vary quite a bit.

Willie Boy was a Paiute/Chemehuevi, who in 1909 was accused of killing his girlfriend's father—but was it actually in self-defense? Willie Boy and his girlfriend, Carlota, go on the run. Carlota is killed – by the posse, by Willie Boy, or was it sacrificial suicide to let Willie Boy escape? Willie Boy outruns the posse, but is eventually found, gunfire is exchanged and Willie Boy is found dead, but was it "suicide by cop?" Willie Boy's body was burned. By the posse, or by tribal members? Lots of questions. It is a fact that a monument for Willie

Boy exists at Ruby Mountain.

The "Outsider," filmed in our community in 1961, is better known as the Ira Hayes story and stars Tony Curtis, in brown face! Scenes of the old Bapchule Traders store/post office, the original wooden tribal building in Sacaton and Ira's home bring back memories. I believe our people are natural born actors, for the scene when the people are shown with jackets, standing around a fire, waiting for election results, was filmed in late spring when it was already very warm. The Gila River Indian News ran an excellent article in October 2010 when Tony Curtis died. A picture of Ira's parents was shown and two GRIC members gave their memories of the time.

What better excuse to stay inside and watch these movies—before the grandkids come home? But it's too hot, too humid for popcorn.

Indian Nations Camp 2014



Photo courtesy of Edit Box

Youth, Counselors and Facilitators gather amongst the pines of Mingus Mountain at Indian Nations Camp 2014.

By Selena Vidal
Gila River Indian News

During my time at Indian Nations Camp I saw pine trees as tall as sky scrapers, the atmosphere was humid, raindrops as tough and sharp as nails fell and tremendous thunder rippled vibrations through the ground. Being in Prescott Valley at Mingus Mountain, and being able to witness nature at its finest was truly breathtaking.

The summer youth WIA participants ventured out for a week from July 14-18 at Indian Nations Camp. It's been a tradition, making this year their 13th annual INC. This exhilarating and adventurous camp is made possible by Librado Ramirez, the director, and Lana Chanda, the co-director.

Honestly I can't begin to explain to you how appreciative I

was to have the opportunity to attend and how happy I am that I took the chance. I had the greatest time, especially with Ramirez's goofy rules.

"If I catch you talking while I'm talking, be prepared to sing a song in front of everyone for breakfast, lunch or dinner... Make sure to put a hop in your step while you're up there too," Ramirez would say. People's performances were hysterical and brought a laugh out of us all, which put everyone in a more joyful mood.

There were kids from Gila River, Salt River, Hualapai, San Carlos, White Mountain, Colorado River, Fort Mojave and Hopi all resulting in over 80 attendants. Throughout the week there were numerous workshops, talking circles around the campfire, activities during free time, a talent show,

and even a dance. The workshops focused on drugs and alcohol prevention, health, communication, suicide prevention, careers, and the Native American culture. These workshops were very informative and I loved how the advisors made the atmosphere feel very open for us to ask any questions.

The workshop that I enjoyed the most focused on our culture as Native Americans. I've always enjoyed learning about the Native American culture. My favorite part of the workshop was when James Tree, one of the advisors, demonstrated a traditional hoop dance that told a story because he described what the movements meant as he was going through it. It was really fascinating.

When you go camping, you learn to cherish the little things such as electricity, your bed and

a bathroom to yourself. During our free time, we played sports, watched movies, made arts and crafts, and even went to a labyrinth in the woods.

At every peak of the morning and every drawing of the night Ramirez and Chanda would have us gather around the camp fire and relieve any emotional distress or discuss any joy and comfort that was felt throughout the day.

Overall, attending the Indian Nations camp was incredibly life altering for me. It was an extraordinary experience to connect with other Native Americans from different areas on such an emotional and intellectual level, to relieve worries and troubles and to notice that I'm not the only one facing these kinds of teen troubles brought my heart great relief.

I met some pretty remarkable

and kind hearted people, people that I had no idea were in my community. "INC is very inspirational for the youth. They get a chance to get a piece of one another's culture and allows them to come together because they're all Native youth," said Elisia Manuel, WIA outreach coordinator.

Stepping back and looking at how I entered the camp not knowing anyone at all, and five days later leaving as a family was something really phenomenal. This doesn't even begin to truly explain how grand of an experience it was, it's honestly something you have to go through for yourself to grasp the complete depth of the experience. It was one of the greatest things I've ever experienced in life. I can't wait to go back next year!

Hometown Hero Talks About Award and Desire to Help Others

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Communications & Public Affairs Office

In the previous issue of the GRIN, Gila River EMT Chris Holsinger was featured for winning the Fulton Homes and KM-LE-FM (107.9) "Hometown Heroes" award.

The "Hometown Heroes" award recognizes members of the armed forces, law enforcement, and public safety. Additional requirements include being a positive role model and demonstrating

leadership qualities in their community.

It was a happy occasion for Holsinger as he and his wife Joy talked about the prestigious award. Holsinger was humble and acknowledged that it is not an award he carries alone. Joy submitted a letter to KMLE "Hometown Hero" program and nominated her husband who was picked out of five finalists of the 2,000 nominations.

Holsinger said that his life of

service is his calling. "You learn to work towards what you want, we try to do our best," he said of the level of commitment shared by him and his co-workers. "If you do your job and you love the people that you work for, the job will be much more rewarding."

Holsinger's values are traced back to his parents. "You had to work hard," he said, recalling values he learned growing up.

It is apparent Holsinger has a lot to do with influencing the career choices of his children. His daughter Christina went to firefighter school for two years and his daughter Rebecca plans to go to school to be a nurse.

Holsinger remains a role model to other young people in his life. "He's guided a couple of kids that he talked to about career choices, one teen plans to join the Marines, and the other will be joining ROTC in high school," said Joy.

Holsinger takes a unique approach to relieving the stress of the job and responsibilities as a collegiate umpire. "That's my stress reliever," he said. "The funny part is people laugh, because being an umpire at a junior collegiate level is stressful...I consider



Christopher Lomahquahu/CPAO

Gila River EMT Chris Holsinger with his wife Joy.

it my stress reliever because of the unfortunate stuff that we have to see on the job. It gives me a different approach to handling stress."

As the husband of a cancer survivor, Holsinger recalls the moment when his wife Joy received her diagnosis of uterine cancer. "It was stunning. Shock, and anger. We were wondering, what happened?" At that moment he also remembers talking to the doctor asking, "What is it going to take to treat her?"

Joy remembers how much it was a blessing to have her husband by her side. "It was very helpful, it was hard, he looked up at the doc-

tor and asked what do we need to do to save her?"

These experiences prepared Holsinger with the initiative to help those in need. In Gila River it takes a unique set of communication skills to overcome barriers. He sees the need to communicate with Community members an essential part of the treatment process when on the scene.

To reinforce what it means to serve the Community, Holsinger recites the message written on the Gila River EMS ambulances "A care for the Community," summarizing, "That is exactly what we (EMS) are trying to do."

DISTRICTS 1-4
The yellow signs posted throughout your district indicate recycling will be collected that Wednesday

Gila River Health Care Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic (Title X Funded) AUGUST 2014				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CALL AND SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY!				1 NO CLINIC
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TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

“MASHCHAMA HA JENIKTHA”



Sacaton Elementary School District Child Find Process

Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud Announces AZ FIND Efforts

Submitted by Dr. DiAnne Davidsen, Director of Special Education
Sacaton Elementary School District

Federal law requires that all school districts have a “Child Find” procedure in place. The purpose is to search out and find children who may have a disability.

All school age children are screened within the first 45 days after enrollment at a school by their respective classroom teachers if in Kindergarten or are new to the campus. The 45-Day Screening information is filed in their Cumulative Files kept at each campus or if the child is suspected of having a disability, their screening form is forwarded to the Director of Special Education or School Counselor. Follow-up communication with the parents/guardians will take place. If necessary, a Child Study Team meeting will be held with the parents/guardians as members of that team to discuss further options that may be put in place for the educational success of the child.

At any time throughout the year, parents and school district staff may refer a child for screening if they suspect a disability. It is a very simple process — contact Dr. DiAnne Davidsen in the Special Education Office located on the Sacaton Middle School cam-

pus, room C-7, at (520) 562-8600 x 2030. We will then begin the process of working with the child and their parent after the referral. Any person may refer a child who they suspect has a disability.

Preschool Children (birth-5) are screened through events that occur in the Gila River Indian Community such as Child Find/Kid Fest. The Sacaton Child Find/Kid Fest is held annually in September at Sacaton Elementary School. Other districts have theirs scheduled throughout the year. Sacaton Elementary School District conducts their Child Find activities for D-3, D-4, and D-5. Gila River Indian Community Early Childhood Special Services holds Child Find activities in all districts throughout the year or can receive referrals at any time from parents.

No matter the age of the child, (birth to 21), or the suspected disability, the Special Education Office is required to take the referral and act as liaison to help the parent/guardian contact the appropriate agency for screening and/or support.

It takes everyone working together to support the educational needs of the children and youth of the Gila River Indian Community. We look forward to working with you.

Vechij Himdag Alternative Mashchamakud offers comprehensive special education services/referrals to eligible students ages three through 21 years and to children from birth through age 21 years who have a suspected disability.

Children from birth to age three with other disabilities will be referred to appropriate agencies for services. All referrals are considered confidential, and services are provided at no cost. The parent, legal guardian, or surrogate parent retains the right to refuse services and are provided other procedural safeguards under federal and state law.

Public school services include screening in areas of suspected disabilities, such as vision, hearing, motor skills, speech, language, cognitive, academic and/or social emotional development. Evaluations in the schools are provided for several areas of suspected disabilities, including learning disabilities, speech and language development, physical impairments, vision or hearing problems, mental retardation, emotional disturbances, autism/pervasive developmental disorders, health impairments, developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injuries.

A free appropriate public education with a full continuum of services is avail-

able for eligible children with disabilities. For more information concerning eligibility criteria and referral procedures, contact the principal or counselor of your local school or call Kim Franklin at Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud 520.562.3286

Helping All Children Succeed

Do you have concerns about your child's development or progress in school?

What is Child Find?
Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA '04) that requires states to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, ages birth through 21 years, who are in need of early intervention or special education services. This includes children who are highly mobile, such as migrant or homeless children, children suspected of having a disability even though they are advancing from grade to grade, private school students, and homeschool students. The Arizona initiative for child find is referred to as AZ FIND.

Developmental and Educational Services for Children Ages Birth through 21 Years
Some children have more difficulty learning than others. They may have trouble achieving milestones in one or more of the following developmental or academic areas:

- Vision and Hearing
- Motor Control or Coordination
- Behavior or Social Skills
- Speech or Communication Skills
- Cognitive or Academic Skills

A referral for early intervention or special education services can come from a parent, guardian, foster parent, family member, teacher, counselor, or the student who finds learning difficult. The earlier you express your concerns, the sooner your child's needs will be identified and the sooner he or she will receive the help needed to succeed.

Help for Infants and Toddlers
Children ages birth to 2 years 10 1/2 months are screened through the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) to determine if early intervention services are needed. Early intervention brings professionals, working in partnership with parents and families of children with special needs, together to support infants' or toddlers' growth, development, and learning. If you have questions about your child's development, an AzEIP specialist will talk with you about your concerns and observe your child. If your child is found eligible, a plan will be designed to include strategies, activities, and supports to achieve desired outcomes related to your child's needs. Make an online referral at www.azed.gov/azeip. For more information, call 1-888-439-5609 or (602) 532-9960.

Help for Preschool and School-Aged Children
Your local school district, or the charter school your child attends (for school-aged children), screens children ages 2 years 10 1/2 months through 21 years. Public schools use an informal screening process to check your child's development and academic progress.

- Screening must be completed **within 45 calendar days** of the date you notify the school of your concerns.
- When a concern is identified through screening procedures, you must be notified **within 10 school days** and informed of procedures to follow up on your child's needs. For example:
 - o Your child may be referred to the school's child study team for pre-intervention services; or
 - o If screening results indicate your child may have a disability, a comprehensive evaluation will be necessary to your child's determine eligibility for special education and related services. A team, of which you will be a member, will meet to begin the process.

Screening and evaluation are free. All information contained in the screening or evaluation is confidential.

Contact your local school district or the charter school your child attends. For children attending private schools, contact the principal at the school district in which the private school is located.

Be Involved!
Family engagement has a positive influence on your child's academic success and emotional development.

- Set high expectations and establish goals.
- Communicate frequently with teachers to monitor your child's achievements.
- Ask for ideas and materials to help your child learn at home.
- Reward progress and celebrate accomplishments.
- Volunteer for classroom and schoolwide activities.
- Attend community events and workshops that promote learning and social growth.

AZ FIND, 1-800-352-4558 or 928-637-1871, AZFIND@azed.gov, www.azed.gov/special-education/az-find

VHM: Media Release

Vechij Himdag Alternative School announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program, USDA School Foods Program and/or School Breakfast Program. Vechij Himdag Alternative School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs [\$0.00]; lunch costs [\$0.00]. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is [\$0.00] for breakfast and [\$0.00] for lunch.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households may fill out the application and return it to the school unless your children qualify for free benefits (see below). Application forms are being distributed to all households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete on the application. Applications also are available at Vechij Himdag Alternative School located at 168 S. Skill Center Rd. Sacaton, AZ 85147. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by school

or other program officials. An application for free or reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions.

The household size and in-

come criteria will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the guidelines are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Your children may qualify for free meal benefits if the household receives benefits and/or if your child meets a categorical requirement:

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

- The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); or
- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FD-PIR)

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**Do you need a Good Job?
Considering the Military
Want a High School Diploma?**

Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud offers: Service Learning, School to Work, Community Internships and Junior Achievement

where:
Vechij Himdag Alternative School
168 S. Skill Center Road
Sacaton, AZ 85147

when:
FALL 2014

**Enrolling Now for Fall
call (520)562-3286 today or come in and pick up an enrollment packet**

**Friends Don't
Let Friends
Drop Out**

**Are You a Teen Mom or Dad?
Want a High School Diploma?**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT COUNTIES OF PINAL AND MARICOPA IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA CV-2013-0322 ORDER ON MOTION HEARING FOR MONIES OWED JOHN FLORES, Petitioner, vs RAMONA SABORI, Respondent, Comes before this Court a Motion Hearing that was scheduled for June 6, 2014 and filed by the Petitioner John Flores heard by the Honorable Donna Kisto-Jones.

The Petitioner is present appearing pro se and the Respondent is not present, the Affidavit of Service indicates that the Respondent was not served at her physical address and the certified mail that was sent was unclaimed. There were numerous attempts that service to the Respondent was made and the Court feels that she is evading process service. THE COURT FINDS that the Petitioner has tried to resolve this matter for approximately 8 to 9 months but to no avail. The Petitioner has had issues with the Respondent with her lies and further that the Petitioner and his wife have health issues and want to get the adoption of the little girl so we know she is taken care of. Petitioner continues to state that he would like to get assistance from someone else that will really help them.

The Petitioners are requesting that they be reimbursed for the monies that they have paid to the Respondent for her assistance with the adoption case. The total amount of monies the Petitioner is requesting is in the amount of \$1,025.00. The \$970.00 that was paid in advance (principle sum) and the \$55.00 filing fee. THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Petitioner has shown good cause as to the request in this motion and the motion is hereby GRANTED.

By default judgment the Court hereby orders that the Respondent shall pay to the Petitioner monies owed in the amount of \$1,025.00 with the break down of \$970.00 as the monies paid in advance (principle sum) and the \$55.00 (filing fee) which totals to \$1,025.00.

FURTHER ORDERING that the Clerk of the Court shall print notification for a period of 30 days in the Gila River Indian News (GRIN) to notify the Respondent of the matter at hand. The Respondent's per capita shall also be garnished to pay the debt owed to the Petitioners. Dated this 17th day of June, 2014 Clerk of the Community Court Copy of the foregoing mailed/hand delivered to:

Ramona Sabori, Address of Record John Flores, Address of Record Honorable Judge Donna Kisto-Jones

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA COURT DATE NOTICE ANGEL PIEDRA Docket Number: CV-2014-0147

This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

Other: ANSWER/RESPONSE HRG. Place: Westend Judicial Center ¼ Mile East Pecos Road and 51st Ave. 4751 W. PECOS ROAD, LAVEEN, AZ (520) 562-9862

DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Issued by: E. A. Franklin

Notice issued to:

Petitioner: Jalisco Auto Sales Respondent(s): Angel D. Piedra, NOT PRESENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA COURT DATE NOTICE In Re Case: Virginia Barehand

-v-

Raven Barehand

Docket Number: CV-2014-0115

This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

Place: Westend Judicial Center ¼ Mile East Pecos Road and 51st Ave.

Route 1, Box 808, Laveen, Az. 85339

(520) 562-9862

DATE: August 21, 2014

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

Issued by: EAF

Notice issued to:

Virginia Barehand, Defendant; Raven Barehand, not present

restraining order

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Name: Gail Brown

Type of Hearing: Review & Permanency Hearing

Hearing

Case: J-10-0121/0122

Court Date: September 23, 2014

Courtroom: #2, 1st Floor

Location: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court

Address: 10005 East Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

H.R. 1410 Hearing

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Hualapai has 2,300 enrolled members and uses its gaming revenue to support “our youth, we help them get clothing for school, and then our elderly, we give them money to provide them with utility assistance, repairs on their house, wood for the winter, that kind of stuff.” They also “use the money for education to support our higher education people.”

Meanwhile at Quechan, Smith said, “A lot of our revenue that we get from casinos goes towards our government. It funds our education for our children, to our elderly, our social services program, everything, basically.”

He said if tribal “gaming exclusivity [were to] go away, that would have a deep impact on Quechan. All the other tribes would have it too but we’re a rural tribe...so a lot of the stuff that we have [is] because of gaming.”

He said he feels sad to see the discord this issue has sown but he and his fellow representatives traveled all the way to D.C. “to show that we are fully aware of the impacts that it’s going to have for all the tribes...not just do a letter of support or anything like that, but actually be here and be standing with everyone.”

After the hearing, all eyes were on Sen. McCain, who is a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Sen. Tester said the Committee would be looking to McCain for his insight on the matter due to his experience with Indian gaming and the fact that the issue at hand is in his home state.

Until recently, McCain has refrained from getting too involved in the issue and remarked at the hearing that he would prefer a mutually amicable conclusion

on the matter. But the announcement of his and Flake’s new bill signals that he is ready to help put an end the debate through Congressional action.

“As one of the authors (Senator McCain) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the Gila Bend Indian Reservation Replacement Lands Act, Congress did not envision Indian gaming on the kinds of lands involved in the West Valley issue,” the senators’ statement reads.

To watch the full hearing visit: <http://www.indian.senate.gov/hearing/oversight-hearing-indian-gaming-next-25-years>. The Enos/Weiers/Norris panel begins around the 1:50:00 minute mark. Reps. Paul Gosar and Raúl Grijalva also speak on the issue from minutes 20 to 31.

VHM Press Release

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- Homeless, migrant or run-away as defined by law; or

- Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, Even Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined in by law

- Foster children that are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside

For any child not listed on the eligibility notice, the households should contact the school about any child also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an income application for

other children.

If households/children that receive benefits under Assistance Programs or other source programs are not notified by the school of their free meal benefits, the parent/guardian should contact their school.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, Christine L. Ollerton, Operations Manager, will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the de-

termining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Christine L. Ollerton P.O. Box 220, Sacaton, AZ 85147.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household’s income falls at or below the levels.

Information for School-Aged Youth



If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- On the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

Then, you have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.

You have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. You must be given access to the same public education provided to other students.
- Continue in the school you attended before you became homeless or the school you last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. The school district’s local liaison for homeless education must assist you, if needed, and offer you the right to appeal a decision regarding your choice of school if it goes against your wishes.
- Receive transportation to the school you attended before you became homeless or the school you last attended, if you request such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with students who are not homeless. Students cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrollment.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other students served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.

When you move, you should do the following:

- Contact the school district’s local liaison for homeless education (see phone number below) for help in enrolling in a new school or arranging to continue in your former school. (Or, someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact.)
- Tell your teachers anything that you think they need to know to help you in school.
- Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

Local Area Contacts:

State Coordinator:

If you need further assistance, call the National Center for Homeless Education at the toll-free HelpLine number: 1-800-308-2145



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY ★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★

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

Board/Committee	Number of Vacancies	Deadline
Community Judge (Alternate)	One (1)	September 15, 2014 12:00 noon

Community members interested in serving as the Community Judge on the Court of Appeals, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest and a Résumé to the Community Council Secretary’s Office by the deadline date, (include your address, phone number and email address on your résumé). Community Council Secretary’s Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY ★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★

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

Board/Committee	Number of Vacancies	Deadline
Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors	One (1) Unexpired Term	August 15, 2014 12:00 noon

Community members interested in serving on the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority (WHPDA) Board of Directors, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest and a Résumé to the Community Council Secretary’s Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). A copy of the position description outlining the qualifications, duties & responsibilities of this position can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary’s Office located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday, July 16, 2014**

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 July 16, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 9:06 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Norman Wellington, Sr.

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Gregory Mendoza

Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis (2:07)

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams (9:15), Rodney Jackson; D4- Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Norman Wellington, Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Janice F. Stewart (9:09), Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Skyline District 5 School

Presenter: Mario Molina Mr. Vaughn Flannigan, Principal Mr. Rodney James, Vice President of Education
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

REPORTS

[Addendum]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

1 4. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. –

Monthly Report May 2014 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Janice Ponziani, Board Of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

*2 5. Gila River Gaming Commission – Monthly Report May 2014 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 11:05AM]

3 1. Gila River Indian Community Division Assessments

Presenters: Michelle Bowman, Nada Celaya, Pamela Thompson, Noel Hoover, Tina Notah-Enas

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR AN HOUR AND HALF LUNCH BREAK

RECONVENED AT 2:04PM]

4 2. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report FY14 Quarter 2

Presenters: Michael Morago, Robert Gazis

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE, SECOND AND DEFEATED TO

ACCEPT REPORT #3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5 3. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending June 30, 2014 (Executive Session) Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[ADDENDUM]

6. Glendale Update (Executive Session)

Presenters: Governor Gregory Mendoza, Linus Everling

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Concurring With The Programmatic Agreement Between The Department Of The Air Force, Air Education And Training Command, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, And The Arizona State Historic Pres-

ervation Officer Regarding Construction, Maintenance, And Use Of A Moving Target On The North Tactical Range Barry M. Goldwater Range East, Arizona (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Tana Fitzpatrick

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The Fiscal Year 2015

Gila River Indian Community Indian Housing Plan For Implementation And Submittal To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Damascus Francisco

APPROVED

3. A Resolution And Authorizing Amendment No. 1 To the October 1, 2013 Agreement Between The Gila River Community And Towers Watson Delaware, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Sharon Havier-Lewis

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving A Commercial Use

Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Earlton Lewis At The Retail Building Within The Gila River Indian Reservation (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with added information G&MSC concurs)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Elizabeth Antone

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2013 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Curry Law Office, PLC (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Rebecca M. Plevel

APPROVED

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

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

[ADDENDUM]

7. A Resolution Approving The Department Of

Community Housing To Submit An Indian Community Development Block Grant Application

Presenter: Lori Francisco

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Government & Management Standing Committee Community-At-Large Appointment (1)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

CYNTHIA ANTONE APPOINTED

2. Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Directors Appointments (2)

Presenter: Community Council

DONALD ANTONE, SR. AND LORENZO

ANTONE

APPOINT-

ED

3. Community's Comments Regarding South Mountain Transportation Corridor Biological Evaluation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval;

NRSC & CRSC

concur)

Presenters: Office of General Counsel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

[GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 4:42PM]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Election Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: Scot Butler

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. El Paso Natural Gas Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC, ESC & CRSC concur)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

THE EXECUTION ALLOWANCE PER THE

TERMS OUTLINED

6. Education Standing Committee appointment (1) – Council Seat

Presenters: Community Council

COUNCILMAN BRIAN DAVIS, SR. APPOINTED

NEW BUSINESS

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

Presenter: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE

VACANCY FOR 30 DAYS

2. Approval Of Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. FCC Form 481 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Derek E. White, Board Of Directors

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. EDSC - Declaration of Vacancy for

Community-at-Large Member (EDSC forwards to

Council with advertisement of 30 days)

Presenter: Chairman Stone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE

VACANCY FOR 30 DAYS

4. Advertise for Alternate Appeals Court Judges (3) (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to advertise for 60 days)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE

FOR 60 DAYS

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014, 9AM

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:35pm

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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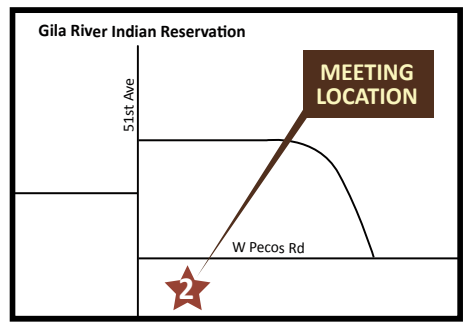
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Gila River Indian Community Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Study Open House

The Gila River Indian Community, in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Multimodal Planning Division (MPD) is developing the Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Plan funded through MPD's Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) program. The plan will provide multimodal pedestrian-related improvement recommendations to be considered in the short, mid and long-term timeframes.



Your input and review on recommended pedestrian safety and transportation improvements to address these issues that you identified from the mobile and stakeholder outreach events is critical for the safety and mobility of pedestrians on the Gila River Indian Community.

Stop by at one of the two open house sites listed below on **Tuesday, August 5, 2014**, to learn more about the recommendations and to provide your feedback on the proposed improvements. Your input is valuable to finalizing the study.

1. Governance Center
525 W. Gu U Ki
Sacaton, AZ
4 - 5 p.m.

**2. Boys & Girls Club—
Gila River Komatke**
5047 W. Pecos Rd., Laveen, AZ
6 - 8 p.m.

If you require special assistance in order to participate in the public meeting, please contact projects@azdot.gov or 855.712.8530. Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

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HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER WELCOMES YOUR PARTICIPATION

The Huhugam Heritage Center is a place that tells the stories of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh of the Gila River Indian Community and honors the ancient Huhugam, through exhibits, classes, programs and collections our goal is to educate Community members, youth and visitors.

The Heritage Center is currently developing a strategic plan that will help us to maintain an active vision for the future. This is an opportunity to help us define and align the goals for our organization. This includes enhancing community outreach efforts and increasing educational programs. We would like to provide information and gather input from you about the plan as well as potential future exhibit ideas as we prepare for the development of our Main Gallery.

The development of the plan will help us to meet the needs of the Community by providing vital cultural and educational opportunities.

How can you help?

You can attend one of the Strategic Planning Meetings on:

August 4

District 1
Multipurpose Building
8:30 am – 11:30 am

District 3
Boys & Girls Club
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

August 5

District 5
Multipurpose Building
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

District 6
Learning Center
5:30 pm – 8 pm

We are open to the general public Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Admission for Adults - \$6 / Students & Seniors - \$4 / Children 6-12 - \$2 / 5 and under are free.
Free admission for all Native American Community Members.

Your input is very important to this project, for more information about the strategic planning meeting please contact the Huhugam Heritage Center
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