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Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade Commemorates 70th Anniversary

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Seventy years has passed since the U.S. Marines first raised the American flag on Mt. Suribachi on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima. On Feb. 21, veterans groups from across the nation and the state of Arizona gathered in Sacaton to pay tribute to one of World War II's most famous events.

The Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade and Ceremony honored the service of Gila River Indian Community member veterans, and, specifically, the late Ira H. Hayes from Bapchule, Ariz. in GRIC District 5.

Hayes was one of six soldiers who raised the flag over the embattled island. Joe Rosenthal, a photographer with the Associated Press took the iconic photo of the event on the fifth day of combat on the island.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica L. Antone welcomed the scores of veterans parading down Casa Blanca road in Sacaton. Kenneth Hayes, brother of Ira, and a highly decorated Korean War veteran, was grand marshal of the parade.

Gov. Lewis praised the veterans for their service and acknowl-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Iwo Jima Parade, Feb. 21, started with a fly-over above Casa Blanca Road in Sacaton.

edged the sacrifices they made to preserve our freedoms.

"Our Community members, they were always the ones to answer the call when our country needed defending," he said. "[This] is an event of healing, solemn remembrance and of celebration...for our true heroes."

This year's parade brought over 110 entries to the Community. Veterans groups came from as far away as North Dakota, Washington and Illinois. Among the procession of WWII veterans, six Navajo Code Talkers came out to support the event. Each of them was showered with thanks from

fellow veterans and parade guests.

Gov. Lewis was struck by how widespread the event has become, not only in the Community, but elsewhere. "This event started small, but proud," he said. "This tradition...has grown beyond the borders of Gila River." He credited the high turnout, which has

grown each year, to the hard work of members from the Ira H. Hayes Post 84.

Later in the day, Post 84 placed wreaths at the different monuments at Mathew B. Juan - Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park to pay tribute to fallen comrades and the sacrifices they made.

Post 84 Commander Urban Giff started off the ceremony saying, "The mission we have here is to give due reverence and recognition for the raising of the U.S. flag on Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima."

Giff talked about the hardship, pain and stress that soldiers encounter in combat. He said,

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GRIC Job Fair a Great Success

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

More than 340 people showed up to the Gila River Job Fair Feb. 28.

The job fair, which was exclusively for Community members, was a part of Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis's mission to increase the employment rate of enrolled GRIC members working for the Community.

At the job fair, people could apply on site to work for the Community, for Gila River Gaming Enterprises or the Gila River Health Care Corporation.

Tribal Human Resources organized the event under the direction of the Executive Office and used

it to roll out a brand new online application system, something it has been working on since the tribe installed a new procurement system, MUNIS, last year.

During the job fair the department received more than 200 applications through its new online application tracking system and nearly 50 more in paper, according Human Resources Analyst Randall Gardner. He said applications have been streaming in at a rate of about 25 per day since. The tribe has about 45 vacancies to fill and a hiring team of nine people.

The new online applicant tracking system will help the hiring team sort through applications and speed up selection, in part because they can look through new applications immediately after they are submitted and don't have to wait for job vacancy closing dates.

Over time, Gila River hopes to phase-out paper applications completely. The online applications require applicants to have and provide an email address. One major benefit

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Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

O'odham Tash Rodeo Returns

Eddie Miguel (right, District 4) ropes a calf while his partner Larry Sarafacio (left, Tohono O'odham Nation) aims for the heels. Miguel and Sarafacio placed second in Quad Nation Team Roping.

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Cowboys and cowgirls from the Gila River Indian Community represented their tribe at the O'odham Tash Rodeo Feb. 20 - 22.

Eight riders - Simon Moyah (District 5), Delbert Johnson (D2), Justin Rhodes (D3), Eddie Miguel (D4) Wahlean "Bobbie" Riggs (D5), Ronnie White (D5) and Doug and Joker Jones (D3) - participated in team roping events, and one hard-nosed Community member, Jalen Joaquin (D4), did Saddle Bronc and Bull Riding.

Penny Mix (D4) and Merlena Calabaza (D2) contributed to the rodeo by performing administrative duties such as checking in contestants and verifying scores, among other things.

Ronnie White placed fourth in the Senior Team Roping category with a time of 9.11 seconds. His header (the teammate that lassos the head) was Alvin Williams from the Navajo Nation.

Eddie Miguel placed second in the Quad-Nation Team Roping competition with his partner

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Jessica Joaquin/CPAO

The Governance Center during the Gila River Job Fair Feb. 28.

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Casa Blanca Community School, Skyline Middle School, Ira Hayes High School, and District 5 Head Start will be conducting an emergency evacuation drill and relocation drill on March 9th at 9:45AM to approximately 10:45AM.

Each site will be closed for a short time during this drill, including the main office. Phones will not be answered at this time, and students will not be able to be reached during this time. Emergency response vehicles and personnel will be on site to assist.

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Citizen's Police Academy

March 31, 2015 - June 6, 2015

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Classes will meet on various days from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm at the Gila River Police Department in Sacaton.

To register, please complete the application and return it to the Gila River Police Department by March 13, 2015. **No applications will be accepted after March 13, 2015**

To participate in the Citizen's Police Academy you must:

- ✓ Be a minimum of 19 years old
- ✓ Enrolled member or reside in the Gila River Indian Community
- ✓ No Misdemeanor or Felony convictions
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- ✓ Successfully pass a Criminal background investigation

** Class size is limited so get your application in early!

For more information about the Citizen's Police Academy please contact:
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FORMER IRA H. HAYES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN REQUEST OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Dear parents community members and former Ira H. Hayes Students
Since last June, we have been communicating and placing news articles about the closure of Ira H. Hayes High School. This past September, Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (ASBCS) did not renew our Charter.

Parents, do not be discouraged about this executive action taken by ASBCS. It was extremely difficult to know about this action last summer, but we are not going to give up. Because of this action, Ira H. Hayes High School became the school of choice for 150+ students this year. Even though we knew we were closing, more parents and students were promoting Ira H. Hayes High School. We thank parents, local community government, the Education Standing Committee (ESC), Community Council members, the GRIN, Lt. Governor, and Governor for supporting Ira H. Hayes High School.

Currently we have three students that have completed all graduation requirements and next week we are adding two more students to the list. Now that AIMS is no longer a graduation requirement, we are expecting 15 to 20+ students to graduate this May. As the school leader for Ira H. Hayes High School, my staff and I truly believe that all students can learn and achieve their goals. We continue to remind students about the importance to succeed in life. Furthermore, we challenge them to do more so they can become more. GRIC, the Governor and Council are inviting the Community to attend the Education Summit on March 21st. We want to hear your ideas and put them in action. Become part of this change because we can't change DESTINATION over night, but we can change DIRECTION over night.

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March 5th - March 31st

Class of 2006 to 2010
April 1st - April 30th

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May 1st - May 30th

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March 5th
School-Wide Read-a-Thon

March 6th
21st Century Afterschool
Program 3rd Quarter Ends

March 11th-12th
Parent Teacher Conferences

March 13th
Staff In-Service/No School
for students

March 16th- 20th
Spring Break/No School

March 27th
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March 30th
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child's blanket by Master Weaver Barbara Teller-Ornelas, Diné

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GRIC Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year

By Annie Gutierrez
 Gila River Indian News

Gila River Boys and Girls Club members Taiyne Juan and Ciarra Silvas shined from the podium as they accepted recognition for Youth of the Year of their respective Clubs Feb. 23, at the Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix.

The 23rd annual Youth of the Year Celebration showcased eight candidates from various east valley branches to represent the Boys and Girls Clubs of the East Valley for the 2015 – 2016 year.

Juan and Silvas were recognized for their outstanding leadership, academic achievements, moral character and service to their community and Boys and Girls Club.

Fifteen year old Juan has been an active member with the Sacaton Boys and Girls Club for eight years and serves as a tutor and mentor to other members. A sophomore at Coolidge High School, Juan is constantly recognized for her academic achievements and Honor Roll status. However, her hard work and dedication goes beyond classroom walls.

She is a member of a group called “Tribes” which unites youth to focus on support and improvement within the community. She has also taken an active role by leading highway clean-ups and fundraisers to support local education programs.

“Doing this made me feel proud to represent my community. I am a young O’otham woman getting her education and a scholarship. It makes me happy,” said Juan, D2.

For those considering whether or not to join the Boys and Girls club, Juan said, “You may hear stuff about the club that it is just for children but really it’s not. Talk to the staff, to teens, the kids – it gives you so much things that you wouldn’t have thought you needed in life. Go to the club, have

fun.”

At the ceremony, Juan received \$1,500 including a scholarship to Chandler–Gilbert Community College where she plans to study art and major in architecture.

From the Westend branch, Silvas’s leadership and positive nature caught the eye of Boys and Girls Club staff to nominate her for the title of Youth of the Year. Silvas has been a member of the Komatke branch for four years and has been involved with many Club programs as well as tutoring and the teen leadership club, Keystone.

“At first, I was like, ‘I don’t want to do it,’” laughs Silvas on being nominated and representing the Komatke branch.

“Over the months it taught me a lot. It taught me how to speak to people, be more sociable and not to be shy. . . They (the Boys and Girls Club staff) motivated me to be myself and not act like anyone else. They encouraged me not to give up and to try. It means a lot to me now”

Silvas is a sophomore at Caesar Chavez High School and is currently pursuing acceptance into the ACE (Achieving a College Education) Program with the Maricopa Community Colleges. She aspires to give back to her community and major in medicine and pursue a career in pediatrics.

The Youth of the Year is an annual recognition and scholarship program for members provided by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and its sponsors.



Ciarra Silvas (left photo) and Taiyne Juan (right photo) receive their recognition awards from Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley representatives.

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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.

Gov. Lewis Joins Leaders in Renewed Push for School Choice Measures

By GRIN staff
Gila River Indian News

PHOENIX- Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis joined other state leaders in celebrating School Choice Week with a crowd of roughly 1,000 people gathered at the state capitol.

At the event, held January 29, Lewis voiced his support for school choice measures as a means to ensure Native American students have a variety of educational options capable of affording opportunity and chances of success.

"To have real choices in education, we must make honest assessments about how things stand, commit sufficient funding to make the choices meaningful, and demand clear accountability and responsibility for both academic achievement and financial practices," he said.

Proponents of school choice, which seeks to provide students access to private, charter, magnet and even out-of-district public schools, have long regarded Arizona as a national leader that has helped create meaningful student alternatives for students of all backgrounds.

Native American tribes have created their own traditional and charter schools out of necessity, said Lewis, noting studies show Tribal student achievement in reading and math have remained relatively flat

or even declined relative to the progress of students of other ethnicities.

Sharing the thoughts of many parents, students and education officials in attendance, Lewis stressed the school choice and other policy measures including adequate funding are needed to complement – and not replace – public school systems.

"My message today is that Tribal leaders, like other state and local leaders in Arizona, are proud of the creation of educational choice here, but are also fully committed to improving educational choice so that no child or group of children are left lagging behind, and no school is left failing its students," he said.

The event included other speakers, including Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, who has made improving student access to quality schools and education, a key policy goal of his administration.

The National School Choice event at the capitol was hosted by organizations including A for Arizona, the Arizona School Choice Trust, the American Federation for Children, the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Arizona Charter Schools Association, the Goldwater Institute, the Institute for Better Education, LaBella Q Dance Studio and Americans for Prosperity – Arizona.

Community Science Fair

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

From "Popcorn Science" to "Ants, Sugar and Cheese" no idea was off limits to the young scientists at the Community Science Fair February 18 – 19. Students from Pre-K to 5th grade tapped into their inner scientist to create unique projects to display before a panel of judges.

This year's theme was "Keep Science Alive." Students from three Community schools participated: Sacaton Elementary School, Blackwater Community Day School and Sacaton Head Start.

Projects displayed in the Sacaton Middle School gymnasium were critiqued by 25 judges from the Department of Environmental Quality, Gila River Health Care, Intel, Honeywell and retired engineers. First through fourth place medals were awarded at each grade level. Gila River Sand and Gravel donated medals, pins and pencils to give out to students. Classrooms from the various schools formed teams and worked together to test their hypotheses and record their data on display boards.

For example, Mrs. Mary Katherine Bidle's Sacaton Elementary third grade class tied

for first place with their project "Soggy Cereal," in which they tested some of the school cafeteria's cereals.

"We each got four cereals and two milks," explained 3rd grader Reina Cassa. "We predicted what cereal would get soggy first. We said Cocoa Krispies would get soggy fast and our prediction was right."

"For everyone, it was a hands-on experience," Mrs. Bidle said. "We timed 10 minutes for each [cereal] and they were able to judge on their own which one was the soggiest. ... They all participated and helped with the board. It was a total group effort."

Ira Hayes High School students Isabella Baquetero and Sabrina Antone exhibited projects they completed at the United States Department of Agriculture research facility in Casa Blanca on the effects of nitrates in sprinkler systems on cotton fields.

Although the science fair had fewer participants than in previous years, Sacaton Elementary science teacher Jo Ellen Kinnamon remains optimistic about the its future.

"It's our 17th year and as long as it's here I'm going to keep fighting for it," she said. "We are very fortunate and blessed that Gila River Sand and Gravel sponsors this fair each year for us."

This year's science fair marks the first time students ages 3-5 from Sacaton Head Start participated in the annual event. "The younger we get these kids to [buy in], the better it is," said Kinnamon. "I get a kick out of the little ones. The big kids want those awards but to see the [children's] faces... that is [what's] keeping science alive."



Students display their science projects at the Community Science Fair Feb. 19 at Sacaton Elementary School.

Rodeo

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from the Tohono O'odham Nation Larry Sarafacio. Miguel was the header and Sarafacio roped the heels. They brought the calf down

in 28.4 seconds on two runs.

The Quad Nation Team Roping is open to enrolled members from the Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community and Tohono O'odham Nation.

Bobbie Riggs and her partner Charmayne Daniels (Navajo) from Tonopah, took second place in the All Girls Team Roping competition with a time of 19.02 seconds. Riggs, who is a former Indian National Finals Rodeo Breakaway champion, roped the

heels and Daniels was the header.

The O'odham Tash Fair and Rodeo lost its name for a four-year stretch from 2011 – 2014 after more than four decades in Casa Grande. In its absence the Casa Grande Cowboy and Indian Days grew rapidly. This year, event or-

ganizers came to terms over the use of the original name. Now the O'odham Tash is back and it has merged with the Cowboy Days into a two-weekend celebration of southwestern history and culture.

Paul Handley: New Gila Crossing Superintendent

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila Crossing Community School in District 6 recently appointed Paul Handley, Ph.D., as the new school superintendent.

Handley is a native of Phoenix and has worked in a career in school administration across the state of Arizona. He spent 30-years in education and has served as a superintendent for 20 of those years at different schools.

Hanley is hopeful he can improve the level of education for the GCCS students. He wants to set goals that can be achieved.

"We need to set high goals that are attainable," he said. "I want to help the situation here and I know everybody wants to be successful, but most important is focusing on our students' success."

Hanley has experience working with reservation schools. He previously worked as a superintendent for schools in Window Rock and Chinle on the Navajo Nation.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Paul Handley, the new Gila Crossing Community School Superintendent.

In his position, Hanley hopes to "make well rounded people," and believes the school has a duty to "facilitate their success."

He said, "I hope the education they receive will opens the doors to many opportunities."

Melvin Natani Named 'Fittest Kid at School'

Whether on the playground, in the gym or at home, Melvin Natani likes to stay active and encourages others around him to follow suit. His supportive nature and personal drive was recognized by the Sacaton Elementary staff on Feb. 13.

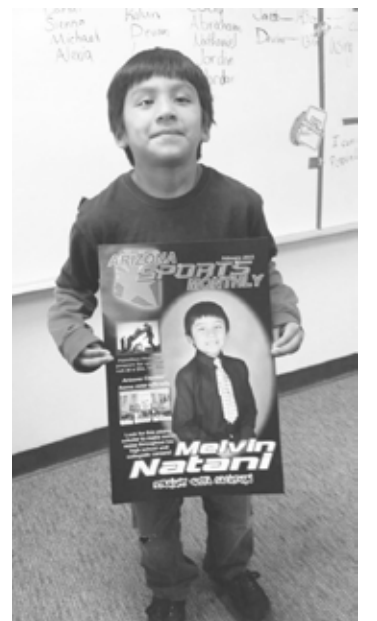
Natani, second grade, was chosen as being the fittest kid in school, for which he was awarded a plaque, a personalized poster and an iPod, donated by School Health Services. Physical Education Coach Shelly Huston picked Natani for his accomplishments.

"He is a true fitness leader," said Huston. When she was asked by School Health Services to pick the fittest kid in school she said, "Hands down – Melvin. He not only is physically fit, he encourages others."

The 8-year-old athlete has won the school's Indian Studies Fun Run three years in a row and attends the school's morning Fitness Club regularly. Natani stays very active at home by exercising with his family and participating in 5K runs with his mother.

He also plays ball with teams at the Boys and Girls Club. He is currently playing basketball and is headed to the Boys & Girls Club All-Star Game in March.

Natani likes to see his peers to stay active. He said, "Just keep on running and stay fit."



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

Melvin Natani, second grade, poses with a personalized poster he won for being the 'Fittest Kid at School.'

Sacaton Middle School 2015 Community Science Fair Winners

Grade	Project	Place
Early Childhood	Volcanos	1st place
	Colorful Daisies	2nd place
	Static Electricity	3rd place
Kindergarten	Popcorn Science	1st place
	Eggs	2nd place
	Elephant Toothpaste	3rd place
	Sonoran Desert	4th place
1st Grade	Microwave Candy	1st place
	Taste Perception	2nd place
	Density Sink or Float	3rd place
	Which Flavor Gum	4th place
2nd grade	Colored Carnations	1st place
	Blow Up A Balloon	2nd place
	Toilet Paper Length	3rd place
3rd grade	Ants, Sugar, and Cheese	1st place (tie)
	Soggy Cereal	1st place (tie)
	Static Attacks	2nd place
	Chill Pill	3rd place (tie)
4th grade	Floating Egg	3rd place (tie)
	Counting Colors	4th place
4th grade	Bio Gas	1st place (tie)
	Tropical Rainforest	1st place (tie)
	Bridges	2nd place
	Moldy Foods	3rd place
5th grade	Carbon Dioxide Rocket	4th place
	Paper Airplane theory	1st place
	Mentos vs Alka-Seltzer	2nd place
High School	Yeast Pressure	3rd place
	Balloon Toss	4th place
High School	Environmental Science "Effects of Fertilizer Mgmt. of Nitrates and Nitrate on Cotton"	1st place
	Plant Science "Nitrates Effects of Sprinkler System using Nitrates On Cotton Fields"	1st place

Iwo Jima Parade and Ceremony

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“Those of you that have endured this environment while carrying out missions that are assigned to them...they do it for one another.”

He said the families at home also endure the hardships of not knowing the fate of their family member. “We thank you for your courage, and we thank you for your support.”

Giff spoke about the significance of age, because many of the men that fought during WWII were young. “You veterans, you were in your twenties or were teenagers. You put yourselves in those situations and you came back.”

Film actor and First Nations member Adam Beach (Saulteaux) came out to support the event and pay homage to Ira H. Hayes,



whom he portrayed in the 2006 Clint Eastwood war film *Flags of Our Fathers*.

Beach said he was thankful to play the part of Ira H. Hayes. “I’m honored to be here, thank you again everybody,” he said.

Beach closed the ceremonies by talking about his appreciation for service men and women. He said, “Working on this film, I’ve learned that our veterans or new soldiers, they have a lot of courage, but a humble quality.”

GRIC Donates to Chandler Regional Medical Center



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with President and CEO of Dignity Health Mercy Gilbert and CRMC Tim Bricker (center) and President of Dignity Health Foundation of the East Valley Aaron Peace (right) in the main entrance lobby of the new Chandler Regional Medical Center wing.

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Chandler Regional Medical Center opened the doors to a new hospital wing last month and named the main entrance in honor of the Gila River Indian Community for its \$1 million contribution to the construction project.

Dignity Health, a regional health-care provider that operates CRMC, held a reception on Feb. 21, thanking local contributors for the hospital’s expansion.

The expansion project included work on emergency rooms, operating rooms and a 96-bed, five-story tower. The new entrance features a plaque bearing the GRIC tribal seal and the name of the Community.

At the reception, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis thanked CRMC and Dignity Health leadership for the honor.

A growing need for medical services in the East Valley led to the expansion for increased services at CRMC.

At the five-year mark of a ten-year development project, Dignity Health reached out to the Community for financial support.

Aaron Peace, the President for Dignity Health Foundation of the East Valley, said that it wasn’t just a meet and greet with GRIC, but more of an assessment of how the Community can benefit from the improvement of medical care at CRMC.

Cheryl Pablo, Program Administrator for the Office of Special Funding said the donation was a part of the tribe’s state shared gaming revenues. She said helping fund the CRMC project has its advantages.

“The decision to fund it came because we have a lot of patients that go to Chandler Regional Medical Center and the Community has a contract with them for medical services,” she said.

Pablo underscored how the Community and Dignity Health have established a good history together when it comes to capital projects.

The Gila River Indian Community healing garden at Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is one example of their history working together.

In 2008 the Community helped fund the development costs of Mercy Gilbert’s second tower.

“[They] dedicated the healing garden in honor of Gila River because of the contribution we’ve made,” Pablo said.

Mercy Gilbert worked with the Community during the design phase of the healing garden and incorporated plants familiar to the tribe like greasewood and shegoi.

Peace said, “We look to further develop our relationships with the Community.”

He touched on the opportunities that have already been explored, “We are continuing to work with [them] on a clinical side as well, with a lot of community outreach programs.”

Pablo said, “[This relationship] shows that Gila River is making contributions to the state for the benefit of all of us.”



Top: Ira H. Hayes Post 84 performs a 21-gun salute to honor fallen veterans. Bottom: Gila River Basket Dancers, led by Miss Gila River Lucia Antone, Miss Gila River First Attendant Annie Gutierrez, and Miss Gila River Second Attendant Anissa Garcia dance in the 70th Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade. Both photos by Christopher Lomahquahu, GRIN.



Enter your best tasting salsa!!

Call for Salsa Contest Details

2 Mile Morning Wellness Walk

- Ira Hayes Memorial Park
- Registration starts at 6:45 am
- Walk begins at 7 am
- Fruit Parfaits
- All ages welcome
- 1st 60 walkers receive T-shirts !!



National Nutrition Month

Health Fair

Friday, March 20th

FUN FOR ALL AGES!!!

Ira Hayes Memorial Park

10:00 A.M. — 1:00 P.M.

Join us For:

- Nutrition Information
- Fun Booth Activities; Food Demos

Hosted by Nutrition Assistance Programs- For more information call the WIC office at 562-9698 or Commodity Foods at 562-9233

Gila River Job Fair



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Human Resources employee Elisha Bishop helps Community members apply for jobs online at the GRIC Job Fair Feb. 28.

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of the new system is that after you fill out an application once, you can re-submit your information for other job openings with just a few clicks.

In coming weeks, the depart-

ment will also open up a new forgiveness program, another directive of the Executive Office, to give former employees who were let go for minor infractions the opportunity to try to get re-hired sooner rather than later.

The fair was held at both the Governance Center in Sacaton

and the District 7 Multipurpose building simultaneously for the convenience of people living on either side of the reservation.

Michael Lewis, a Community member from D6, said, "I think it's a good opportunity for [Community members] to see what they can apply for." He also said the implementation of the new online application system was a "great concept." He said, "It eliminates constantly filling out papers."

"It was definitely good for the Community," said Acting GRIC Human Resources Director Tomicita Woodie.

For those who are uncomfortable or inexperienced working with computers, Woodie said the HR Department is more than willing to help them apply at one of two kiosks they have installed in the Governance Center. "We're going to make ourselves available," she said, to help walk people through the new process.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Visits Gila River Telecommunications and Farms

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden spent the afternoon of Feb. 25 touring Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., the Gila River Farms and meeting with local farmers from the Gila River Indian Community.

Anthony Newkirk, Chairman of Board for GRTI, gave her a tour of where the new GRIC Broadcasting station transmits low-power TV to Community members.

"It has really grown," she said. "So many different things that are happening here started with the seeds of the USDA loan a long time ago."

The USDA-Rural Development loan, issued to the tribe in the late 1980s, allowed the Community to start its own telecommunications business to serve tribal members' phone lines, but that business has expanded to provide other technological services, including internet and now low-power TV.

Rodney B. Lewis, who served as General Counsel when the Community was negotiating for its water rights, discussed how the tribe is handling its water.

"We're basically a farming community. We've farmed for hundreds and thousands of years



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Krysta Harden with Councilman Brian Davis at Gila River Farms.

here, getting our water primarily from the Gila River," he said.

Later, Lt. Gov. Monica L. Antone introduced Harden to Community youth Charisma Quiroz, Celina Manuel, Sienna Marietta and local farmers Ramona Button and Renee Jackson.

"Farming was [the heart of] our economy before gaming came along," said Antone. "Agriculture is so rich to this Community. It is our himdag; it's our culture."

Quiroz, a Future Farmer of America member at Coolidge High School, put together a swine project where she learned about raising farm animals. She competed at the national FFA conven-

tion in Louisville, Ky. last year, where she took second place for her swine project.

Manuel and Marietta are with the agriculture class at Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud, where they are learning about bringing farming back to the Community.

Button and Jackson are Community farmers, who educate others about the importance of growing foods that were a staple of the O'otham and Pee-Posh diets. Button is the owner of Ramona Farms, where she grows a variety of beans native to the area in District 7, Maricopa Colony.

Jackson, D5, became interested in farming at school, where she got involved in the Native American student organization. Her interest flourished into a passion for growing healthy foods.

"Eventually it lead into doing a community garden," she said. Jackson said there are plans to get community gardens started in her district, but would like to see more garden projects across the Community, "so that everybody has access to healthy foods."

Harden said her visit "was terrific, but it wasn't long enough." It was refreshing "just seeing how [the Community is] reconnecting their youth back to the land and encouraging young people to have careers in agriculture."



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Krysta Harden (fourth from left) met with Community leaders, farmers and agriculture students.

A'AGA

Something to be told

By Billy Allen

Back in 1901-02, O'otham elder Ka mal tkak (Thin Leather) was asked what March was called. His answer: Kui I'ivagithag Mashath (mesquite leaves blooming). Antonio Azul said he learned it as S-cedag Mashat or green. Either way, the desert comes alive with native life. For us two legged, it's a great time to get out and visit interesting places. First visit the Internet. Google historical places in Pinal County, which has 109 sites listed on the National Register. Here are a few that I've enjoyed visiting.

Hieroglyphic Canyon is at the base of the Superstition Mountains, near Gold Canyon. The trail site states, "The ancient Hohokam carved images of men, antelope and snakes into the wall. You can hike around the spring to the petroglyphs, but please don't touch them. Also in the area is a rock shelter used by the Hohokam and a fantastic large rock where mortar holes tell the story of years of grinding grain."

Northwest of Florence is Poston Butte, the small hill with a rock pyramid on top. The Historical Marker Database site reads, "Charles Debrille Poston, 1825-1902, often referred to as the "Father of Arizona", promoted territorial status for Arizona during President Lincoln's administration. At various times Poston served as federal Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Arizona, agricultural agent in Phoenix, U.S. Land Register in Florence, U.S. Consul at Nogales and Arizona's first congressional delegate..."

Across the river, near the Tohono O'odham settlement of Little Florence Village, was Adamsville. There is an historical marker on the Florence - Coolidge highway. In 1868 an Army detachment from Camp McDowell was sent to the area because of a disagreement between the settlers and O'otham and Piipash. In 1869, over 200 O'otham and Piipash moved onto land claimed by Adamsville settlers. A special Indian agent and Chief Azul could not convince fellow tribesmen to return to their reservation. Florence petitioned the Army for more protection and the disagreement was settled with the reservation boundary being extended. In 1873, a son of Antonio Azul was killed in Adamsville. The killer was arrested, and the next day several hundred O'otham arrived in Adamsville. Troops from McDowell and Ft. Lowell were called in, but matters had quieted down by the time they arrived.

A thumbnail sketch of Lesson 32 of the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Education Initiative, explains the Sacaton Dam Bridge or San Tan Canal Bridge. Indian Irrigation Engineer Charles Olberg felt an Indian-only diversion dam would better serve the GRIC. He felt a dam and bridge were "absolutely necessary." Designing and planning the project began in 1917 but construction did not begin until the spring of 1923. The dam was completed on June 30, 1925. A dedication plaque on the dam stated the structure was built "with the efficient labor of the Pima and Papago Indians of Southern Arizona." With Coolidge Dam and Ashurst-Hayden Diversion Dam upstream there was little if any water to build up behind this dam. Any water that did flow downstream was absorbed into the riverbed.

The GRIN published an article about the Charles H. Cook Church in Sacaton. Cook was a Presbyterian missionary who came to our reservation in 1870. The two-story adobe church was built in 1918. Matthew B. Juan was laid to rest here for the second time on April 9, 1921. Reverend Cook was also responsible for the first school, which opened on Feb. 15, 1871. It had a blackboard, two dozen slates, and a Pima dictionary. A stone pillar monument at this school's location is just west of present-day Sacaton.

The next two are fragile sites, so please be careful and respectful when at these locations. About five miles north of Sacaton at the base of the Santan Mountains is the Ha-ak Va-ak Intaglio Site, also known as the Sleeping Giant. It measures 105 feet long and fits in with the O'otham story about the early times. It was an attraction during the early years of the Mul-Chu-Tha as buses would run sightseers to the site.

Hohokam-Pima National Monument is Snaketown. Plans were made for it to be developed, but it is considered a protected and sacred site. Snaketown was excavated in the 1930s and 1960s. To get an idea of how it looked, any publication by Emil Haury is recommended. Some Snaketown artifacts are housed at the Huhugam Heritage Center.

Maybe I'll see you out enjoying the sights for even though March Madness will be on, I will not be watching the men's tournament. (Sun Devils, 'nuff said.)

Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday Feb. 4, 2015**

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 February 4, 2015, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:23am

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams (9:25am), Rodney Jackson; D4- Jennifer Allison, Angelia Allison; D5-Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone (9:27am); D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Vacant, Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Franklin Pablo, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

NEW BUSINESS

3. Gila Crossing Community School Written Plan SY 2014-2015 (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Aaron Allery, Principal

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Southwest Indian Agriculture Association Award Presentation

Presenter: Councilman Brian Davis, Sr.

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Three Precious Miracles

Presenters: Elisia Manuel, Tecumseh Manuel

MR. TECUMSEH MANUEL AND MRS. ELISIA MANUAL PROVIDED HIGHLIGHTS OF THEIR PROGRAM AND THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR LEWIS, AND LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.

REPORTS

1. Pee Posh Veterans Association 1st Quarter Report FY 2015

Presenter: Danny Jenkins

REPORT HEARD

2. Office Of The Prosecutor – FY 2014 Fourth Quarter Report

Presenter: Rebecca Plevel

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:17AM]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Gila River Gaming Enterprises – Monthly Report December 2014 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Janice Ponziani, Gila River Gaming Enterprise, Board Of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Gila River Gaming Commission – General Report December 2014 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:52PM]

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Recognizing Skyline – Gila River District 5 School (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval with the proper information that was discussion earlier and forward to the Committee)

Presenters: Patricia Valenzuela

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Authorizing The Tribal Education

Department To Submit a Grant Application To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Adminis-

tration For Children And Families, Administration For Native Americans, Native American Language Preservation And Maintenance (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; G&MSC & CRSC concur)

Presenter: Carol Allen

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Memorializing An Amendment To

The Current Membership Of The Litigation Team By Replacing Councilwoman Monica Antone With Councilman Christopher Mendoza (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving A Consolidated Grant Application For The United States Department Of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation For FY2015 To Be Submitted On Behalf Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Jan Morris, Kami Hart, Casey Bilagody, Norma Nahsonhoya, Amanda Swinehart, Robin Begay

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving The Transfer Of The Gila River Indian Community Business Enterprise Liquor License To The Gila River Indian Community/Sun Valley Marina Development Corporation For Use At Events Held At The Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park And Rescinding Resolution GR226-14 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2014 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Center For Applied Research, Inc. (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving and Ratifying The Construction Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Tutor Perini Building Corp To Construct The Lone Butte Casino

Expansion And Renovation Project (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Temporarily Waiving Certain Rehire Program Restrictions Contained In The Employee Policies And Procedures Reference Guide For GRIC Enrolled Community Members For A Period Of Six Months (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; with changes)

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE TO A

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING UNDER

UNFINISHED

BUSINESS; GOVERNOR TO WORK WITH THE

COUNCIL SECRETARY TO CALL THE

SPECIAL MEETING AND

ON THE DATE

9. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 1995 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 1996 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 1595-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

12. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2753 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Seven Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recom-

mendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

13. A Resolution Certifying the Membership Count of the Gila River Indian Community As Of December 31, 2014 (LSC forwards to Council with recommended changes to resolution)

Presenter: Jane Johnson-Woody

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

CONTRA B. NELSON-HOLT

2. GRIC Constitutional Rights Issues (LSC forwards to Council under Old Business to discuss Mr. Perez constitutional rights issues regarding business license)

Presenter: Joseph M. Perez

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Code of Conduct Motion (Executive Session) (LSC motions to request that Council rescind the original motion made at the January 21, 2015 Community Council meeting and that the matter be made into a separate Code of Conduct complaint, and to go through the Code of Conduct process)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO RESCIND

THE ORIGINAL MOTION OF JANUARY 21,

2015 AND THE MATTER BE MADE INTO A

SEPARATE CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT;

AND TO GO THROUGH THE CODE OF CONDUCT PROCESS

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

4. RHIP Request for Special Council Meeting

Presenter: Councilwoman Jennifer Allison

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ADDRESSING THE RHIP POLICY

5. WHPDA Request for Special Council Meeting

Presenter: Lt. Governor Monica L. Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL

COUNCIL MEETING AT THE RAWHIDE

STEAKHOUSE ON FEBRUARY 19, 2015, 9AM

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors Vacancies (2)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE 2

VACANCIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE

CODE OF CONDUCT

2. Sacaton Peak - Southwest Ambulance (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Tana Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Gila Crossing Community School Written Plan SY 2014-2015 (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Aaron Allery, Principal

ITEM HEARD BEFORE PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTIONS

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

4. C&C Concessions Liquor License Renewal

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOT

SUPPORT THE RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSE

OF C&C CONCESSIONS WITH SUN VALLEY

MARINE

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS SUSPENDED THE

RULES TO ADD ITEM #5

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

5. Special Council Meeting Request

Presenter: Governor Stephen R. Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL

COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2015,

1PM, AT RAWHIDE, REGARDING THE

RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY WAIVING

CERTAIN REHIRE PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS

CONTAINED IN THE EMPLOYEE POLICIES

AND PROCEDURES REFERENCE GUIDE FOR

GRIC ENROLLED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS

MINUTES

*1. August 29, 2014 (Special)

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

>COOLIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL MEETING REGARDING SHORTENED SCHOOL WEEK, FEBRUARY 5, 2015, 6PM

>REVIEWING COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS FEBRUARY 20, 2015, 9AM

>CONGRESSMAN BEN RAY LUJAN, TRIBAL ROUNDTABLE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015, 4PM

>NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND MEETING FRIDAY,

FEBRUARY 6, 2015, 6PM WILD HORSE PASS

>LITIGATION TEAM MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 2015, 3PM ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:05PM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday Jan. 21, 2015**

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday February 18, 2015, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:19am

INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Monica L. Antone

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman (11:03am), Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Angelia Allison; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone (9:53am), Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa

Council Members Present:

D4-Vacant: D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. Southwest Indian Agriculture Association Award Presentation

Presenter: Councilman Brian Davis, Sr.

COUNCILMAN BRIAN DAVIS, SR. PRESENTED THE SOUTHWEST INDIAN AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION AWARD OF APPRECIATION TO GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS

REPORTS

1. Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 American Legion

Presenter: David Anderson

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Travel Report – 1st. Quarter – Fiscal Year 2015

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD

3. Health Resources Department Annual Report October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014

Presenters: Pamela Thompson, Janice Anderson

REPORT HEARD

4. Tribal Historic Preservation Office Report 14-26 Comprehensive Report on Canton Insane Asylum

Presenter: Reylynne Williams

REPORT HEARD

5. Gila River Sand & Gravel 4th Quarter FY14 Report

Presenters: Michael Morago, Robert Gazis

REPORT HEARD

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED

FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING

RECONVENED AT 11:03AM

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Gaming Internal Audit FY 2015 1st. Quarter Report (Executive Session) Presenter: William Tye

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Monthly Financial Report Ending January 31, 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Mike Jacobs

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving An Amendment To The Fleet Management Services Section V. Vehicle And Equipment Acquisition And Disposal Procedure, G. Executive Vehicle Program (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Sunshine Whitehair

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 1595-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 4222 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 1063 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Establishing An Interim Owner's Team For Addressing Preliminary Issues Involving Memorial Airfield In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Community Including Issues Involving The Memorial Airfield Corporation, The Gila River Airport Authority And Lease No. B-GR-86 (EDSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Thomas L. Murphy

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A

90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECON-

VENED AT 2:09PM]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*1. GRIC Constitutional Rights Issues (LSC forwards to Council under Old Business to discuss Mr. Perez constitutional rights issues regarding business license)

Presenter: Joseph M. Perez

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

2. Storage of School Transcripts for Vechij Himdag Maschmakud High School and Ira H. Hayes High School (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of option #3 for transcript storage upon closure of Ira H. Hayes High School and Vechij Himdag Maschmakud High School)

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE OPTION #3

3. Tribal Historic Preservation Office Report No. 14-37 Edward S. Curtis Copper Plates, Final Report (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation to not purchase, but entertain the Copper plates as a donation to the Community)

Presenter: Reylynne Williams

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOT PURCHASE, BUT ENTERTAIN AS A DONATION

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pima of Mexico Letters of Invitation (CRSC forwarded to Council to support the letter of invitation, for Governor's signature)

Presenter: Marshall Sunna

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUPPORT THE LETTER OF INVITATION

2. Code of Conduct Complaint Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 2, 2015, 9AM

MINUTES

1. August 29, 2014 (Special)

APPROVED

2. September 19, 2014 (Special)

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. October 1, 2014 (Regular)

APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

4. October 9, 2014 (Special - 9am)

APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

5. October 9, 2014 (Special – 1pm)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>INVITATION EXTENDED TO MEETING WITH SALT RIVER

>NCAI TRAVEL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015, 9AM AND 1PM

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:37PM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Do you know a teen parent?

BabySmarts Parenting Groups are now being offered to **Gila River Teen Parents!**

Teen Parents will:

- Learn more about their child's development.
 - Learn new strategies for discipline, napping, potty training...
 - Enjoy meeting other teen parents.
- Enjoy fun family time with their children!
 - Receive 1:1 parenting support and case management services

Please sign up or contact Heidi Bruder, BabySmarts
520-562-3321, x7157
hkbruder@grhc.org

Gila River Health Care Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic
 (Title X Funded)
MARCH 2015

Call to verify location 520 371-0132

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO CLINIC	3 VHM HIGH SCHOOL TEEN CLINIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	4 NO CLINIC	5 NO CLINIC	6 NO CLINIC
9 NO CLINIC	10 NO CLINIC	11 IRA HAYES HIGH SCHOOL TEEN CLINIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	12 D6 (KOMATKE) BY KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	13 NO CLINIC
16 NO CLINIC	17 NO CLINIC	18 NO CLINIC	19 NO CLINIC	20 NO CLINIC
23 D6 (Laveen) RTC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	24 NO CLINIC	25 D4 GILA BUTTE HOUSING 8:30-2:30PM	26 NO CLINIC	27 NO CLINIC
30 D3 (SACATON) BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:30-2:30 PM	31 NO CLINIC			SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Currently subject to change daily!!!!

Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

What's New at GRICUA?

Congressman Ben Ray Luján Visit

Congressman Ben Ray Luján (D-NM), visited GRICUA on February 6, 2015. Pictured (from L to R) are Board members Neil Banketewa, Pamela Thomas, Belinda Nelson, Congressman Luján and Chairman John Lewis. Congressman Luján is a member of the Commerce and Energy Committee. The Congressman was given an overview of GRICUA's role within the Community. GRICUA discussed renewable energy issues with Congressman Luján, including the barriers to tribes being able to directly utilize renewable incentives. The Congressman asked questions about GRICUA's solar installation. Congressman Luján took a tour of GRICUA's new LEED administration building and was impressed by the talent of the Community artists.



Native American Rights Fund Visit

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) group visited GRICUA on February 5, 2015. Governor Lewis and Councilwomen Sandra Nasewytewa (D6) and Angelia Allison (D4) were also in attendance. General Manager Gold informed NARF about what GRICUA does for the Community and also gave a tour of our new administration building. NARF also visited Gila River Telecommunications Inc. (GRTI) later that day.



GRIC Wellness Program

Congratulations to Chris Miller, Landrea Larney, Anita Diesen and Michelle Johnson (pictured above) for participating in the GRIC Wellness Program and earning at least 4,000 points in the first trimester of FY2015. They each were rewarded with a \$50.00 Walmart gift card. Keep up the great work!!



Featured Employee: Edwin Todechine

My name is Edwin Todechine. I am a General Foreman here at GRICUA. I have been in the electric utility industry for almost 30 years. I started my training with Salt River Project (SRP) in 1986. After SRP, I worked for an electrical contractor who was doing work for GRICUA. I was hired by GRICUA in December of 2009 and I was part of the original construction crew. In my time here at GRICUA I have seen a lot of changes and improvements in the reliability of the electrical service we provide. My crew and I strive to continue to improve the electrical service here on the Gila River Indian Community. It has been a very rewarding experience for me to be a part of an excellent organization. I have five children and two grandchildren. I only have one child at home; the others have grown and are living on their own. On my days off I spend a lot of time with my daughter. I also enjoy playing basketball, softball, bike riding and traveling.



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.
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 gricuacomments@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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Tuesday, February 17, 2015
Office of the United States Attorney, John S. Leonardo District of Arizona
Telephone: 602.514.7694 WWW.JUSTICE.GOV/USAO/AZ

GILA RIVER WOMAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ROBBERY AT THE WILD HORSE PASS CASINO

PHOENIX – Today, Prima Shalis Mendoza, 36, a member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge John J. Tuchi to 60 months in prison as a result of pleading guilty on Dec. 4, 2014, to robbery.

On June 26, 2014, the victim was parked outside the Wild Horse Pass Casino, on the Gila River Indian Community, when Mendoza approached her and threatened to shoot her if she did not hand over her purse. Mendoza fled with the victim's purse, but she was later arrested after a thorough investigation.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department, the Security and Surveillance Departments of the Wild Horse Pass Casino, and the Chandler Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Raynette Logan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

CASE NUMBER: CR-14-01065-PHX-JJT
RELEASE NUMBER: 2015-017_Mendoza

PUBLIC NOTICE – Civil Summons

Gila River Indian Community Plaintiff/Petitioner.
vs.
Marshall James Brooks
Defendant/Respondent.
CASE NUMBER: CR-2015-00076

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

TO: Marshall James Brooks
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 Initial 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
Time: 2:30PM

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. Pursuant to GR-02-10, Sec 16.713 of the Community Code.

DATED Tuesday, February 3, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE – Civil Summons

From the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Courts

Chris Allen
Guardianship Review Hearing
Case: J-13-0016/0017/0018/0019/0020
Court Date: April 16, 2015 at 11:00 am, Court room #2, 1st Floor
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Location: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, Building #23
Address: 10005 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Anthony Allen
Guardianship Review Hearing
Case: J-13-0016/0017/0018/0019/0020
Court Date: April 16, 2015 at 11:00 am, Court room #2, 1st Floor
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Location: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, Building #23
Address: 10005 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Faith Seota
Probate Hearing
Case: P-13-0060
Court Date: April 14, 2015 at 11:00 am, Court room #4, 2nd Floor
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Location: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, Building #23
Address: 10005 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256



Earn a trip to Washington D.C.

Every summer, the FRS Youth Tour brings together high school students from across rural America to visit our nation's capital and learn about rural telecommunications. The tour provides a forum for teens to meet and interact with their peers from other rural communities and visit key legislative, regulatory and government figures. Since its inception in 1995, the youth tour has hosted thousands of students. GRTI will sponsor a student for the 2015 tour which will take place from May 30th - June 3.

To attend, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a GRIC Member.
2. Must be in High school, age 16-17 at the time of the tour.
3. Submit an essay related to the telecommunications industry to Leeanna Paul at GRTI by March 13th.
4. Submit (2) personal references (Teacher, Counselor, etc.)

For questions regarding the FRS Youth Tour, contact Leeanna Paul at (520)796-8841 or Lpaul@gilarivertel.com

53rd Annual

Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Akimel O'Odham and Pee Posh Pride

"Celebrating the year of our water rights through dance, music, and art"

March 13-15, 2015

Carnival Rides * Pow Wow * T-Ball Tournament * Little League Tournament * Entertainment * Food Vendors * Arts and Craft Vendors * Fry Bread Contest * Half Marathon * Gila River Royalty Pageant * Wild Horse Race * Community Barbeque * Softball Tournament * Volleyball Tournament * Horseshoe Tournament * All Indian Rodeo * All Indian Junior Rodeo * All Indian Masters Rodeo * Elderly Chair Volleyball Tournament * Cultural Performances * Parade * Battle of the Bands * All Indian Men's Basketball Tournament * All Indian Women's Basketball Tournament * Community Stage * Entertainment * Thoka * Bull Bash *

Contact Us:

Gila River Indian Community Tribal Recreation and Wellness Center Program
 520.562.6176 Event Coordinator
 520.562.0479 Fair Office
 520.562.6122 Fax
 Visit us on the web at www.mul-chu-tha.com
 Email us at mulchutha@gric.nsn.us

Hours of Operation

Friday March 13, 12:00pm - 11:00pm
 Saturday March 14, 10:00am - 12:00am
 Sunday March 15, 12:00pm - 8:00pm

Admission Prices

5 & Under - FREE
 6 - 12 Years - \$4.00
 13 - 54 Years - \$6.00
 55 & Older - \$4.00



Gila River Health Care Respecting People & Culture

Native Americans Exempt From Tax Penalty

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) promotes health insurance coverage for all. For income tax year 2014, the ACA requires all taxpayers to report their proof of health insurance or pay a penalty. As a Native American with a tribal affiliation, you are entitled to an exemption from this penalty. This exemption waives the payment penalty. In order to claim this exemption, you have some options.

Exemptions from the Penalty

You may qualify for an exemption from the penalty for not having health insurance coverage for any of the months during the 2014 calendar year. The law states that you must have minimum essential coverage for all months. This rule applies not only to the tax filer, but must include any of the dependents that are claimed. One day of coverage in the month counts as coverage for the entire month. Here are some of the reasons the federal government will consider you as an exemption:

- You are a member of a federally recognized tribe or eligible for services through an Indian Health Services/tribal facility, such as Gila River Health Care (GRHC)
- The lowest-priced health care coverage available to you would cost more than 8% of your household income
- You are not required to file a tax return
- You are a member of a recognized religious sect with religious objections to insurance
- You are incarcerated (either detained or jailed), and not being held pending disposition of charges.
- You are not lawfully present in the U.S.
- You qualify for a hardship exemption.

Individuals need to only meet one of the above exemption criteria.

How to Apply for a Tribal Exemption

Members of federally recognized tribes, Alaskan Natives and people who are otherwise eligible for services through an Indian health care provider can

apply for an exemption two different ways. GRHC's Benefit Coordination staff would like to assist you with this two-step process.

I. Paper Application

The Benefits Coordinators can assist you with completing a paper exemption application form and mailing it with supporting documentation. You will need to submit documentation of membership in a federally recognized tribe. You must provide one of the following:

- Certificate of Indian Blood, or
- Tribal Identification Card or
- Letter from Gila River Health Care stating you are eligible for services.

Upon completion of this process, the Marketplace will send you an Exemption Certification Number (ECN). The ECN will stay with you forever, similar to a social security number. This number will tell the federal government you are exempt from the tax penalty. Once you receive this number, you would indicate this on your IRS form. Exemptions from this source need to be obtained at the earliest opportunity.

II. Claiming an Exemption on Federal Income Taxes

Remember, when you file a federal income tax return use the IRS health coverage exemption Form 8965. Codes for exemption (A-E) are listed in the instructions. Mark the specific code for Native Americans.

The important thing to remember is that Gila River Health Care has trained staff to assist patients with this process at both Komatke Health Care and Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital to assist with this process. Also, you Do Not require health insurance to be seen at any of our facilities. This change in the ACA does not impact your eligibility for care as a Native American at our facilities.

For more information, call the Benefit Coordination Department at: (520) 562-3321 ext. 1251.

GOOD FRIDAY 2015 HOLIDAY CLOSURE

HU HU KAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	CLOSURE SCHEDULE	DATE RE-OPENS
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT	NO CLOSURE	NO CLOSURE
DIALYSIS (EAST) - PHARMACY	NO CLOSURE	NO CLOSURE
PRIMARY CARE DEPARTMENT	APRIL 3 - 4, 2015 (CLOSED SUNDAY)	4/6/15 @ 8:00 AM
PHARMACY	APRIL 3 - 4, 2015 (CLOSED SUNDAY)	4/6/15 @ 8:30 AM
PHYSICAL THERAPY	APRIL 3 - 4, 2015 (CLOSED SUNDAY)	4/6/15 @ 7:00 AM
IMAGING	CALL FOR INFORMATION (520) 562.3321 EXT. 1232	4/6/15 NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS
KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER	CLOSURE SCHEDULE	DATE RE-OPENS
DIALYSIS (WEST)	NO CLOSURE	4/6/15 @ 8:00 AM
PRIMARY CARE DEPARTMENT	APRIL 3, 2015	4/6/15 @ 8:00 AM
PHARMACY	APRIL 3, 2015	4/6/15 @ 8:15 AM
PHYSICAL THERAPY	APRIL 3, 2015	4/6/15 @ 7:00 AM
IMAGING	APRIL 3, 2015	4/6/15 NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS
AK-CHIN CLINIC	CLOSURE SCHEDULE	DATE RE-OPENS
ALL SERVICES	APRIL 3 - 4, 2015 (CLOSED SUNDAY)	4/6/15 @ 8:00 AM
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER	CLOSURE SCHEDULE	DATE RE-OPENS
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER	CALL FOR INFORMATION (520) 769-3860	4/6/15 @ 8:00 AM
SHEGOI	APRIL 3 - 4, 2015 (CLOSED SUNDAY)	4/6/15 @ 8:00 AM
OASIS / DISTRICT #3	APRIL 3 - 4, 2015 (CLOSED SUNDAY)	4/6/15 @ 8:15 AM
OASIS / DISTRICT #5	APRIL 3 - 4, 2015 (CLOSED SUNDAY)	4/6/15 @ 8:15 AM

Gila River Indian Community Crisis Line
1-800-259-3449

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital
 483 W. Seed farm Road
 Sacaton, Arizona 85147
 (520) 562-3321 • (602) 528-1240

Komatke Health Center
 17487 S. Health Care Dr.
 Laveen, Arizona 85339
 (520) 550-6000

Ak-Chin Clinic
 48203 W. Farrell Road
 Maricopa, Arizona 85239
 (520) 568-3881



6TH ANNUAL CANCER AWARENESS DAY

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GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
**HASHAN KEHK (DISTRICT 2)
MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING**



HONOR WALK / RUN
REG: 7:30 AM - 8 AM
START: 8:00 A.M.

MAIN EVENT
START: 9:00 A.M.
SPEAKERS, ENTERTAINMENT,
GIVEAWAYS, HONOR BALLOON RELEASE

For more information contact:
Devin Pablo (520) 550-8000

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800-WIN-GILA

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