

2015 Inauguration Ceremony: 'Year of Our Water Rights'

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By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community celebrated the swearing-in of Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone at the 2015 Inauguration Ceremony Saturday Jan. 10.

The day started with a processional led by Gila River royalty and including the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh

Youth Council, Gila River dance groups, and local veteran organizations.

Inside the 2,000 person capacity tent at the Sacaton Fairgrounds giant balloon lights cast a soft glow on the evening.

GRIC American Legion posts and Gila River Police Department Honor Guards combined to post the colors.

After St. Peter Indian

Mission School students sang the National Anthem in English and O'otham, Rev. Alfred Reams, Jr. gave the event invocation.

Father Ed Meulemans of the Ira Hayes American Legion Post 84 said the veterans blessing and the Black Dog Singers drum group did an honor song.

Lewis is the 27th governor elected to lead the Community.

In his inaugural address,

he thanked everyone for their support and called for unity among the O'otham sister tribes.

"Thank you especially to our hajin," he said, "our cherished relatives from the Tohono O'odham Nation, Ak-Chin Indian Community, and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community."

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Australian official visits GRHC, talks indigenous sovereignty and self-determination

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

John Wessel Elferink, Attorney General and Minister for Justice of the Northern Territory Government of Australia met with Gila River Health Care staff last week while on a tour of the U.S.

Elferink visited the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital campus in Sacaton Jan. 9 to learn how the Community manages its own health care system. Ginger Martin, the Director of Cultural Customer Service at GRHC, provided a tour around the campus.

Six weeks ago, Elferink was appointed to be the Health Minister of the Northern Territory. The Northern Territory is considered the "Montana" of Australia, according to the Elferink and shares a majority of its land base with Aboriginal people.

In his jurisdiction a large population of indigenous people speak different languages and have diverse cultural practices and beliefs.

One of his initiatives as Minister is to work more with the indigenous people to build trust between the two cultures. Part of the initiative is making sure the people are treated fairly in an ever-growing world of technology and social norms.

Before the tour began Martin expounded on the history of the O'otham and Pee-Posh people and explained that today's people have

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Diabetes Care Program in the Community Districts

The Diabetes Care Program (DCP) will provide services to the Community on the dates and locations listed below.

Date	District	Location / Time
Monday, January 5, 2015	District 5	Elder Center 9:00am - Noon PHN Office 1pm - 3:30pm
Monday, January 12, 2015	District 4	Service Center 9:00am - 3:30pm
Monday, January 26, 2015	District 3	Service Center 9:00am - 3:30pm
Monday, February 2, 2015	District 3	Service Center 9:00am - 3:30pm
Monday, February 9, 2015	District 2	Service Center 9:00am - 3:30pm
Monday, February 16, 2015	District 5	Elder Center 9:00am - Noon PHN Office 1pm - 3:30pm
Monday, February 23, 2015	District 4	Service Center 9:00am - 3:30pm

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Where:
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Who:
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O'odham Tash to return to Casa Grande

By Lora Neu
Pinal Ways Magazine

O'odham Tash is coming back to Casa Grande this year as the organizers of a replacement event have obtained the rights to the name of the festival that left the city after four-plus decades.

Cowboy & Indian Days now is known as Casa Grande Cowboy Days & O'odham Tash and will run Feb. 13-22.

After success in Casa Grande from 1968 to 2010, disagreements between the city and the event organizers resulted in a move to the Pinal Fairgrounds & Event Center at Eleven Mile Corner in 2011.

After that, the organization

ceased to exist. Recently, organizers of the new event filed with the state to gain rights to the O'odham Tash name and bring it back to Casa Grande.

People in Casa Grande had stepped up a few years ago and created Cowboy & Indian Days to fill the void left by the absence of O'odham Tash.

Included are several days of rodeo and roping events and a taste of Native American culture that tourists and locals have enjoyed in the past.

Now, the O'odham Tash name will apply to the all-Indian rodeo to be held Saturday, Feb. 21, and Sunday, Feb. 22.

Instead of being on its traditional Presidents Day week-

end, O'odham Tash will close out the 10-day series the next weekend.

O'odham Tash, translated as Indian Days, was created in 1968 to thank the neighboring Native Americans for their contribution to the community and to honor and preserve their culture.

Funds raised at the event have traditionally gone to scholarships for students from area tribes for college or trade school. And that tradition continues.

There was a lot of confusion in the community, event organizer and Casa Grande City Councilman Dick Powell said, when the name O'odham

Tash disappeared from town. "We had to fight our way back," Powell said.

The series now depends heavily on members of the West Pinal County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, a roping organization.

Along with them, the city of Casa Grande is very involved, and volunteers made up of local business owners and community members fill out the important component of volunteerism that the event was built on.

It's set up similarly to the way it was in the early days with different committees focusing on separate aspects of the event, Powell said.

2015 Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Laborers, \$ 10.00 per hour
- Parking Attendants, \$ 9.00 per hour
- Ticket Sellers, \$11.00 per hour
- Ticket Takers, \$ 9.00 per hour

Applications for all jobs may require a background check. Applications will be available beginning Monday January 5, 2015 and can be picked up at the following locations:

- Tribal Recreation & Wellness Center Offices
- www.mul-chu-tha.com
- Sacaton Fairgrounds

Applications MUST be turned in **no later than Friday February 6, 2015** and must be turned in at the Tribal Recreation Office or Sacaton Fair Grounds. Drop boxes are available at both locations for drop off. Offices are open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fairgrounds are open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact Amber Childs at 520.562.6176 or Merlena Calabaza at 520.562.6024 for more information or email mulchutha@gric.nsn.us

Dear Parents and Community Members:

It has been a privilege to work with your students at Ira H. Hayes School. Many public schools struggle to continue to offer extra curriculum activities: Art Program, Student Council, Journalism, STEM Club, Science Club, and Agriculture Club due to more educational budget cuts. Therefore, I enjoy taking the time to educate parents and community members about how the Arizona School Tax Credits can impact a school like Ira H. Hayes School.

Your donation can seriously change the overall academic environment in our school campus. As community members we can dictate the outcome of extracurricular programs in your local public school. The programs mentioned above represent a unique culture within our school. We invite parents and community member to tour our school. Walking into Ira H. Hayes High School is like seeing the Grand Canyon for the first time. The experience is unforgettable. Ira H. Hayes High School is like a museum except all the arts and crafts are hand made by our high school students. It takes great leadership to sponsor the Art Program and Mr. Hobson (Art Teacher) has changed the lives of many students by allowing them to express themselves through Art.

We have other upcoming clubs for this spring semester led by Mr. Van Druff (Agriculture) Mrs. Liddell (Science Club), Mr. Buman (STEM), and Mr. Smith (Journalism). Furthermore, the Student Council has become a key ingredient in the month of December. This council has 4 members and they are determined to represent the student body and have an active voice in the school and local communities. Parents and Community Members, I truly believe that when a group of people come together and share the same vision and mission, nothing is impossible.

Sincerely,
Crispin J. Zamudio
Superintendent

*If you have already made your 2014 Arizona School Tax Credit donation, please accept my personal thanks. If you have it on your "to do" list, please remember checks must be postmarked by December 31st.

CORRECTIONS

In a photo of the GRICUA building grand opening on page 5 of the Jan. 2, 0215 GRIN we incorrectly identified the woman on the far left as Pamela Thompson; her name is Pamela Thomas. We apologize for the error.

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Gov. Lewis's first act: declares 2015 'Year of Honoring Our Water Rights'



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Our people, the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh have farmed these valleys for centuries, and we trace our agrarian heritage to the ancient Hohokam who once irrigated tens of thousands of acres in the Salt, Gila, and Santa Cruz River valleys; and

WHEREAS, The confederated Pima and Maricopa tribes continued this agricultural heritage, irrigating 15,000 acres along the Gila River by 1860, before our water resources were illegally diverted upstream by water users, which precipitated a long period of agricultural decline. The loss of this precious resource was devastating to our people and our way of life, and in many ways, the Community continues to deal with the consequences of the loss of the water; and

WHEREAS, We persevered and continued to fight for our water until 2004, when President George Bush signed into law the Arizona Water Settlements Act (AWSA), restoring our rights to 653,500 acre-feet of water per year. This has set our Community on a course to restore our agricultural economy, with a goal of irrigating upwards of 90,000 acres by 2030; and

WHEREAS, The Community has for more than three decades had the goal of restoring our agricultural economy by increasing the acreage under production thereby re-establishing our agricultural heritage. While we have water rights to 50,546 acres of land under the 1935 Gila River Decree, and water rights for 1,500 acres under the 1903 Haggard Decree, we were never able to put all of this water to use since the Bureau of Indian Affairs failed to complete the irrigation delivery system and allowed the system to fall into disrepair; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 19th century we were the "bread basket of Arizona" until deprived of our water. Since then we have envisioned the day when we would once again be the bread basket for the region; and

WHEREAS, Plans to expand our agricultural production are directly tied to efforts to restore our traditional agrarian way of life, and at the same time fight many of the alarming public health trends in our Community, in particular diabetes; and

WHEREAS, December 10, 2014 marked the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Community's Arizona Water Settlements Act; and

THEREFORE, The year 2015 will be dedicated to the protection of, and planning for the re-establishment of our agricultural economy, heritage, and infrastructure through the thoughtful and strategic implementation of the Community's Water Rights as established through the Arizona Water Settlements Act (AWSA), and the following initiatives and policies of my Administration:

Economic Development- Supporting Community farmers and Community gardening throughout the Districts.

Health- Establishing healthy diets by providing access to fresh fruits and vegetables grown through these economic development ventures with partnerships with Gila River Health Care and the Community's Health Resources Department.

Education- Use of O'otham culture and language to develop curriculum and teaching materials for use in all Community schools.

Culture- Re-establishing our sacred and historic relationship to our water and agriculture heritage through institutions such as the Huhugam Heritage Center, and through the Governor's Wellness Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, I hereby proclaim the year 2015, as

THE YEAR OF HONORING OUR WATER RIGHTS

Throughout the Gila River Indian Community, let the call go forth to all Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh across the Gila River Indian Community to participate and rededicate themselves to honor our sacred relationship to our Water Rights and Water Settlement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Gila River Indian Community on this 10th day of January, A.D. 2015.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY



COMMUNITY UPDATES

BY GRIN STAFF

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

Shoshone Tribe visits GRICUA, aims to start own utility authority

Representatives from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe of Idaho visited the Gila River Indian Community Jan. 7 to learn about the GRIC Utility Authority.

The Shoshone tribe is seeking to establish its own Tribal Utility Authority like GRICUA, something its leaders see as taking one step toward self-reliance in terms of serving its energy needs. Nearly six thousand tribal members live on the approximately 544,000-acre Shoshone-Bannock Fort Hall Reservation.

The tribal representatives toured the GRICUA power

stations that provide electricity to Community members and received guidance from the GRICUA board on “issues associated with forming a TUA,” said Lenny Gold, GRICUA General Manager.

“We are a little behind on a lot of things, but we are slowly getting [there],” said Shoshone Chairman Nathan Small.

Small was impressed by the level of economic activity within Gila River and complimented the Community for being able to accomplish what it has. “What I see [are] real successful businesses

that you guys have here,” he said.

Gold said they also “visited GRTI to gain insights into having a tribally owned telecommunications entity.” The hope is that the Shoshone tribe can use Gila River as a model to build their own utility and communications infrastructure.

Like Gila River, a lot of their land is set aside for agriculture. He said, “Twenty to thirty percent of our reservation is agriculture. We are right in the heart of potato country [and] produce forty percent of the potatoes in the state of Idaho.”

The GRIC Council encouraged the Shoshone delegation and wished them well.

District 5 Council Representative Robert Stone said “I just want to congratulate you on your economic activities.” He also welcomed the opportunity to keep an open dialogue between Gila River and the Shoshone tribe regarding agriculture.

District 3 Council Rep. Rodney Jackson said, “It’s always good to meet other tribes from all over the U.S. I like sitting down and talking, seeing where they are at.”

Senators Flake and McCain introduce ‘Keep The Promise Act of 2015’

Arizona Sens. Jon McCain and Jeff Flake re-introduced a bill (S. 152) to the U.S. Senate this month that seeks to block the proposed Tohono O’otham Nation casino in Glendale.

Arizona Reps. Trent Franks, Paul Gosar, David Schwiebert, Matt Salom, and Ann Kirkpatrick submitted a companion bill (H.R. 308) to the U.S. House of Representatives.

If the new “Keep the Promise” bill passes this year, it would effectively halt the Tohono O’odham Nation from building its planned \$400 million casino on a land lot at 91st and Northern Aves., just north of the University of Phoenix Stadium.

Navajo Nation Pres. Ben Shelly temporarily re-sworn in

Navajo Nation officials chose to temporarily extend the four-year terms of current leaders, Pres. Ben Shelly and Vice Pres. Rex Lee Jim.

Navajo Chief Judge Herb Yazzie administered the oath of office in a small ceremony held in the Navajo Nation State Room in Window Rock, Jan. 13.

Shelly was low-key about his plans going into the New Year. In a press release from his office he said, “We’ll keep it together until somebody shows up.”

The Navajo Nation has been faced with a political conundrum since last fall when presidential

candidate Chris Deschene was removed from the running by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court late in the race, after winning the primary election and with only weeks to go until the general election.

Deschene and his supporters contested the decision, meanwhile, the election has been continuously pushed back and now may not be held until this summer.

The Navajo Nation Council and judiciary is now trying to decide whether to start the election season over with a new primary or proceed with the general election.

On Dec. 30, 2014, the Navajo Nation Council approved a resolution, which was quickly ratified by Pres. Shelly, to hold a new primary election, setting the stage for a potential June primary race.

If this scenario plays out, members of the Navajo Nation will be given the chance to vote for the previous seventeen candidates and for any new candidates entering the election. The general election would then be held in August and the new Navajo president would take office in September.

On the other hand, the Navajo Supreme Court could challenge

the new law, meaning there would be no new primary election.

In that case, on Jan. 31, a general election with last year’s primary election winners Joe Shirley Jr. and Russell Begaye (who came in third but replaced Deschene when he was removed from the ballot) as the candidates.

Shelly for the time being, will carry on as Navajo Nation President. According to the Navajo Times he said it’s “business as usual.”

Sources: Navajo Times, Albuquerque Journal, Yahoo News

‘Donkey Man’ finds peace on the road



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

“Donkey Man” Thomas Arnold and his trusty companion Hercules.

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

Community members driving through Districts 3 and 4 recently have taken notice of a curious rover alongside the roads and canals.

Thomas Arnold of Prescott – sometimes called the “Donkey Man” – is on a one-man journey across Arizona with his beloved donkey Hercules and three dogs Roots, Rama and Stinky for company.

Residents on and off the reservation have seen Arnold sauntering along Arizona highways with his donkey for the past year. Arnold wears a straw hat above his weather worn face and smiles brightly through his bushy brown beard.

“I feel the world is crazy and the thing to do is be positive and spread love. This is my version

of that. It’s kind of our mission to spread love and good things,” says Arnold, 38.

Last year, Arnold and Hercules set out on a personal mission in March traveling seventy days from Prescott to Sonora, Mexico. Along the way, they passed through many indigenous reservations where they gained much popularity.

“I love the reservations. It’s great getting perspectives from indigenous peoples through conversations and hearing stories of the people and the land.” When he and his four-legged pals pass through reservation land, he said, “We are very well taken care of.”

You can keep up with Arnold and his band of traveling animals on Hercules’s Facebook page; search “Hercules Journey.”

Community Members Win Tickets to Super Bowl XLIX



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Former Arizona Cardinals players (L-R) Damien Anderson, Kwamie Lassiter and Frank Sanders drew the names for the Super Bowl ticket winners during the Jan. 7 Council meeting.

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The stage is set, the teams are ready and the fans are pumped up for Super Bowl XLIX.

This year, the Super Bowl will be held at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale on Sunday, Feb. 1, and 78 lucky Community members will have the opportunity of a lifetime to watch the game live.

Thanks to a partnership between the Gila River Indian Community and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee, the tribe was able to offer up 39 pairs of tickets to its members, which it raffled off during the Jan. 7 Com-

munity Council meeting.

Former Arizona Cardinal players Damien Anderson, Kwamie Lassiter, and Frank Sanders along with Cardinals mascot Big Red, drew names of eligible, enrolled members. Five names were drawn from each of seven drums representing all seven GRIC districts and four names were drawn from an eighth drum with names of off-reservation Community members who reside in Arizona.

The partnership has yielded a number of other opportunities for the Community, including several kids football mini camps and a 4.9K run at Rawhide Western Town.

The Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort will host the AFC champions the weekend of the “Big Game” just like it did the last time the Super Bowl was in Arizona for Super Bowl XLII in 2008. And exactly like last time, the AFC champs this year are the New England Patriots.

The Seattle Seahawks will take on the Patriots and have chance to win back-to-back Super Bowls. The last team to do that was the Patriots in 2003-2004.

Whether you witness the big game live or from the comfort of your living room, this year’s competition is sure to be a memorable one.



Governor Stephen R. Lewis and Lt. Governor Monica L. Antone would like to thank the 2015 Inauguration Committee, volunteers, and the numerous Gila River Indian Community Departments/Programs for their assistance and efforts in the planning and coordination of the 2015 Inauguration Celebration and Events. They would also like to thank the various businesses and Gila River Indian Community Entities for their generous donations and contributions.

Special thanks to basket maker Mary Pablo whose, "Friendship Basket," was used to illustrate the theme of the Inauguration.

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2015 Inauguration Celebration

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Sticking to the theme of "Putting Our People First," he said, "My administration will work with the Community Council to push our government to not let any of our Community members fall through the cracks in our system."

He laid out four initiatives that his administration will focus on in the areas of employment, education, maintaining an open government and upholding the Community's water rights.

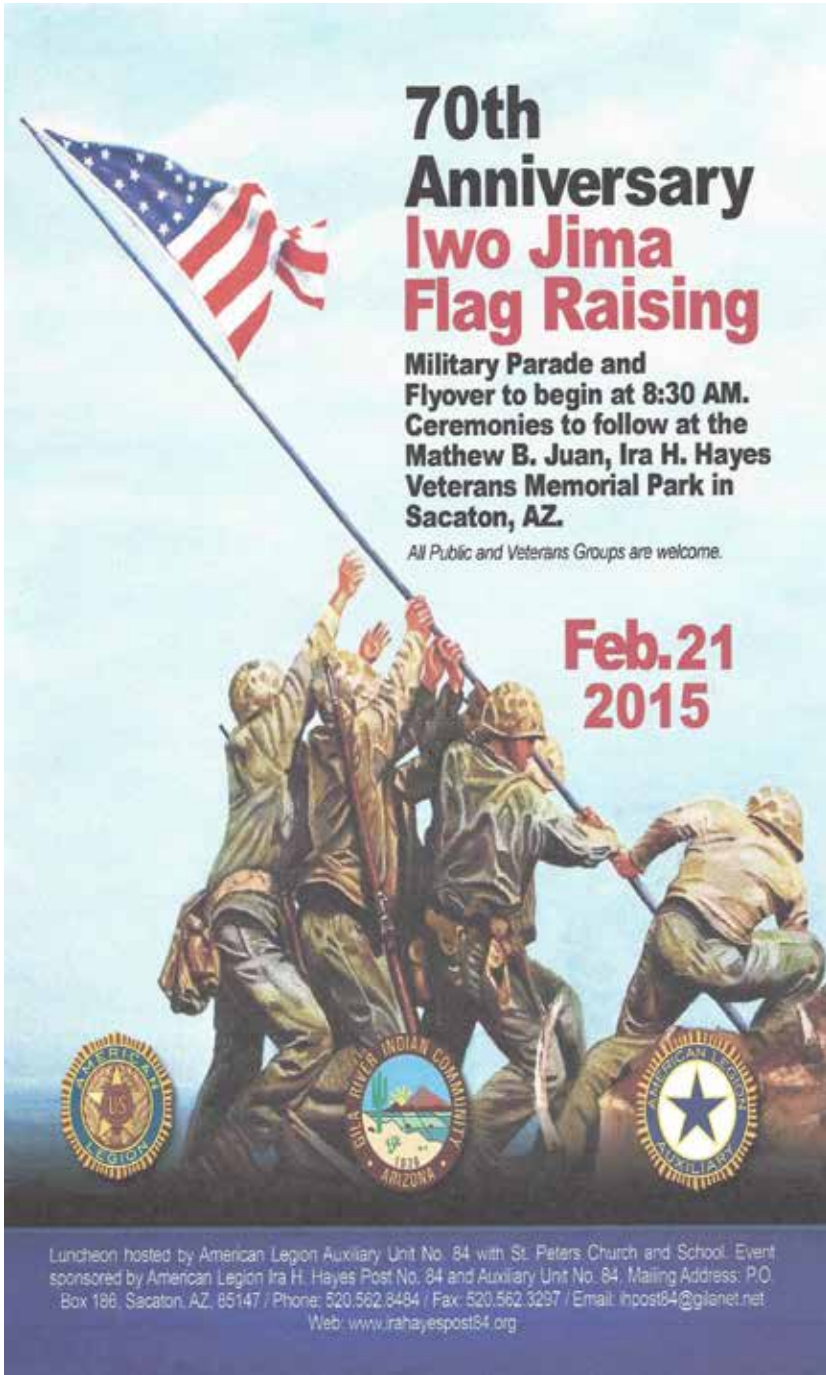
"I will make the planning, protection and implementation of our water rights the top priority of my administration," he said. "[I] will work with the Community Council in (among other things) reinvesting in the

Gila River Farms." He said, "Restoring our agricultural economy and thereby our O'otham way of life as farmers, agriculturalists, will at the same time fight many of the alarming public health trends, in particular diabetes, that plague our Community.

"The Year of Honoring Our Water Rights will allow Our Community to begin a new chapter in our history, and start a new legacy of economic independence through economic development and cultural resurgence to pass on to future generations."



Clockwise from top left: Gov. Stephen R. Lewis with former governors William R. Rhodes and Donald Antone. Gila River royalty. Event emcees John Lewis and Tyler Owens. Associate Judges and Chief Judge Anthony Hill (far right). Traditional basket dancers. Photos by CPAO staff.



70th Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising

Military Parade and Flyover to begin at 8:30 AM. Ceremonies to follow at the Mathew B. Juan, Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park in Sacaton, AZ.

All Public and Veterans Groups are welcome.

Feb. 21 2015

Luncheon hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 84 with St. Peters Church and School. Event sponsored by American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post No. 84 and Auxiliary Unit No. 84. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 188, Sacaton, AZ, 85147 / Phone: 520.562.8484 / Fax: 520.562.3297 / Email: inpost84@gilanet.net / Web: www.iraheyesp84.org



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HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER

Auppa I'ivakithak Mashath

The name for this month references the sprouting of the Auppa (Cottonwood) tree.


Many early visitors to our community described our lands as being green and lush with a running river and thriving riparian eco-system. The riparian areas supported many species of birds that live with us year-round, as well as others who spend the winters here, or migrate on through further south.

Our Hekiu O'otham named many birds according to how they behaved in the wilds, their colorations, and other characteristics. Many birds are mentioned in our Creation Stories and several are considered sacred to us.

Today, our community supports a multitude of bird that can be observed on our landscape. Some make their home within the few riparian areas that remain. A good place to start looking is the s-auppak (Cottonwood tree stand) where it is not uncommon to find a kosh (nest) for birds of prey like the haupal (Red-tailed hawk) or kok'ksh (nests) for large birds like the ko:mag vakoañ (Great Blue Heron). Another area to look for birds is in the s-kui:g (Mesquite tree stand) where you can find any number of kok'ksh for smaller birds. The kwi:gam (Phainopepla) is one bird who is seen so often on the kui (mesquite) eating ha:kvad (mistletoe berry) that he was named after the mesquite. Other places to look include the s-vashaik (brush stand), especially those that run along the vapaik'ka (irrigation canals). Often you'll have to look downward to see birds running between bushes in these areas. Some like the ko:mag u'uhig (LeConte's thrasher) are very shy and you are more likely to hear their songs than see these elusive birds.

There are birds all around us and many times all we have to do is look out our front window or look alongside the roads as we drive by to observe the birds that live alongside us. We may even have a few nests in the trees in our yards as some birds are not afraid of living next to O'otham. Especially the hikvig (Gila Woodpecker) who doesn't mind waking us up early in the morning by tapping on our roofs. Others spend their day perched along the vep'gi vavniig (power lines) as they scan the landscape for food. If you drive slow enough along the fields and scan the vep'gi vavniig you're likely to see a small hawk like bird called sisik (American Kestrel) or a go'ogov (Loggerhead Shrike) with its black mask.

Our word match this month continues with birds that can be observed on the landscape. We encourage you to learn to identify the birds with their O'otham names and use them in your everyday lives.



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Ko:mag vakoañ

Sisik

Hikvig

Go'ogov

Kwi:gam

Haupal


Ko:mag u'uhig

2015 Department of Environmental Quality
Quality
Winter Bird Count

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

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

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



2nd Annual Akimel O'odham & Dee Dosh Partnership for a Healthy Community Kick-Off's Line Dance Fever... Dance Yourself into Shape

<p>01/24/2015 District 1 Uhs-Kehk Desert Run</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2, 3, & 6 mile walk/run West end of Hohokum Rd • On-site registration begins at 6:30 a.m. • Walk/Run begins at 7:00 a.m. • <i>Line Dancing Excluded for this event</i>
<p>1/28/2015 District 3 Governance Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 mile walk/run around the Governance Center • On-site registration begins at 5:00 p.m. • Line Dance will begin at 5:30 p.m. • Walk/Run begins at 6:05 p.m.
<p>1/29/2015 District 7 Service Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 mile walk/run • On-site registration begins at 5:00 p.m. • Line Dance will begin at 5:30 p.m. • Walk/Run begins at 6:05 p.m.

Come out and warm up to your favorite dances...

- **Cha-cha Slide**
- **Copperhead Road**
- **Wobble**

For more information, contact Community Services Department at (520) 562-9691
**T-shirts and incentives will be given at each event based on availability

Minister visits GRHC



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Australian Attorney General and Minister for Justice of the Northern Territory John Wessel Elferink (left) speaks with GRHC podiatrist Wesley Taxier.

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been able to remain on their original tribal lands, once inhabited by the Hu Hu Kam.

After listening, Elferink drew parallels between the history of indigenous people of North America and the history of Aboriginals in Australia.

"I know there are indigenous people in [this] part of the world, I know they have suffered the same sorts of issues that indigenous people in my part of the world have had to deal with," he said.

He was intrigued by the Community's success in being able to establish its own health care corporation and wondered how far the Community has come in its own path to self-determination.

In 1995, GRIC became the first tribal nation to take over the federal responsibility for its people's health needs by starting its own health care corporation, GRHC.

Martin said, "We wanted to be in control of identifying our own health needs."

For the indigenous people of Northern Australia, this is a feat that can only be imagined, because there is no form of indigenous government that exists comparable to what is found in the U.S.

"There are some people who have only had contact with the Europeans for 60 or 70 years – in some place as little as 30 years," said Elferink.

"When you stick an aboriginal person into an MRI machine, you spend a lot of time reassuring them," he said, talking about the use of technology that is foreign to some indigenous members.

He knows the modern world is rapidly changing. In these changing times, he is concerned about how indigenous people will adapt when most of the sharing of information is done through spoken word passed from generation to generation.

For these people he knows that change is unavoidable and the best way to help is to ready them for what is ahead.

"I want to make sure that they are sufficiently prepared [and] that they can make good decisions for themselves and their land," said Elferink.

Among the many stops in his tour of the hospital he met with staff from the dental, patient care, emergency room, podiatry and diabetes care program.

At each department staff and doctors spoke to him about their level of primary care they specialize in.

To summarize his visit, Elferink was impressed at the level of infrastructure he toured. He believes, because of the positive outcomes that have come from self-determination here in Gila River, the same could be had for the indigenous people in Australia.

In ending his visit he made a comparison about the rate of change upon indigenous people to a flood. "The question for all traditional people is how to do you cope with the flood?" he said. "Are you going to drown or are you going to find a way to swim down river? ... What I have seen here today, is that you guys have learned how to swim, and that's a really important thing."



What is BabySmarts?

BabySmarts is a First Things First grant funded program provided to Gila River Indian Community members through Gila River Health Care. The program is designed to assist parents and caregivers with the tools needed to be their child's first teacher.

The mission of BabySmarts is, "to provide the information, support, and encouragement parents need for the healthy development of their children from pregnancy to age five." The team works together to educate parents and the community that all children will learn, grow, and develop to realize their full potential.

Currently the program offers home visitation and teen parent groups. Home visitation is provided to adults with children from birth to age five. Each home visit consists of developmental lessons/activities, developmental screenings, and parenting support.

Teen parent groups are offered at VHM and Ira Hayes High Schools. Each group focuses on parenting, child development and educational support. The BabySmarts' teen parenting program is currently open for enrollment. Any teenage parents who are interested in receiving parenting support please contact Heidi Bruder. Teen parents do NOT have to be enrolled in school to participate.

The qualifications for any BabySmarts services are: must be an expecting parent or a parent/caregiver of a child from birth to age five; and must reside in one of the seven districts of the Gila River Indian Community. Please contact the program for more information and/or possible enrollment.



From Left to Right: L. Kesse, H. Bruder, and C. Thomas

Contact BabySmarts

Home Visiting Team
520.562.3321
Catherine Thomas x7137
Laura Kesse x7991

Teen Parent Services
Heidi Bruder
520.562.3287

BRING IT TO THE FIRST THINGS FIRST

Laura Kesse, BAS, has served the Gila River Indian Community for 11 years under the Tribal Education Dept. She currently works with Gila River Health Care as a member of the Home Visiting Team for BabySmarts.

Heidi Bruder, MSW, LMSW, has been working with the community for 16 years. She has been the Teen Parent Case Manager with Babysmarts since 2010.

Catherine Thomas has worked with Gila River Health Care in 2010. She joined the BabySmarts Home Visiting Team in 2012.



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Second Course:

Aged Filet Mignon Medallions, Red Wine Demi-Glace,
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OR
Pan Seared Sea Scallops, Apricot Glaze, Wild Mushroom Risotto,
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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.

Energy Saving Tips

- Lower your thermostat to the lowest comfortable setting. If you have a heat pump, adjust your thermostat in small increments to keep the heat strip from turning on. This will keep your house comfortable while minimizing the use of the less energy-efficient resistance heat strip.
- Switch your central heating unit to "auto". Leaving the fan on "on" can add to monthly heating costs.
- Install the thermostat on an inside wall, away from windows and doors.
- Get an energy-efficient heat pump and you could cut your heating costs in half.
- Set your thermostat to 68-70 degrees during the day in the winter, and 65-68 degrees at night to keep your home comfortable and save on heating costs.
- Use ceiling fans in winter to distribute heat around a room.
- Close your fireplace damper when not in use. Consider glass doors to help prevent heat loss when your heating system is on.
- Keep registers unblocked by furniture or draperies.
- Use insulated or heavy curtains on windows facing the north side of the house. Keep curtains and shades closed at night or on cloudy days.
- When entertaining, lower the thermostat a degree or two before the guests arrive. That way, you won't overheat.

Reminders

GRICUA District Days 2015

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.
 January 8
 February 5
 March 5
 April 9
 May 7
 June 8
 July 9
 August 6
 September 3
 October 8
 November 5
 December 7

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.



Last Customer and First Kids

Michelle Antone (above) from District 3 was GRICUA's last customer at the old location. The old location was closed on January 2, 2015. Charlie and Robert Sanchez (right) were the first kids to enjoy our new kid play area in the new office lobby.



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Featured Employee: Jessica Soliz

My name is Jessica Soliz I have been working for GRICUA since February 2011. I am the Billing Supervisor. Some of my job duties include: supervising the Customer Service Department, generate the customer electrical billing every month, assist customer service and meter data management. Working at GRICUA has been a very rewarding experience. On my days off, I am either running my kids around to one of their many sporting events or you can catch me relaxing at home with my family.



PUBLIC NOTICE – Civil Summons

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 JENNIFER CHIAGO Plaintiff/Petitioner vs.
 KENNETH XAVIER FRANCISCO Defendant/Respondent
 TO: Kenneth Xavier Francisco
 CASE Number: CV-2014-0314
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.
 YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on the following date and time at the place set forth below:
 Sacaton Community Court
 721 West Seed Farm Road
 Sacaton, Arizona 85147
 (520)562-9860
 Friday, February 20, 2015 at 09:30 AM
 YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.
 If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Office of the United States Attorney, John S. Leonardo, District of Arizona
 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 Monday, January 12, 2015
 Telephone: 602.514.7694
 www.justice.gov/usao/az

GILA RIVER MAN SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MURDER

PHOENIX – On Jan. 12, 2015, Christian Kisto Vela, 22, a member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Diane Humetewa to 216 months in prison. Vela pleaded guilty on Oct. 14, 2014, to second degree murder.
 On April 12, 2014, the defendant shot the victim to death outside a home in Bapchule, Arizona.
 The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Raynette Logan and Melissa Karlen, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.
 CASE NUMBER: CR-14-00583-PHX-DJH
 RELEASE NUMBER: 2015-04_Vela

AGRICULTURAL LEASE PAY OUT*

Thursday, February 19, 2015

8:30am Seniors and Disabled
10am - 6pm General Landowners

Round House Café
 at SRPMIC Two Waters Government Campus
 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale 85256 - Look for directional signs

Gila River Health Care Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic (Title X Funded) JANUARY 2015				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CALL AND SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY			1 NO CLINIC HOLIDAY	2 NO CLINIC
5 D6 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	6 VHM HIGH SCHOOL TEEN CLINIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 8:30-2:00 PM	7 D5 (BAPCHULE) SACATE HOUSING 8:30-11:30 AM D5 PEDRO SITE 12:00-2:30 PM	8 D1 (BLACKWATER) MULTI PURPOSE BLDG 8:30-2:30 PM	9 NO CLINIC
12 D3 (SACATON) BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:30-2:30 PM	13 D6 (KOMATKE) BY KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	14 D4 (SAN TAN) SERVICE CENTER 8:30-2:30 PM	15 NO CLINIC	16 NO CLINIC
19 NO CLINIC	20 AK-CHIN (MARIKOPIA) CLINIC INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:30-2:00 PM	21 IRA HAYES HIGH SCHOOL TEEN CLINIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 8:30-2:00 PM	22 SACATON DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES	23 NO CLINIC
26 CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC	27 D7 (Maricopa Colony) SERVICE CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	28 D3 (SACATON) BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:30-2:30 PM	29 NO CLINIC	30 NO CLINIC

Checks not picked up on February 19th
 Pick up at Finance - Cashiers Office (Two Waters Bldg. A)
 Friday, February 20th through Thursday, March 5th

Checks with a valid address
 Mailed out Friday, March 6th

Power of Attorney (POA)
 Only originals accepted
 Must be verified before release of check
 Verification done at pay out

Notes will not be accepted
 Power of Attorney required to pick up someone else's check

Questions
 Contact SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730

*Ag lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received and cleared through banking institutions by February 1, 2015

GRIC Recycling Calendar 2015

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FOR ISSUES REGARDING SCHEDULES MAY CHANGE DUE TO HOLIDAYS OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES, PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR POSTS BY YOUR SERVICE CENTERS OR BY DPW

GRIN KIDS

Did you know?
The O'odham New Year begins with the saguaro cactus fruit harvest and lines up with the Summer solstice.


WORD SEARCH

NEW YEAR MIDNIGHT
 COUNTDOWN FIREWORKS
 RESOLUTION FRIENDS
 CELEBRATION FAMILY
 STREAMERS JANUARY

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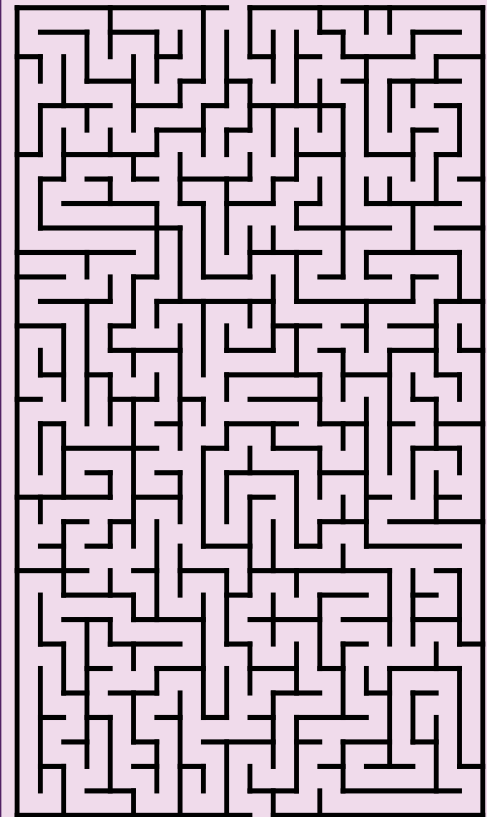
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Happy New Year

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2015 MISS GILA RIVER & JR. MISS GILA RIVER

APPLICATION DEADLINE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2015

Application deadline for the 2015 Miss Gila River & Jr. Miss Gila River Jr. Miss Gila River is Friday, January 30, 2015 @ 5:00 PM. Applications are available at all Service Centers, at the Communications & Public Affairs office located at the Governance Center or request can be made by emailing missgilariver@gric.nsn.us

Jr Miss Gila River Pageant
Friday, March 6, 2015—6:00 p.m.

Jr. Miss Gila River Eligibility Criteria

- Young women between the ages of 14-17 years of age on or before Friday, March 6, 2015
- Enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community
- Have never before held the Title of Jr. Miss Gila River
- Must be a full-time student with a minimum 2.0 G.P.A.
- Must be single, never married, and have no children
- Must not be cohabitating (living) with an intimate companion
- Must be willing and able to uphold the image and leadership role of Jr. Miss Gila River throughout the twelve month reign

Miss Gila River Pageant
Saturday, March 7, 2015—4:00 p.m.

Miss Gila River Eligibility Criteria

- Young women between the ages of 18-24 years of age on or before Saturday, March 7, 2015
- Enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community
- Have never before held the Title of Miss Gila River
- Must be a full-time high school or college student with a minimum 2.0 G.P.A. or employed full-time and in good standing with employer
- Must be single, never married, and have no children
- Must not be cohabitating (living) with an intimate companion
- Must be willing and able to uphold the image and leadership role of Miss Gila River throughout the twelve month reign

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

WINTER BIRD COUNT

Saturday
February 7, 2015

Schedule & Meeting Sites:

- 7am - Please meet at the location nearest you:
- D5: Casa Blanca Shell Station (Casa Blanca Rd. & I-10)
- D6: Komatke Chevron Station (51st Ave & Pecos Rd.)
- D7: Old Service Center (Baseline Rd. & 83rd Ave.)
- 11am - Cultural Event
HuHuGam Heritage Center
- 1pm - Bird Count Event Ends

Please Note: Transportation is not provided for this event.

*Family Event Everyone Welcome
all minors must be accompanied by an adult*

For any further information call GRIC/DEQ
520.562.2234



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