

## Council addresses latest Loop 202 freeway push

By Joshua Jovanelly  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Community Council on May 7 officially clarified that there is no upcoming special election regarding the proposed South Mountain Loop 202 Freeway and that the latest initiative being circulated by a GRIC landowners group is not in compliance with elections protocol.

In the last few months, registered Community member voters received a letter and a series of documents from Nathaniel Percharo, spokesman for the Pecos Road Landowners. Included is a page marked "Official Ballot," which states that a special Community election rescinding the February 2012 "no build" vote and calling for a new "yes" or "no" vote will take place Aug. 26, 2014.

No such election is scheduled. Concerned that this imitation election material may confuse Community members, Council strongly condemned the action in a 13-0 vote with three official motions brought forth by Councilwoman Jennifer Allison (District 4).

The first called for "a letter to be sent to Mr. Nathaniel Percharo by the Administration in regards to the initiative, that it is not sanctioned by the Gila River Indian Community and to cease and desist their communication with Community members regarding this matter." The second motion referred the matter to the litigation team.

Also included in Percharo's mailed documents is a sheet requesting signatures for the "Save South Mountain Landowner Voter Initiative," a measure worded exactly the same as an initiative brought to Council last year by the same group. In 2013 that initiative was thrown out after a Gila River Police Department investigation found that 174 of the signatures were "questionable and/or forged."

The Pecos Road Landowners are attempting to reignite the signature-gathering process and drum up a new round of support for an on-reservation freeway option.

But, according to the third Council motion, the group is not following proper procedure. The motion called for a clarification

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## Students in new teaching program graduate from South Mountain

By Mikhail Sundust  
Gila River Indian News

Gila River is growing its own. Educators, that is.

The first crop of students who participated in the Tribal Education Department's Teacher Prep Program graduated from South Mountain Community College with their Certificates in Teaching Assistance May 9, eight months to the day since they started the program.

"Today is a very proud and historic day for the Gila River Indian Community," said Gov. Gregory Mendoza. Mendoza spoke at the college's commencement ceremony that evening under a golden sunset and gave a shout out to the GRIC graduates in front of thousands of people.

The 11 students in the GRIC cohort inaugural graduating class are: Nina Allison, Hudunig Antone, Marcella Hoover, Arlanna



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Graduates of the Teacher Prep Program from left: Nina Allison, Starleen Somegustava, Hudunig Antone, Erin Rhodes, Shelly Lomaquahu, Donovan Kyyitan, Marcella Hoover, Karen Koory, Arlanna Jackson and Sharon Shelde. Edwardine Thomas was not present.

Jackson, Karen Koory, Shelly Lomaquahu, Donovan "Buzz" Kyyitan, Erin Rhodes, Sharon Shelde, Starleen Somegustava and Edwardine Thomas.

After walking across the graduation stage and shaking hands with School President Dr. Shari Olson, Maricopa Community Col-

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## Community Council election 2014

Two incumbents re-elected; three former representatives return to Council; and two new representatives will serve their first term

By Roberto A. Jackson  
Gila River Indian News

While the 2014 Community Council election results won't be officially certified until May 21, the polls were busy on May 6 with over 1,000 voters from Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 choosing their next Council representatives.

The unofficial results came in late that Tuesday evening as 1,190 voters decided on the candidates to preside over seven available seats on Council.

Starting with District 1, Joey Whitman bested the other candidates with 31.5 percent of the vote. Of the 194 District 1 voters, 63 voted for Whitman.

District 3's ballot included seven hopefuls for one contested seat. Rodney Jackson returns to Council as 31.25 percent of the voters chose him over the six other candidates. Jackson's closest opposition was incumbent Dale G. Enos, who received a voter percentage of 27.08. Voting totals showed Jackson with 75 votes to Enos' 65.

District 4 re-elected Jennifer Allison and brought back former Council representative Christopher Mendoza. Allison had the

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Community Council District 1	Absentee	Totals	Percentage %
Augustine Enas	0	35	17.50%
Joey Whitman	4	63	31.50%
Shirley F. Miller	0	43	21.50%
A. Joyce McAfee	1	43	21.50%
Wally Jones	0	16	8.00%
Write-In Candidate	0	0	0.00%

Community Council District 3	Absentee	Totals	Percentage %
Dale G. Enos	4	65	27.08%
Avery White	0	8	3.33%
Kristina D. Moraqo	3	44	18.33%
Rebecca Kisto	1	13	5.42%
Rodney Jackson	5	75	31.25%
Elisha Bishop	1	12	5.00%
April Crawford	1	23	9.58%
Write-In Candidate	0	0	0.00%

Community Council District 4	Absentee	Totals	Percentage %
Christopher Mendoza	5	91	18.31%
Jennifer Allison	5	160	32.19%
Ramona Sabori	3	60	12.07%
Barney B. Enos, Jr.	2	45	9.05%
Weldon Salkey	1	59	11.87%
Darrell Gerlaugh	1	74	14.89%
Write-In Candidate	1	7	1.41%
Write-In Candidate	0	1	0.20%

Community Council District 5	Absentee	Totals	Percentage %
Brenda Kyyitan	9	73	16.98%
Brian E. Davis, Sr.	9	136	31.63%
Vernon Sunna, Sr.	4	71	16.51%
Janice Stewart	15	134	31.16%
Write-In Candidate	1	15	3.49%
Write-In Candidate	0	1	0.23%

Community Council District 6	Absentee	Totals	Percentage %
Terrance B. Evans	9	129	48.68%
Sandra Nasewytewa	6	130	49.06%
Write-In Candidate	0	6	2.26%

Unofficial Results from the May 6 election with winners highlighted.

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## Military plane crashes in GRIC

By Joshua Jovanelly  
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A military pilot ejected safely before his Harrier jet crashed in an unpopulated area in District 4 around 2:12 p.m. on May 9.

The plane skidded for a number of miles, strewn debris across a wide area before eventually coming to a rest south of Goodyear Road. The pilot ejected out of the plane before impact and was found about two miles away from the crash site by the Gila River Police Department.

"The pilot was conscious and alert when the officers found him," according to a GRPD statement. "He suffered a laceration to his nose and was transported to Chandler Regional Hospital for a medical evaluation."

The pilot's name was not released.

The AV-8B Harrier — a jet that costs roughly between \$30 and \$40 million — was reportedly based out of Yuma, according to officials at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Military officials arrived later that evening and began an investigation that continued through the weekend. The exact cause of the crash has not yet been determined.

Multiple Phoenix media outlets quickly descended on the scene. GRPD set up a one-mile perimeter around the crash site for precautionary purposes. A number of news agency helicopters from ABC15, CBS5 and others photographed the scene from above. Pictures of the charred plane wreckage were posted on social media sites. A live interview with GRPD Detective Robert Hawkes was featured on some stations' 5 p.m. newscasts.

Gila River public safety personnel have been providing support and resources as the military continues its investigation.





## Still Time to Get Health Insurance through the Affordable Care Act

Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act ended on March 31, 2014, but it's not too late for American Indians (members of federally recognized tribes) and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) to enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace.

There are protections and provisions in the law for American Indians, therefore, there is no limited enrollment period for American Indians and Alaska Natives who can enroll anytime during the year; and who can change health plans no more than once a month. Gila River Health Care (GRHC) still encourages Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) members to consider enrolling in the Marketplace, and to share this information with those who are eligible for enrollment.

It is important that you be equipped with the facts and how they apply to American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN).

- There are no deadlines for AI/ANs to sign up for health insurance through the Marketplace.
- AI/ANs are exempt from any tax penalties should they lack health insurance coverage. However, you must apply for exemption.
- GRHC will continue to service Native Americans that do not have health insurance coverage.
- GRIC members may qualify for GRHC's insurance premium program. GRHC may be able to purchase your health insurance for 2014, with NO out-of-pocket cost to the individual.

To enroll today for health coverage, visit the GRHC Benefit Coordinators Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital or at Komatke Health Center. The website, [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) is also available for assistance.

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**Thank You, District 3 Community**



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First, I would like to thank the members of District 3 for giving me the honor to serve and represent the district for the last three years. I hope I have served the members of the district in a respectful way and have given my full attention to the needs of

the district.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate Mr. Rodney Jackson as the new Council elect to District 3. I know he will do a great job for the district and represent this Community to the best of his ability.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who voted for me and for the support I have received in the district. Thanks to Ms. Debbie Eschief, Miss Brandy Eschief and their family. They are

special people. I would like to especially thank my wife, Lisa and my children, Robert, Deanna and Krystin for all of their support.

Dale G. Enos

Community member of District 3

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A group of students brainstorm community program ideas with Councilman Frank Pablo Sr. at the Youth Roundtable May 10.

## Youth Roundtable in D5

By Mikhail Sundust  
Gila River Indian News

It's not every day that tribal leaders take time out of their schedules on a weekend to spend a few hours playing games and participating in legislative brainstorming activities with their community's youth – but that's just what six Gila River Council members and Gov. Gregory Mendoza did last Saturday.

The Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council hosted a Youth Roundtable at the Vah Ki Veterans' Building May 10, to which they invited Community Council members and any young Community members who are not on the Youth Council.

"It's very positive for the youth," said Councilman Norman

Wellington (District 4), who said this was his first time at a Youth Roundtable since joining the Community Council last year.

In all, about 30 youth from all seven districts showed up. They were broken up into small groups that worked with Council members Wellington, Arzie Hogg (D1), Janice Stewart (D4), Jennifer Allison (D4), Frank Pablo, Sr. (D5), Devin Redbird (D7) and Gov. Mendoza.

The day was broken up into three sessions. Groups were directed to discuss some of their favorite programs and services that the Community offers. Popular among the lists were the Boys & Girls Clubs, the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) Program, sports teams

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## Freeway

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to be publicized in the GRIN and to specify that the "Tribal Council has not sanctioned their methods." An amendment to the motion adds that the initiative "has not followed the format or the processes of our Tribal Council Secretary's Office in regards to elections specifically and clarification for our Members to understand this [is] not approved by the Tribal Council."

In a draft Environmental Impact Study released last year, the Arizona Department of Transportation recommended building the eight-lane, 22-mile extension of the Loop 202 from the Santan interchange at Pecos Road just outside the border of GRIC to the I-10 at 56th Avenue. The freeway, if constructed along that route, would destroy about 40 acres of Phoenix South Mountain Park Preserve.

The Community's official stance is for ADOT not to build the freeway at all. In the 2012 GRIC referendum, a plurality of GRIC voters chose "no build" in response to the freeway question.

ADOT's final Environmental Impact Study is expected sometime this year, which will initiate a 60-day comment period before the state makes a final decision on the freeway.

### Total Ballots Cast Overall

District 1	194
District 3	247
District 4	224
District 5	209
District 6	251
Absentee	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>1190</b>

Unofficial Results from the May 6 election.

## Election

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best total percentage with 32.19 with Mendoza receiving 18.31 percent. A total of 160 voters chose Allison and 91 supported Mendoza.

The voters in District 5 re-elected Janice Stewart. The other available seat in District 5 went to former Council representative Brian Davis Sr. Davis carried the vote with 31.63 percent while Stewart garnered 31.16 percent. The two candidates almost had the same amount of total votes with Davis getting 136 votes to Stewart's 134.

A single vote decided the outcome in District 6. Incumbent Terrance B. Evans, who was the longest serving Council representative, lost to challenger Sandra Nasewytewa in the closest race of the night. Nasewytewa had 49.06 percent of the vote to Evans' 48.68 percent. 130 voted for Nasewytewa while 129 supported Evans.



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As we all know, the Monsoon Season is here again and every year we say we are going to be prepared for it. The Gila River Office of Emergency Management (OEM) would like to make some suggestions for being prepared for not only the Monsoon Season but for any emergency. In the past, dust storms, flash floods, wildfires, extreme heat and severe weather have threatened the Gila River Indian Community. Now also consider the possibility of home fires and even terrorist attacks. Are you prepared in the event of an emergency?

1. Be Informed

Learn what to do before and during an emergency. The Office of Emergency Management has distributed flyers and brochures throughout the Community to assist you and your family as to what you can do during different types of emergencies. During an emergency you can also call the OEM Hotline at (520)562.9595 to get the latest update.

2. Make a Plan

Create a disaster plan with your family so you all know what to do in the event of an emergency. This includes how your family will communicate in an emergency as well as how to find each other, where to exit from your home and neighborhood. A sample "Emergency Reference Card" is included. Each member of the family should carry this card with them at all times with up to date telephone numbers and contacts. It is important to take everyone's needs into consideration including seniors, children and people with disabilities.

3. Have a "72 Hour Emergency Supply Kit" prepared and ready at all times. The following supplies are recommended for your kit:

- Water: One gallon per person per day
- Food: ready to eat foods (non-perishable) and a manual can opener
- Flashlight: bring extra batteries
- First aid kit and any medicines that are needed by any family member

- Personal items: soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, childcare items
- Battery operated AM/FM radio and extra batteries

- Whistle
- Fully charged cell phone
- Matches
- Paper and pencil

4. An Additional "Go Bag"

Every family member should pack a "Go Bag"-a collection of items you may need in the event of an evacuation. This "Go Bag" can be in a backpack or a suitcase. It should be easily accessible if you should have to leave your home in a hurry. It should also be ready at all times of the year. The following items are suggestions

- A copy of all important documents in a waterproof bag or portable container (insurance cards, photo IDs, proof of address, copies of prescriptions, etc.
- Extra set of house and car keys
- Change of clothes, comfortable shoes, rain gear, coats and blankets

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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.

## New HOT executive director has successful housing track record

The Home Owners Team, tasked with directing \$100 million toward building houses for the Community, hired Lamoni P. Yazzie as the team's executive director this month.

Councilman Frank Pablo (District 5), the HOT chairman, introduced Yazzie at the Council meeting May 7. "We did two days of interviews from different applicants and basically Mr. Yazzie came out on top," Pablo said.

Yazzie, 35, will be in charge of managing and directing the GRIC housing construction program. He will be "directly responsible for achieving the goals set by the HOT," according to a job description for the position.

"I look forward and I appreciate the opportunity to serve this wonderful nation," Yazzie said at the Council meeting.

Yazzie is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation and is also of Navajo and Sac & Fox

ancestry. He attended the United States Air Force Academy where he earned a B.S. in civil engineering in 2002. He separated honorably from the Air Force as a captain with numerous decorations in 2007.

Yazzie brings a wealth of experience managing tribal housing programs. Most recently, he served as the executive director of the Comanche Nation Housing Authority beginning in January 2013. Before that, he held the same position with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Housing Division since 2009, making him Salt River's longest serving housing director.

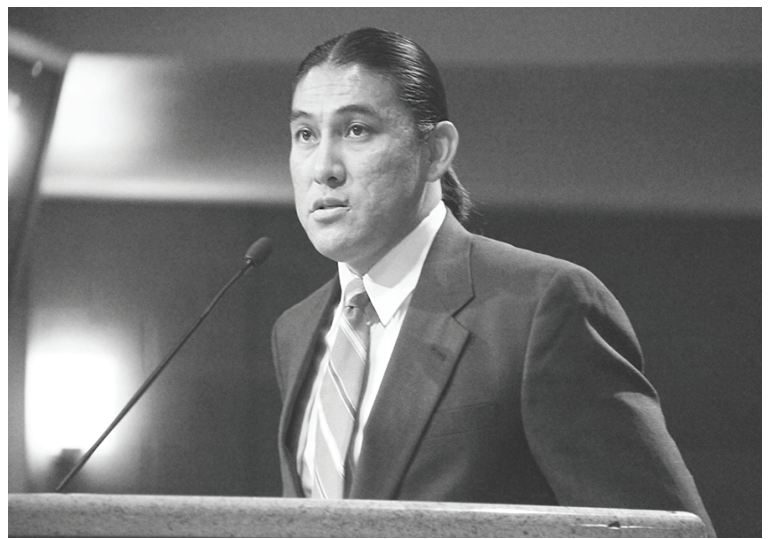
According to a bio submitted to Council, housing projects operated smoothly under Yazzie's leadership. "As executive director, Lamoni led the Salt River Housing Division to earn zero findings in their financial audit reports in fiscal year 2010 and 2011, which

was the first in the organization's history," the bio reads.

As Community members know, the process of home building is complex. The waiting list remains extensive and is compounded by a host of obstacles: infrastructure costs, right-of-way approvals, finding capable construction companies, cultural and environmental concerns, federal and tribal regulations and more.

Council created the HOT to jumpstart construction and to provide centralized leadership over the intricate procedures. Yazzie, along with his fellow team members, said he's ready for the challenge.

"I look forward to bringing my expertise to this position and to work as a team member with the HOT team and to provide excellent service to the Community in building well-constructed homes that will improve the quality of life of Community members," he



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

Lamoni P. Yazzie during his May 7 introduction at the Community Council meeting.

said.

After Yazzie's brief introduction, GRIC leadership welcomed him to the Community and encouraged him to familiarize himself with the Community's needs.

"Your task and challenge is

not easy," Gov. Gregory Mendoza said.

In closing, Yazzie said: "Thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to working with all the districts of the Community."

## Governor's Employee of the Month for April

Submitted by Marsha Chischilly  
Employee Development Program

Gary Mix, the hard working innovative and resourceful Senior Accountant in the Finance Department is Governor's Employee of the Month for April.

He has come up through the ranks from a file clerk to his current position as Senior Accountant.

With his exceptional skills working with Fundware, MUNIS, Excel and Access, he is instrumental in preparing financial reports in an accurate and timely manner.

Gary comes to work every day with an excellent attitude and work ethic.

He frequently states, "I am



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Gary Mix holds his award with Gov. Gregory Mendoza and Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

here to serve." He doesn't just say it. He means it, practices it and demonstrates it everyday.

Gary was recognized as Em-

ployee of the Month for his extraordinary customer service, attitude, innovation and problem solving skills.

## Roundtable

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like basketball and football, culture classes and the Tribal Education Department's college scholarship program.

In the second session, the youth were asked to talk about and describe to their Council representatives what kind of issues they face on a daily basis and the things that they would like to see fixed in the Community. The teens said they would like more opportunities for jobs during the summers, not just from WIA, but also with outside companies. Students from Districts 5, 6 and 7 said they would really like to see more streetlights in their communities to improve safety and make the neighborhoods feel friendlier.

The third and final work session had students collaborate with their councilmen and councilwomen to think up potential ideas for what kind of programs they could see in the future.

One group asked for legislation to direct funding for those streetlights in Districts 5-7. Another group called for the implementation of some kind of parenting classes

that would teach young parents the realities of parenting.

"What our group [decided]," said Kayla Williams of District 4, who was working with Councilwoman Allison's group, "is that we are all firm believers in parental responsibility. So, what we came up with was that there should be like parental classes offered to the parents of the tribe, because everything starts at home."

Another group, who was working with Councilman Wellington, floated the idea of establishing a small scholarship that would offer high school students enough money to apply to colleges and take entrance exams. They proposed that it could be supported by donation money from Council members and other GRIC government and business leaders.

Wellington said he liked the idea of a scholarship "just for the transition from high school into college... Sometimes they're ready to move on to college but they don't have the money [immediately] available - the \$50 or the \$75 or the \$100 - to move forward." He and AOPPYC President Tyler Owens said they would work on that project together.

In the end, both leaders and youth benefitted. This was the third Youth Roundtable in Gila River since the Youth Council started it in 2012.

Most of the youth at the event were not Youth Council members and for a lot, this was their first time at a roundtable meeting.

"It was my first time and it was just good just to be around a bunch of positive people," said Enrique Holguin, an eighth grader from D5. "It was good just to have everybody know what they came for and know what they wanted to do so they came for that reason. I'm not in Youth Council but I soon want to be because it's what I feel I need to do to help better my community."

"Today I just felt overwhelmed," said Trenton Owens, a high school freshman from Vah Ki and brother to Tyler Owens. "I'm just proud about how many people showed up and showed that they cared about their culture [and] their people... the environment here is just wonderful... And to have Council members come and listen and to hear their opinions and give their feedback on it, it's just really interesting."

## Sen. Heller and Pres. Enos visit Community



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

From left: Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Arizona State Sen. Eddie Ableser, Gov. Gregory Mendoza, Pres. Diane Enos, Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV), Lynne Heller, Councilman Norman Wellington (D4).

Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV) shared breakfast with Gov. Gregory Mendoza, Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and President Diane Enos of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community as well as other state and tribal leaders May 9 at Sivlik Grill.

The visit centered around talk of the bill HR 1410 - "Keep the Promise Act," which seeks to solidify claims that tribal casinos would not enter into the Phoenix metropolitan area and that the number of casinos around Phoenix would be limited to seven as expressed in the 2002 tribal-state gaming compact's Prop. 202 campaign.

"I think it's critically important for the future," said Sen. Heller in regard to the proposed bill. "If this [compact] were to collapse, the competition and the change in the dynamics of gaming in a state like Arizona would be pretty overwhelming."

As a part of the tribal-state gaming compact, a portion of tribes' revenues from casinos is contributed back into the state economy. Pres. Enos informed Sen. Heller that the tribes earlier

this year reached the \$1 billion mark in the revenue sharing program. Gov. Mendoza pointed out that the Glendale casino would threaten the stability of the compact and could have devastating economic repercussions if the compact were to crumble.

Gov. Mendoza also acknowledged the fragile relationship between tribes and the state in the area of gaming, reminding those at the table that Prop. 202 barely passed with 51 percent of the vote.

After the meeting, Heller said, "I'm glad to be a part of it. I'm glad to be able to work with the president (Enos), work with the governor (Mendoza) and... try to figure out how we're going to move this forward."

From a senator's standpoint, Heller said, "I think the key is to get a hearing at this point." For a long time, Arizona Sen. John McCain has been trying to get the bill, which passed the House of Representatives in 2013, into a hearing in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Now Sen. Heller joins him in that effort.



# HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER

*S-hohothk La'ach Haichu Thothakam Word Match*



## *Kai Chuk'lig Mashath*

The name for this month translates to Black Seed Month. Our Hekiu O'otham named everything in our universe including the mountains that are in and near our community.

The word for mountain in our Akimel O'otham ñeo'ok is thoa'ag but when you hear people talk about a specific mountain, speakers will often just refer to it by its given name. For instance, the eastern part of the twin buttes known in milga:n as Gila Buttes has an O'otham name which is Aji. Speakers wouldn't normally say Aji thoa'ag because it's already known and assumed that it is a mountain, just like it's already understood that you're talking about a city when you say Phoenix. When you hear people talk about tho'othag (mountains) you'll often hear words being used that have meanings associated with other parts of nature.

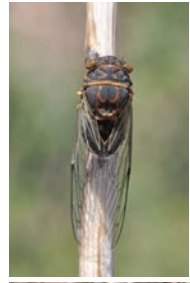
One example is thoa'ag shon, which is used to describe the base of a mountain. The word shon in Akimel O'otham can be used to describe the beginning of something, like the start of a story or the trunk of a tree (kwi shon). Another part of the thoa'ag that people refer to is the tho:nk, which means the ridge of a mountain.

A very similar word in O'otham is the knee on our body, which is tho:n, and if you think about the shape of both you'll get an understanding of why they are similar in name. The peak of a mountain is referred to by the word ku:g and this word is used to reference the end of something, like the end of a story or celebration. The tender new growth on plants or tops of trees are also described using the word ku:g.

Finally, when referring to the cliff on a mountain or a steep rock face, speakers used the word kua. This word in Akimel O'otham also means the forehead of a person and once again if you think of the similarity in shape between the two, you'll get an understanding of why the same word can be used to talk about both in our language.

So the next time you look at the mountains that surround our community, take the time to reflect how our Akimel O'otham ñeo'ok was made just for this land and how the language connects us to the land around us. This month's word match will focus on insects that can be found in our natural environment. We encourage you to learn use our ñeo'ok in your daily life.

*bithokoi*



*maihog*



*sho:'o*



*ho'okimel*



*hia:n*



*kok'thpol*



## Casa Grande Union powwow dedicated to class of 2014



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

The Casa Grande Union High School Amerind (shortened from American Indian) Club hosted the school's second annual powwow to honor the 2014 graduating class May 3 at Al Van Hazel Field. Dozens of attendees enjoyed dances and visited vendors. The CGUHS Amerind Club partnered with its sister Amerind club from Vista Grande High School. They sold frybread and cold drinks to raise money for next year's powwow.

From left: Kelsey Martinez (District 3), CGUHS Miss Amerind; Anissa Garcia (District 3), CGUHS Amerind Club president and Miss Gila River 2nd Attendant; Briar Hoover (Comanche and Ojibwe), powwow Head Man.

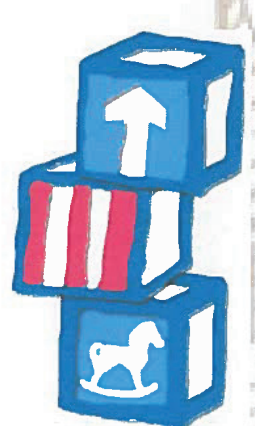
# GRIC Head Start/Early Head Start

## Round Up 9:00am to 3:00pm

The Head Start/Early Head Start Program will be hosting a round up for the new school year 2014-2015 enrollment.

**BE SURE TO BRING:**

- Proof of Income
- Legal Guardianship
- Birth Certificate
- Current Immunization Record
- Current Physical Exam
- Lead and CBC Testing
- Tribal Enrollment
- Insurance Verification



**Round-Up Dates:**

D6; Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Vah-Ki; Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Santan; Thursday, May 29, 2014

Sacaton; Friday, May 30, 2014

If transportation is needed please call the Head Start Center in your district.

Sacaton Center (520)562-3423/(520)562-6901, Santan Center (520)418-3471  
Vah-Ki (520)315-3636/(520)315-2795, D6 Center (520) 550-2434





# Events at Youth Day of Hope focuses on health and prevention

**By Mikhail Sundust**  
Gila River Indian News

“Keep Calm and Overlive” – that was the theme for the first ever Gila River Youth Day of Hope conference, held May 9 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass.

“We want them to overlive, meaning we want them to embrace life and not just go through the paces of everyday life, ... we want them to live life to the fullest,” said Juli Kelly, the director of the Gila River Health Care Life Center.

The first Day of Hope, which was open to Community members of all ages, was a little more than two years ago at the same location. Nearly 300 people attended then. That conference focused primarily on diabetes awareness and management while acknowledging the importance of hope in healthcare.

Now it’s grown to three events – including this one, there will be another for all Community members June 6 (also at the Sheraton WHP, registration opens May 23) and a third for health care professionals/providers to learn more about their patients in Gila River.

Originally, said Kelly, “it was all about getting in touch with the spiritual side of people where hope comes from.” The Life Center’s

idea was to create a forum to discuss the disease to develop a community and foster hope. “[Diabetes] doesn’t have to be associated with death and suffering. It can be managed...in a healthy way. The whole point of the Day of Hope was to give people that message and that encouragement.”

The Youth Day of Hope carried the same optimistic message but focused more on prevention for the kids. “This event is really all about living life to the fullest [and] being as healthy as you can be because you have the power to make the choices [as] to which direction your life goes.”

The conference was specifically for seventh and eighth grade students from Sacaton Middle School, Gila Crossing Community School and Skyline Ranch K-8. The faculty and staff at those schools agreed to make a field trip of it for their students. Over 150 students and chaperones attended.

The half-day event featured motivational speeches from former Miss Gila River Lorena Clashin and Marine Corps veteran Roland Enos, Jr. Both are Community members and employees of GRHC. Gov. Gregory Mendoza and Native American professional boxer George “Comanche Boy”

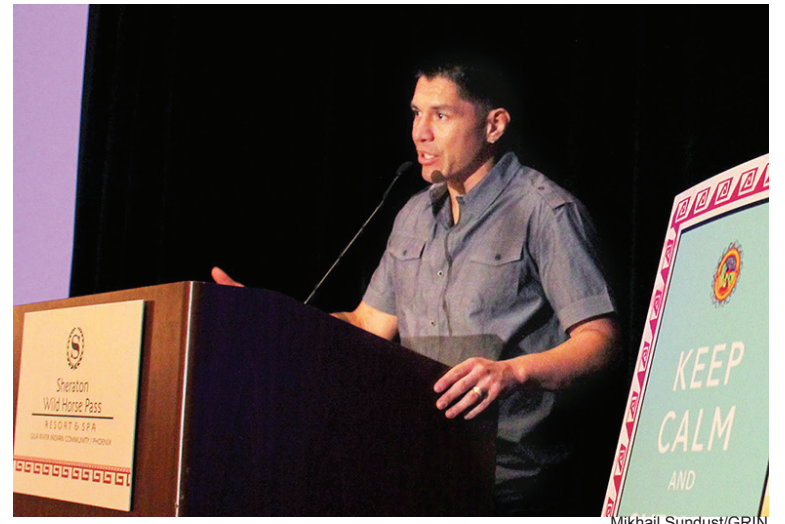
Tahdoohrippah also shared words of encouragement.

“Diabetes is tough...but it doesn’t have to be that way,” said Comanche Boy. “It starts with you. It starts with the youth. Overlive. You have to be active. You have to dream. You have to set your goals high and you have to go chase them and go get them because nothing’s going to be handed to you in life. You have to go work for it and achieve it and you have to want it... You have to live life to the fullest.”

There were four breakout work sessions for the youth to choose from, including “KO Diabetes” with Comanche Boy, “Honoring our Culture” with Tim Terry, “Managing Stress with Balance,” with Lisa Pedro and Josh Ulrich, and “I Can Make a Difference” with Cecilia Mix.

“Everything was outspoken and very encouraging and inspiring,” said Alyssa Acunia, an eighth grader from Gila Crossing.

“I think they should keep it up because next year’s seventh and eighth graders would like this information...it would be inspiring for them and they could pass it on to the rest of their family and friends,” said her classmate Tyler Thompson, also 13. His favorite



**George “Comanche Boy” Tahdoohrippah during the Youth Day of Hope on May 9 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass.**

class was “I Can Make a Difference.” He said, “I think it might have been the best one of them all because it was very emotional for the presenter.”

The presenter was Cecelia Mix, a 13-year-old from Sacaton Middle School. “Cece” was motivated to present by her concern for others: “I wanted to tell other kids that having diabetes was bad and that you should be more healthy and try to be more happy.”

The story Mix tells reaches back generations. “My mom used to tell me that her mom would put a bunch of salt on everything and

deep fry almost all of the food that she ate and just a lot of unhealthy things.”

Mix embodies the “overlive” theme of the Youth Day of Hope conference. She is conscious of what she eats and at her young age is reversing the trend of unhealthy eating in her own family.

“The youth event is really all about...helping kids to understand that they’re in control of their own destiny,” said Kelly, “and that they can make good decisions and that those decisions affect not only themselves, but those around them.”

# FitnessFest includes Olympic legend Billy Mills

**By Annie Gutierrez**  
Gila River Indian News

Whether it was Zumba in the gym or a hands-on training with fitness professionals, movement was the message to all during the FitnessFest conference, which made its way to the Sacaton Boys & Girls Club May 3.

The event brought Community members and GRIC’s fitness staff together for an exciting information-filled day of health and wellness. Participants began the morning with a mile and a half run/walk to get their bodies en-

ergized for the day. After a light workout and a healthy morning snack, guests rendezvoused to the gymnasium for a welcome address from a dressed-down Gov. Gregory Mendoza, followed by an inspirational speech from international motivational speaker Bret Klika, who kept participants out of their seats with fun interactive activities.

Approximately 110 people attended the event. Among them was 54-year-old Mona White along with her 28-year-old daughter laughing and running about the gym during the group

workout with Klika. “Movement is life,” laughed White, D5, as she quotes Klika. “When you sit back and think about it, it is life. I’ve always been interested in fitness. As I got older it got harder to keep the weight off and to keep the bones strong. It’s a lot of work than when you’re younger. I’m glad that the Community is doing something to get us motivated to walk and run.”

Community members had the opportunity to attend different workshops throughout the day from learning how to make wise food choices to learning safe and simple ways to exercise at home. While it was all fun and games for guests in the classes, GRIC’s fitness staff underwent group training with fitness professionals in the B&G Club’s conference room.

GRIC trainers learned hands on exercises and techniques to accommodate all ages and abilities, furthering their knowledge on how to better serve Community members. “We carefully chose speakers for the staff around all the districts,” said Janice Jaicks, 58, creator of FitnessFest Conference & Expo. “We put together and chose very carefully speakers and topics we think will relate to the Gila River Community. Our mission and passion is to just get people moving and, like Klika said in his speech, to not overwhelm them with push-ups or the word exercise.”

Guests enjoyed a healthy



**Olympic gold medalist and member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe Billy Mills highlights FitnessFest with an inspirational message.**

luncheon in the afternoon and listened as Lakota Sioux native and 1964 Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills of Pine Ridge, S. D., gave an inspirational speech on healthy living. He also shared his story on living with diabetes and the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Afterward, guests stuck around for a small chicken scratch dance in the evening.

The FitnessFest Conference and Expo has been in operation for 16 years and is an event strictly for fitness trainers and group exercise instructors serving the cities of Tucson and Scottsdale. Through the public health initiative and the Gila River Healthcare, this event is just the start of others yet to come. “This is our first time working with a Native American Community,” explains Jaicks about FitnessFest Gila River. “We are very honored and excited to put this together and I have to thank Waylon Pahona. He has been to our other FitnessFest events... he thought we would do a great job at organiz-

ing a health and wellness day for his community and Community staff,” said Jaicks.

Pahona is one of the members with the Healthcare Initiative Team, a team led by the Director of the Community Services Department to gather information and ideas regarding services and programs they’d like to see implemented to enhance the public’s health and wellbeing. The initiative, funded by GRIC’s tobacco tax dollars, is one of the ideas Governor Mendoza envisioned when he first took office in 2012. Under the initiative, plans to fund other health related programs are in progress including youth camps during the summer. As for FitnessFest, the team plans to have a follow-up event in a month. “We’re going to have a women’s wellness camp which will start in June,” says a very optimistic Jaicks. “We know it can’t be just a day. We want to continue spreading the word and keep this going.”

Camp Name	Dates/ Registration Deadline	Description	Age Category
18th Annual Native Vision Sports & Life Skills Camp Shiprock High School Shiprock, New Mexico	06/7-06/09/2014 <b>MAY 19, 2014</b> 40 spaces available	This camp provides Native youth an opportunity to play side-by-side with professional and collegiate athletes. The Native Visions camp promotes and celebrates all that is healthy and positive in the lives of Native youth. Offers sports clinics in basketball, football, volleyball, lacrosse, and running/track.	Boys & Girls ages 8-17 yrs old with a passion for sports: basketball, volleyball, football, soccer, lacrosse, and running
2014 Indian Youth of America Camp Whispering Pines Camp Prescott, AZ	06/18-06/27/2014 <b>MAY 27, 2014</b> 35 spaces available	This camp offers arts & crafts, cultural activities, campfires, hiking, volleyball, mush ball, basketball, swimming, canoeing, paddleboats, and mini workshops on Indian Culture, leadership, healthy living creative writing, storytelling, puppetry, hoop dancing & etc.	For boys & girls ages 10-14 yrs old
2014 Phoenix Suns Overnight Basketball Camp Pine Summit Camp-Prescott, AZ	06/29-07/3/2014 <b>JUNE 18, 2014</b> 71 spaces available	The Phoenix Suns Basketball Camp offers the finest one-on-one instruction in a safe, positive atmosphere for boys and girls. It's the perfect camp experience for every hoop-loving kid from beginners looking to learn about the game to advance players needing to hone their skills.  **This is a physically demanding camp and full participation is REQUIRED**	Boys & Girls ages 6-17 yrs old w/an interest in Basketball.

**Sign Up NOW!**

Pick up registration at your local Service Center or print from [mygilariver.org](http://mygilariver.org), please return to Tribal Recreation and Wellness Center







# TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## “MASHCHAMA HA JENIKTHA”



### Graduates

From Page 1

leges Chancellor Dr. Rufus Glasper and Gov. Mendoza, the GRIC students were treated to a private celebration with their families and school officials in the school's library.

“It was a year ago this month” that this program was born, said Dr. Eufemia Amabisca, a professor from South Mountain. One year ago, back when no one knew that there would be a graduating GRIC cohort of students, SMCC officials were meeting with Mario Molina, director of the Tribal Education Department, and other GRIC leaders to develop the GRIC-SMCC program.

A few months after that, in early September, a handful of Gila River students sat in the library of the St. Peter Indian Mission School on the cusp of a revolutionary educational endeavor in Gila River – college classes on the reservation.

The program was designed to give the small group of students a jump-start on getting their degrees in education. Professors from SMCC drove out to Gila River to offer classes at St. Peter, in the same room they met as a cohort for the first time. Classes were offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after work hours from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The architects of the program did everything they could to accommodate the students. It was challenging balancing school, work, family and life but having classes on the reservation made all the difference.

Marcella Hoover said, “What I liked about the program is that it was located here in the Community

instead of us travelling to South Mountain Community College. I liked that it was in the evening because some of us have full-time work.”

Hoover is the culture teacher at Sacaton Middle School so she was able to pick up some ideas from her SMCC coursework and implement them into her classroom. “There are a few strategies that I got from my teachers that I did bring back to my class,” she said. “I use hands-on activities in my class more than I had before. Another [technique] I use is a ticket out the door,” on which students write one thing they learned that day before they leave.

Karen Koory is also a teacher. She said, “I like that they set it up where we teachers could finish our school.”

Koory is a teaching assistant at San Tan Head Start. She's been there for three years and was inspired to become a teacher when she started volunteering at her daughter's school, where she now works. “They were asking for volunteers so I came in every day and helped,” she said.

Now that she's graduated from SMCC, she hopes to acquire some career stability and stay at San Tan Head Start long term. “The cohort helped me to be a better teacher and to keep on going and just to keep my head up,” she said.

Another graduate, Donovan “Buzz” Kyyitan, said the teacher prep program “was much needed for the Community. We're very low on tribal member teachers and it was an honor to be a part of this. ... It is a good, positive point for

the Community.”

Kyyitan is a teacher aide at St. Peter School and also lives in Bapchule so for him the location of the teacher prep program couldn't have been more convenient. He's been at the school for 11 years and an aide for eight, where he helps third grade students with reading and math. He heard about the program last year at the Gila River Teacher In-service.

The sole male graduate of the class, Kyyitan said, “I wish there would be more male tribal members who [would] follow this program because we do need more male teachers in the classrooms... The kids need male role models.”

All three of the graduates interviewed for this article cited their students, their colleagues and their families as being the greatest motivators for getting them back into school.

“What kept me going was my family and my friends encouraging me, as well as [my coworkers and] the students here at St. Peter always asking me how I'm doing,” Kyyitan said.

Kyyitan issued a special thank you to Sister Martha Mary Carpenter, the principal at St. Peter, who allowed the SMCC classes to take place on her school's campus.

A number of the program graduates are using this opportunity as a stepping stone to even greater higher education opportunities. TED is helping the students get into the Arizona State University 4+1 program, which is an accelerated program where students can work towards their Bachelor's



Clockwise from top left: Hudunig Antone, Sharon Shelde, Donovan Kyyitan and Karen Koory shaking hands with Gov. Mendoza at the SMCC Commencement.

and Master's degrees simultaneously and acquire both in a combined five years. The students will start taking graduate level classes while they are still working on their Bachelor's degree.

“I am enrolled in ASU,” said Hoover, who already finished her entrance paperwork. “I'm excited because I'm always up for a challenge.” Kyyitan is also “looking forward to the ASU program.”

What's more, TED was able to again get the classes to be offered within the Community boundaries for the convenience of the students.

“What's exciting for us this evening,” said Molina at the SMCC graduation, “[is] in a lot of studies in communities throughout [Indian Country], there's a big desire for our people to teach our own.”

“I don't think you know...the effect that you've had tonight,” he said. “You are going to be the in-

spiration and the role model for a lot of people to follow...to know that you've done it so they can do it as well.”

Molina, his team at the Tribal Education Department and the SMCC faculty felt rewarded to see the graduates and encouraged that this first-ever partnership between the college and tribe can work.

“It is indeed a pleasure to have this partnership,” said Dr. Glasper. “I am just glad that this partnership has consummated and...I am excited about the potential for expanding the partnership.”

“[TED] made it a reality,” said Kyyitan. “They made it happen. It was the first step. And now they planted the seed and it will continue to grow. Hopefully there will be many more [in this program in the future].”

### Public Safety Awareness Day



Corrections Officer with a picture display of life in the juvenile and adult facilities.

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

Do you know about the services Gila River provides for domestic violence and crime victims? Do you know where the exits are in your home? How much water do you think a fire engine can hold? These questions and others like it were among the many asked and answered by public safety officials during the Public Safety Awareness Day May 10.

Saturday evening, several

of GRIC's resource departments lined the Sacaton Criminal Justice Facility lawn with informative booths for Community members to visit and discover what Gila River has to offer. Representatives from the Community Housing/Drug Elimination Program, Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board, Department of Rehabilitation & Supervision (Corrections), 911 Telecommunications and Elite Towing were among the resources onsite answering questions and hearing public concerns. On Eagle's Wings

and Crime Victims Services were also present handing out literature educating people on the warning signs of violence and getting the word out to GRIC victims. Down the row, vehicles from the Fire Department, GRPD Mobile Unit, and the Gila River EMS ambulance were on display for curious people to tour.

“We wanted all these resources to come out and share information on the services they offer,” said Darren Pedro-Martinez, D3 Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board representative, in an email.

Even the children had fun touring the vehicles, sitting in the passenger's seat and pressing siren buttons, but the most fun was sliding down the inflatable air slide that was sponsored by community contributor Elite Towing. Nearby, they played games at the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council booth where Representatives Anissa Garcia, Miss

### Guests from Indian Affairs and BIE visit Sacaton Head Start



From left: Bart Stephens, Director of the Bureau of Indian Education – Western Region, Gov. Gregory Mendoza, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn, Councilwoman Carol Schurz (District 2), Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Assistant Secretary Kevin Washburn and members of the American Indian Education Study Group visited the Gila River Indian Community at the Sacaton Head Start May 5 for a Tribal Consultation meeting. The team opened the conversation with an outline of the Bureau of Indian Education's Transformation Plan, which they developed to foster greater self-sufficiency within BIE schools and transition the BIE into more of a support role while granting greater autonomy to tribally operated schools.

Gila River 2nd Attendant and Richard Stone hosted and gave out prizes.

Pedro-Martinez, Garcia and 911 Dispatch Supervisor, Teresa Villescaz worked together to organize the awareness event. Or-

ganizers plan to continue with their cause making the Public Safety Awareness Day an annual event. With more advertisement, they hope to see more people next year.



# Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday, May 7, 2014**

## ACTION SHEET

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

## CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, May 7, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 9:12 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

[ADDENDUM]

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE PROVIDED BY BLACKWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Gregory Mendoza

Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis (9:19)

Council Members Present:

D1- Cynthia Antone, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Dale G. Enos, Carolyn Williams; D4- Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Norman Wellington; D5-Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Terrance B. Evans (9:29); D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Barney Enos, Jr.; D5-Annette J. Stewart

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

[ADDENDUM]

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Lamoni Yazzie, Executive Director – Housing Owner's Team  
Presenter: Franklin Pablo, Sr

HOUSING OWNERS TEAM CHAIRMAN FRANKLIN PABLO, SR. INTRODUCED MR. LAMONI YAZZIE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. MR. YAZZIE EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE POSITION AND PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND.

## REPORTS

1. Children in Crisis Work Group Update

Presenters: Cathy Brown and Judge Pedro

REPORT HEARD

2. Sacaton Elementary School Tribal Allocation 1st Quarter Report

Presenter: Leslie Rychel

REPORT HEARD

3. Vechij Himdak Maschamakud Tribal Allocation 1st Quarter Report

Presenter: L. Kim Franklin

REPORT HEARD

4. Against Abuse Inc. La Paloma Center

Presenter: Patricia Griffin

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK RECONVENED AT 10:57AM]

5. Gila River Health Care, Inc., FY 2013 External Audit

Presenters: Bonita Lyons and REDW Representatives

REPORT HEARD

6. Tribal Social Services / Arizona State University Action Plan And Updates

Presenters: Nada Celaya and Sheldon Yazzie and Sara Bissen

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND

THE RULES AND HAVE REPORT #6 BE

HEARD AS REPORT #8

7. 2013 Enrollment Census Membership Data

Presenter: Jane Johnson-Woody

REPORT HEARD

8. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report FY14 Qtr. 1

Presenters: Donald Antone, Sr. and Bob Gazis

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK

RECONVENED AT 1:42PM]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Residential Program for Youth Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: April Olson and Denten Robinson

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Sun Valley Marina Development Corporation Change In Management (Executive Session)

Presenters: Sun Valley Marina Board of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. – Monthly Report March 2014 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Janis Ponziani

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

REPORTS #11 AND #12

12. Gila River Gaming Commission - General Report For The Month March 2014 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin and Courtney Moyah

REPORT ACCEPTED AT REPORT #11

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Delaying The Effective Date Of Felony Offenses, Procedure Related To Felony Offenses And Mental Competency In Ordinance GR-03-13 For May 1, 2014 Until July 1, 2014 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Rebecca Hall

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-23-14

And Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Huhugam Heritage Center And Wolf Consulting, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; CRSC concurs)

Presenter: Linda Morgan

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Requesting The Secretary Of The Department Of The Interior Or His Lawful Designee To Take No Action Against APS Upon The Expiration Of The Right Of Way Agreement On May 13, 2014 To Allow Additional Time For The Gila River Indian Community And APS To Finalize The Terms Of The New Right Of Way Agreement (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC, ESC, CRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Dale Gutenson and Steve Heeley

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 34 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2014 Through 2018 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 2 To The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2014 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; with corrections of the percentages)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment No.1 To The April 1, 2013 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Mahoney Group. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Christine Murphy

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Establishing A Moratorium On The Processing Of Enrollment Petitions Under Section 3.108 Of The GRIC Code, Which Shall Remain In Effect Until December 31, 2014, Or By Action Of Community Council To Remove The Moratorium, Whichever Occurs Sooner (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Jane Johnson-Woody

TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

8. A Resolution Seeking Leniency For Samuel Stone, A Member Of The Gila River Indian Community, In A Prosecution By The United States In The Eastern District Of California (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Office of General Counsel

DEFEATED

9. A Resolution Approving The Relinquishment Of Carmilya Amor Crocker From The Gila River

Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Francisco Osife

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Amendment No. 001 To The Lease Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Postal Service (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Ron Rosier

APPROVED

## ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The 2009 Gila River Indian Community Code By Amending Certain Sections Of Title 3, Enrollment (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Jane Johnson-Woody

APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Farms Board of Directors Appointments (5)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY

JUNE M. SHORTHAI, BETSY GREENE,

EVERETT P. STONE, NEIL BANKETEWA, AND

GERALD BROWN

2. Gila River Farms Interim Board – Exit Plan (G&MSC forwards to Council)

Presenters: Arzie Hogg and Interim Farm Board

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

AND TO APPOINT EX-OFFICIO BOARD

MEMBERS COUNCILWOMAN MONICA

ANTONE AND COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG

FOR 30 DAYS

[ADDENDUM]

3. Gila River Farms Organizational Chart

Presenters: Arzie Hogg and Interim Farm Board

APPROVED

4.3. Glendale Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: Scot Butler

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS #4 AND #5, TO

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 08,

2014) 12:00 NOON

5.4. 2014 Election And Independent Expenditure Preview (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: Scot Butler

TABLED TO SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 08, 2014

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment Of Antonelli Anton – District 3 Planning & Zoning Commissioner (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendations)

Presenter: Mary Thomas

ANTONELLI ANTON APPOINTED

2. Government & Management Standing

Committee Declaration of Vacancies - 2 Council

Seats (G&MSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for declaration)

Presenter: Government & Management Standing

Committee

DECLARED

3. Natural Resources Standing Committee

Declaration of Vacancy - 1 Council Seat (NRSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for

declaration)

Presenter: Natural Resources Standing

Committee

DECLARED

4. Health & Social Standing Committee

Declaration of Vacancies - 3 Council Seats

(H&SSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for declaration)

Presenter: Health & Social Standing Committee

DECLARED

5. Legislative Standing Committee Declaration of

Vacancies - 3 Council Seats (LSC forwards to

Council with recommendation for declaration)

Presenter: Legislative Standing Committee

DECLARED

6. Education Standing Committee Declaration of

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**Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority**

What's New at GRICUA:

**GRICUA Budget Billing**

You don't need to guess to predict your future energy bills. GRICUA Budget Billing is a no cost program that balances the seasonal highs and lows of your bill to make your payments predictable each month and enhance your family's budgeting. Call (520)796-0600 today and learn about this new budget billing program.

**Featured Employee:**

**Martha Cons**

Martha Cons is one of GRICUA's Customer Service Representatives. She was hired January 1, 2012 and considers that to be one of her luckiest days. Some of Martha's job duties include helping customers, both in person and over the telephone, with payments and payment arrangements. She also helps set up new accounts and occasionally is the GRICUA Rep at District Days. Recently Martha has begun training in the Accounting Department. Martha lives in Stanfield with her husband, Carlos, and son, Carlos Jr. When she is not working, you can find her shopping at the outlet mall or spending quite time at home baking and relaxing.



**Tips for Sealing Air Leaks**

- Test your home for air tightness. On a windy day, carefully hold a lit incense stick or a smoke pen next to your windows, doors, electrical boxes, plumbing fixtures, electrical outlets, ceiling fixtures, attic hatches, and other places where air may leak. If the smoke stream travels horizontally, you have located an air leak that may need caulking, sealing, or weather-stripping.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows that leak air.
- Caulk and seal air leaks where plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring comes through walls, floors, ceilings, and soffits over cabinets.
- Install foam gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on walls.
- Inspect dirty spots in your insulation for air leaks and mold. Seal leaks with low-expansion spray foam made for this purpose and install house flashing if needed.
- Look for dirty spots on your ceiling paint and carpet, which may indicate air leaks at interior wall/ceiling joints and wall/floor joists, and caulk them.

**National Dog Bite Prevention Week May 19-25, 2014**

Did you know that...

- 4.7 million people in this country are bitten by dogs every year
- Children are by far the most common victims
- 800,00 Americans receive medical attention for dog bites each year

There are a number of things that you can do to avoid dog bites, ranging from properly training and socializing your pet to educating your children on how, or if, they should approach a dog and please restrain your dog(s) when GRICUA employees are working near your home.

**Reminders**

- GRICUA District Days 2014
- GRICUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (433 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to 3pm.
- June 5
- July 8
- August 7
- September 8
- October 9
- November 6
- December 8

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**

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

GRICUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to gricuacomment@gricua.net. You can also go to our website at www.gricua.net.

**GRICUA's Hours of Operation**

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM  
Payments are accepted on-line and by phone both during our normal operating hours as well as afterhours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business hours.

**SUMMER STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM 2014**

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) has an opportunity for Summer Student Interns to learn a little about how an electric utility operates. Three interns will be selected for individual three (3) week internships. The students will rotate through various departments at GRICUA, learning about the tasks and responsibilities of the people who provide electric service to the Community.

**OPPORTUNITY:**

- Students will work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday for a three-week period.
- Pay will be \$7.90 per hour (Arizona Minimum Wage)
- Students will learn from experienced draftsmen, warehouse supervisor, meter technician, line workers, accountants, customer service representatives and others directly involved with the work in the utility

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Students must be at least 16 years of age
- Students should have some basic computer skills, such as word processing and spreadsheets
- Students must complete the GRICUA Application for Employment which can be found at <http://www.gricua.net/employment.html>
- Deadline for filing applications is May 28 at 4:00 p.m.
- Applications will be evaluated upon receipt and interviews may be scheduled before closing date.
- Return applications via e-mail to GRICUAHR@GRICUA.NET; by fax to 480-452-1429 or mail to GRICUA Human Resources Dept. at 6640 W. Sundust Road, Box 5091, Chandler, AZ 85226

**Applicants wanted for Lone Butte Trade Center**

Lone Butte Trade Center #2 is seeking applicants for cashier and security positions to begin training immediately! Our store is set to open mid-June and we want you! An ideal applicant would:

- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Have reliable transportation
- Be flexible on working hours and locations
- Be physically able to lift 30+ pounds
- Pass an initial drug screening and random screenings throughout employment
- Pass a background check
- Pass a basic math test involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

Most importantly we look for applicants that are:

- Friendly
- Positive
- Customer oriented
- Team players

If this sounds like you please visit our lone butte trade center #1 location to fill out an application! The address is 1188 s. 56th Street, Chandler, AZ 85226 on the corner of Allison and 56th Street.

Initial training may take place at one of our Scottsdale locations but you will be advised of that during your interview or after your acceptance of employment.

We look forward to meeting you and hopefully welcoming you to our team!

Sincerely,  
Lone Butte Trade Center  
P.S. If you would like to see our beautiful new location the address is:  
1280 s. Kyrene Road, Chandler, AZ 85226 on the southwest corner of Kyrene and Allison.

**Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality PUBLIC NOTICE OF AMBIENT MONITORING NETWORK REVIEW**

Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §58.10 Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Program will make its annual monitoring network plan available for public inspection prior to submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Annual Ambient Monitoring Network Review and Data Summary present changes to and data collected from the air quality monitoring network. This document will also be available for review at the GRIC DEQ office located at 35 Pima Street, Sacaton, AZ 85147. Additionally, presentations will be provided at all GRIC district monthly meetings from May thru June 2014.

Public comments may be submitted in writing to GRIC DEQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona, 85147, or comments may be given orally at the scheduled community meetings. Additional information is available from GRIC DEQ Air Quality, 35 Pima Street, Sacaton, Arizona or by calling 520-562-2234.

**Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality Public Notice on Exceptional Events within the Gila River Indian Community boundary**

In 2005, Congress identified a need to account for events that result in exceedances of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) that are exceptional in nature (e.g., not expected to reoccur but caused by acts of nature beyond man-made controls.) In response, EPA promulgated the Exceptional Events Rule (EER) to address exceptional events in 40 CFR Parts 50 and 51 on March 22, 2007. The EER allows for states and tribes to "flag" air quality monitoring data as an exceptional event. If flagged, these data can be excluded from consideration in air

quality planning if EPA concurs with the demonstration submitted by the flagging agency documenting that all procedural and technical requirements have been met. Pursuant to 40 CFR 50.14(c)(3)(i), the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on these recorded events that have caused elevated concentrations of PM10 within the Gila River Indian Community boundary on April 8; May 3; June 30; July 2; August 26; October 9; and November 13, 2013. GRIC DEQ has decided to flag these episodes based on EER criteria. Interested

parties can submit written comments to GRIC DEQ no later than June 15, 2014. Any comments received will be responded to and forwarded to EPA. Written comments should be addressed, faxed, or e-mailed to: Ondrea Barber, Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147, PHONE: (520) 562-2234; FAX: (520) 562-2245, E-mail: Ondrea.Barber@gric.nsn.us.

**Action Sheets From Page 9**

Vacancies – 2 Council Seats (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for declaration)

Presenter: Education Standing Committee  
DECLARED

7. Cultural Resources Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancy - 1 Council Seat (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for declaration)

Presenter: Cultural Resources Standing Committee  
DECLARED

8. Economic Development Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancies - 2 Council Seats (EDSC motioned to declare 2 vacancies and forward to Council)

Presenter: Economic Development Standing Committee  
DECLARED

9. Documents Relating to the Proposed Initiative Regarding the 202 South Mountain Freeway (LSC forwards to Council under New Business; with recommendation for action)

Presenter: Office of General Counsel  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND A LETTER BE SENT TO MR. NATHANIEL PERCHARO, BY ADMINISTRATION, IN REGARDS TO THE INITIATIVE NOT BEING SANCTIONED BY THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY AND TO

CEASE AND DESIST COMMUNICATION WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS

MOTION MADE TO SECOND TO REFER THIS MATTER TO THE LITIGATION TEAM

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE THIS MATTER AND CLARIFICATIONS PUBLICIZED IN THE GILA RIVER NEWSPAPER,

SPECIFYING THE INITIATIVE HAS NOT FOLLOWED THE FORMAT OR THE PROCESSES OF OUR TRIBAL COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE IN REGARDS TO ELECTIONS; IN ADDITION, THE TRIBE OR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL HAS NOT

SANCTIONED THESE METHODS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD NEW BUSINESS #10

10. Tribal Social Services/Residential Program for Youth

Presenter: Councilman Anthony Villareal, Sr.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO MODIFY THE EMPLOYEE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REFERENCE GUIDE TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE HUMAN

RESOURCES DIRECTOR AND GENERAL COUNSEL, TO OVERTURN A DECISION OF A GRIEVANCE HEARING OFFICER WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME PERIOD; HUMAN

RESOURCES TO RETURN AN AMENDMENT IN 45 DAY

**MINUTES**

1. March 27, 2014 (Special)  
APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

2. April 9, 2014 (Special)  
APPROVED

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

>SCHEDULE FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 08, 2014 PROVIDED

>SPECIAL EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 08, 2014, 9:00AM IN CONFERENCE ROOMS B&C

>LITIGATION TEAM MEETING MAY 08, 2014, 9:00AM, LAW OFFICE LIBRARY

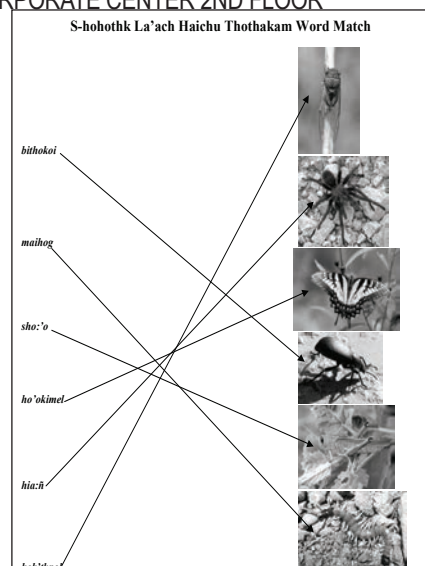
>EL PASO NEGOTIATION TEAM MEETING MAY 8, 2014, 7:30AM AT THE CORPORATE CENTER 2ND FLOOR

>COMMUNITY HOSTING SENATOR DEAN HELLER FRIDAY, MAY 09, 2014 9:00AM, WHIRLWIND GOLF CLUB

**ADJOURNMENT MEETING**

ADJOURNED AT 6:51pm

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)







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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  
 THE GILA RIVER ROYALTY COMMITTEE**

Number of Vacancies	Term of Service	Deadline
Four (4)	3 years	June 13, 2014

Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Royalty Committee (GRRC) must submit a Letter of Interest and a to the Communications & Public Affairs Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number). Provided below is the GRRC Purpose and Terms of Membership outlining the qualifications, duties & responsibilities of the positions.

The purpose of the Gila River Royalty Committee shall be to coordinate the annual Miss Gila River Royalty Pageant as well as oversee the travel itinerary and coordinating activities within the Gila River Indian Community, State of Arizona agencies, and organizations throughout the United States.

Membership to the Gila River Royalty Committee shall be open to any enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community, of which, two seats will be specifically filled by former Miss Gila River title holders

Members of the Gila River Royalty are expected to maintain a positive attitude and influence to the Gila River Royalty.

Letters of interest can be submitted:

In person to the Communications & Public Affairs Office located in the Governance Center, 525 W. Gu U Ki, Sacaton AZ 85147

By Mail to :  
 Communications & Public Affairs Office  
 Attn: Royalty Committee  
 P.O. Box 459  
 Sacaton, AZ 85147

By E-mail to:  
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For more information please contact: 520-562-9859

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