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GRIC Education Summit Looks at Challenges, Solutions in Tribal Schools

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

Education is an important issue in the Community today. With two tribal schools closing at the end of the school year and school performance ratings stagnant, the Tribal Education Department hosted an education summit March 21 to gather public input on improving tribal education.

Improving education in the Community has been a priority of Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis's administration since he entered office, and the education summit was one of the initiatives he announced in his inaugural speech.

"I want to engage with our Community members and empower them so they can have a voice in their government about education," said Lewis.

Approximately 113 community members, educators, and tribal leaders met at the Sacaton Head Start School for an open dis-

cussion on issues, concerns and solutions pertaining to tribal education.

Keynote speaker Deborah Norris, Director of Indian Education with the Arizona Department of Education, spoke briefly on tribal education in the state.

In her slideshow presentation, she showed the audience the low academic performance of Native American students compared to other ethnicities in urban and reservation schools.

Even though Native American students are slowly improving, she says the most important area of focus is college readiness.

According to an AMEPAC (Arizona Minority Education Policy Analysis Center) report, she said that among Native American students, "30 percent are not college ready."

"If we look at education 50 years ago, I can say we are doing better today than long ago," said



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

Community members and education experts voiced their opinions on education on the reservation at the GRIC Education Summit March 21 in Sacaton.

Norris.

Four breakout sessions focused on different levels of education: early childhood, K-8, high school, and adult/higher education. Booths were also set-up informing members of the various services available to Community

members.

Derek Thomas, D3, was eager to attend the early childhood session. Thomas, 23, has a four year old enrolled in the Sacaton Head Start program.

He said, "I'm a young parent and I wanted to know where we

are at with early education." He learned that Tribal Education offers a number of services to parents, including programs to help children gain experience before for they enter kindergarten, but he feels there should be more outreach to parents and grandparents about this.

In the sessions, each group

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Hundreds Trek Across O'otham Land in 20th Annual Unity Run



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

More than 300 runners participated in the Unity Run, which traveled from the Tohono O'odham Nation to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community from March 15 - 21, and stopping at traditional O'otham villages along the way.

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The Unity Run is an annual tradition that brings O'otham tribal members from various communities together for a week of running and prayer. This year, more than 300 runners traveled over 200 miles across traditional O'otham jeved (land) in the 20th Annual Unity Run.

"We utilize this run across our territory to renew our connection with our land, our ancestors and our Huhugam," said Unity Run Coordinator Shannon Rivers of Gila River, District 5. "We have these children recognize that they come from a long line of runners. We have endured this

weather and heat and the struggle as Native people."

From March 15 - 21, runners of all ages from Gila River, Ak-Chin and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Communities, as well as the Tohono O'odham Nation, journeyed across the desert starting in San Xavier of the TON and ending at Red Mountain in Salt River.

The Unity Run preserves a long O'otham tradition of prayer through running. Runners carried prayer staffs the length of the journey, sending blessings of wellbeing from village to village. Participants stopped in designated areas and camped each night

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Cancer Awareness Day Offers Prayers for Loved Ones, Support for Survivors

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Hundreds came out to the Hashen Kehk Multipurpose Building in District 2 to celebrate the 6th Annual Cancer Awareness Day, Saturday, March 28. The event honors the memory of those lost to cancer and celebrates life in the face of adversity, while also offering an opportunity for cancer survivors and individuals who have lost a loved one to cancer to share their story.

"[We] had a lot of people attend, with over 400 individuals in attendance," said Devin Pablo a Community Health Educator with the Tribal Health Department. "The event was really inspiring for a lot of people."

Cancer Awareness Day is an annual event put on in collaboration with the Gila River Health Care, the Community Health Education Program and Westend Health Committee.

Cancer has a high incidence among Native Americans and Alaska Natives. Common types of cancer in Native Americans are lung, prostate, cervix, colon, kidney and stomach cancer.

Unfortunately, many Native Americans are diagnosed in the later stages of cancer when treatment is less effective

because the cancer cells are more aggressive.

Events like Cancer Awareness Day help Community members understand the importance of getting regular check-ups and screenings for cancer.

The event kicked off with a 3-mile and 1-mile run/walk around the District 2 service center.

Honorary guest speakers included former governor Gregory Mendoza, Richard Thomas, Carolyn Terry, Patricia Millard and Darlene Antone, who publicly shared their stories about living with and overcoming cancer.

A key portion of the event was to inform Community

members about cancer so they can better understand what to ask or lookout for when visiting the doctor.

To conclude the event, participants attached the name of a cancer survivor or loved ones lost to cancer to a purple balloon and released it with the group as a symbolic gesture of remembrance.

Pablo said, "There is a lot of emotion that comes out," during the balloon release, but he said it gives the participants a sense of closure, releasing the negative emotions related to cancer.

"We have come a long way with the event," he said. Next year the Cancer Awareness Day will be in Sacaton.



Roberto A. Jackson/CPAO

Community members from all around gathered outside the District 2 Multipurpose Building March 28 to release purple balloons in honor of loved ones and victims of cancer.

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To learn about your options, contact **GRHC's Benefit Coordination Department** at (520) 562-3321

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Memorial Day
Monday, May 25, 2015.

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for more information.

ELDER'S CIRCLE

Signs an Older Loved One May Need Assistance

Changes in physical and mental abilities that may occur with age can be difficult to detect — for older adults and their family members, friends, and caregivers too. To help in determining when an older adult may need assistance in the home, see the following behaviors they may indicate the need to take action.

Has your loved one: Changed eating habits, resulting in losing weight, having no appetite, or missing meals? • Neglected personal hygiene? • Exhibited inappropriate behavior, such as being unusually loud, quiet, paranoid, or agitated? • Changed relationship patterns, causing friends and neighbors to express concerns? • Had physical problems, such as burns or injury marks, which may result from general weakness, forgetfulness, or misuse of alcohol or prescribed medications? • Decreased or stopped participating in activities that were once important to them (attending religious services)? • Exhibited forgetfulness, not filling their prescriptions, or missing appointments?

We invite you to talk to your GRHC Primary Care Provider.
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Monthly Elderly Concerns Meeting
Dr. Time Presentation: How we protect your medical information

May 13, 2015 - 9:30 am - District #5
Presenter: Bill Conati, Director
GRHC - Information Technology



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Gila River Health Care invites local artists to submit artwork for display in the new Viola L. Johnson Administration Building.

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April 24, 2015

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Life Center
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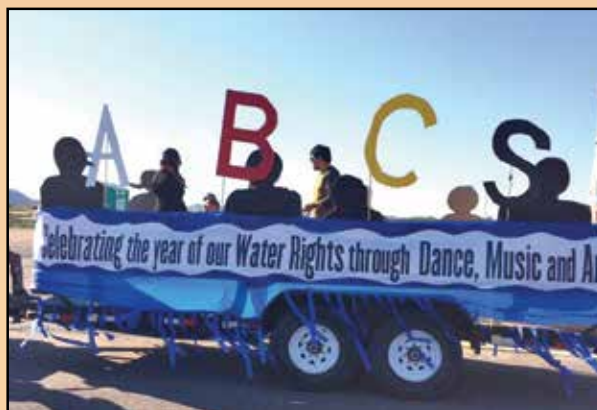
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We'd love to hear from you, contact:

Joni Notah
Patient Advocate Coordinator
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GRHC in the Community



2015 Mul-Chu-Tha
"Celebrating the Year of our Water Rights"
GRHC's employee parade entry theme encouraged Community Members to engage in health behaviors in order to participate in our culture's music, art and dance.



6th Annual Cancer Awareness Day
"Honoring the Journey"
Memorial Balloon Release.
Approximately 250 participants attended.

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Ak-Chin Clinic

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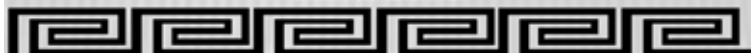
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**Deadline to apply:
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**Interviews will be held:
April 27th (D1)
April 29th (D5)
May 1st (D7)**

For more information contact Lloyd Honyumtewa
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CORRECTIONS

In the March 6 Edition, we mislabeled the Action Sheets for Feb. 18, 2015 as Jan. 21, 2015. We regret the error and apologize for any confusion.

The GRIN encourages comments and suggestions about content that warrants correction or clarification. To report an error call (520) 562-9719 or email grin@gric.nsn.us

March Events
Casa Blanca
Community School

April 17th
Child Find 1pm-3pm
April 21st
Board of Trustees Meeting at 6pm
April 20th-May 1st
AZ Merit State Testing for 3rd & 4th Grade Students



Gila River Indian Community
District #3 Gila River Bridge Ribbon Cutting
April 16, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Welcome Address: Timothy Oliver, Director
GRIC Dept. of Transportation
Invocation/Blessing: Harry Antone, Tribal Member
Honored Speaker: Stephen R. Lewis, Governor

Proceed to D3 Service Center 10:30 a.m. to 12:00pm
Continental Breakfast

Continue with Speakers:

Overview of Project: Steven Johnson, Sr. Civil Eng.
GRIC DOT
FHWA Representative: TBD
FNF Construction: TBD
Aztec Engineering/Slide show: TBD
Closing: Timothy Oliver, Director
Dept. of Transportation



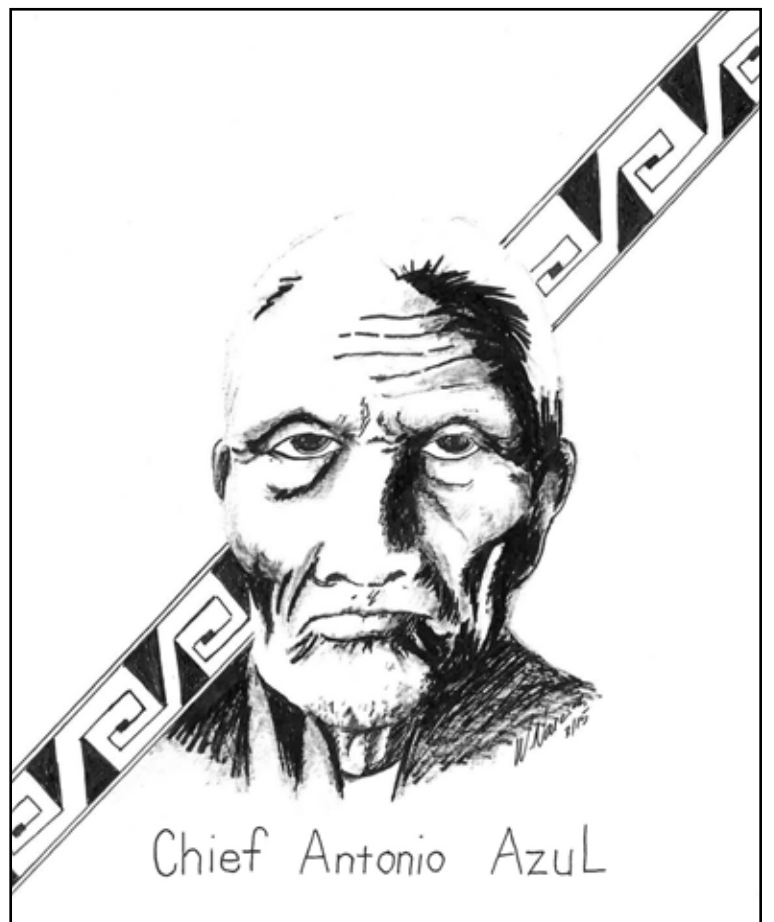
The Department of Transportation is proud to welcome you to this celebration of the new Gila River Bridge. In 2011 the Gila River Department of Transportation added the Gila River Bridge Replacement to its 5 year Transportation Program. That kicked off the typical development process starting with completing the design, environmental clearance, securing needed ROW and coordination with BIA and FHWA for approvals to move forward with construction which was expected to require a six month closure of Sacaton Road at the bridge.

At that time, little did we know that the Community would be fortunate enough to receive not one grant (SHRP@ 500,000) to assist with the bridge replacement, but two (FHWA Bridge Replacement funding of 2.2 million) which covered a majority of the replacement costs. These two grants obligated the Community to have its designer Aztec Engineering modify its approach and construction methodology and allowed us to build the bridge in pieces next to the existing structure, keeping it open to traffic until the last minute. FNF, our contractor closed the road, tore down the old structure, and slid the new bridge pieces into place. This reduced the total road closure from 6 months to just over 10 days, thus significantly reducing impacts to you, the daily users of this facility.

As you look at the new bridge, you all should be proud that the Gila River Indian Community is the first tribal community to complete a bridge slide in the country. We also demonstrated that the Community has the wherewithal to carry out a very complex transportation project that has been showcased across the country. This project established a simple cost effective bridge slide alternative that communities across the country can replicate. Thank you and have a great day.

Tim Oliver

"Pima's crossing the Gila River in 1907, on their way to off reservation for food" (Photographer unknown).
*Picture courtesy of GRIC CRMP



Artwork by Community member Wayne Narcia

A'AGA

Something to be told

By Billy Allen

"Let's get going; the hot weather is about to fall upon us."
"The hot weather is coming; the sun has turned and is walking back."

Two ways elders would refer to the springtime. Looking at the mesquite's yellow flowers you may realize why April is also called Kui Hiosik Mashath. April also starts the baseball season.

In my youth baseball was THE game. Little did we know of Native Americans who had played in the majors: Louis Sockalexis, the first Native to become a Major League ballplayer and Chief Bender, the first Native in the American League and one of two (Zack Wheat is the other) Natives enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Opening day will see three Natives: Kyle Lohse, Jacoby Ellsbury and Joba Chamberlain, on Major League rosters. From the movie Field of Dreams: "The one constant through all the years...has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again. But baseball has marked the time."

I knew baseball had a long history in our community, but did not realize how far back that history went. The City of Chandler Website, chandlerpedia.org, has blurbs from Chandler's first newspaper. For March 7, 1913, it mentions a Chandler baseball team, one of three, barely beating a Native team from Sweetwater. On April 4, 1913, the Sweetwater Indians beat a Chandler team 12 - 6. Another one mentions a Chandler team losing to a Sacaton team 13 - 3.

On Sept. 6, 1912, a Casa Grande newspaper reported the Casa Grande Grays beat the Sacaton Indians, 4 - 2. The Grays next games would be a doubleheader against Sweetwater and Sacaton in Sacaton. The lineup for Sacaton listed David Wiston, Mark Havier, Luke Antone, J. Roe Morago, Isaac C. Antone, Jas. Nathan, M. Osif, David Antone, and Lewis Thomas, with Thomas King the umpire.

On January 4, 1918, the paper also reported, the Sacaton school and the athletic club would meet to select a captain for the baseball team. The ball players would take a thorough course of training under professional instruction, with the goal of outplaying any team in Arizona. The paper stated, "The talent is on the reservation and proper instruction and teamwork will bring it out."

Growing up on GRIC, I was aware most community celebrations included a baseball game. A vivid memory from my youth was driving into the old rodeo grounds in Sacaton for a Memorial Day rodeo. A baseball game was in progress. It wasn't the first time I had seen a game but it was the first I remember grown men playing "hard ball".

When my older brother began to play with the local men's team, I tagged along. I can still recall the speed of the pitch, the players, and the use of O'otham phrases. At practice, us young ones became "go-fers", chasing fouls, wild pitches and errant throws. We felt like we were part of the team. It was if we were initiated into a modern day warrior society. The diamond was no different from the battlefield, for one had to deal with pain, heat, dust, taunts and use strategy to overcome the "enemy".

It always seemed opposing teams saved and used their best efforts against Casa Blanca. However with the O'otham game, no matter how heated the competition was on the field, all got along post game. After all, most of us had known the other team members all our lives and some were relatives. If I had known all of this and when the game was to start, I would have channeled Ernie Banks and said, "Let's play go: k!" (Wake up an elder and ask for a translation.)



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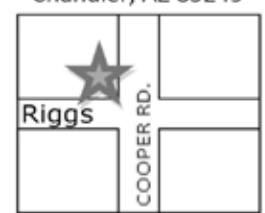


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COMMUNITY UPDATES BY GRIN STAFF

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

Keep the Promise Act Passes U.S. House Subcommittee

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

H.R. 308 – “Keep the Promise Act of 2015,” a bill that addresses the construction and operation of tribal casinos in urban areas, passed the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee March 25.

The bill, supported by Arizona Representatives Paul Gosar (R), Ann Kirkpatrick (D), Matt Salmon (R), David Schweikert (R) and Trent Franks (R), is aimed at stopping the construction of casinos on reservation land taken into trust after April 2013.

In a press release by the Gila River Indian Community, “The Act...will keep the promise agreed to in 2002 by tribes and...Arizona

voters [and] prevent the opening of the Tohono O’odham Nation’s Glendale casino, currently under construction in the middle of a neighborhood near homes, schools and houses of worship.”

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said in a statement, “This vote was a solid victory for all of us who oppose destroying the balance of tribal gaming in Arizona.”

He said, “[We] look forward to the Keep the Promise Act moving through the federal process... We will continue to do everything possible to protect the integrity of tribal gaming in Arizona.”

He emphasized the importance of maintaining a balance between Arizona tribes on Indian gaming.

Rep. Franks, who represents

the 8th Legislative District of Arizona, was the bill’s primary sponsor, and believes the building of a Tohono O’odham Nation casino could hurt the future of Indian gaming.

In a statement on Rep. Frank’s official website he said, “I commend the Natural Resources Committee for passing H.R. 308, the Keep the Promise Act.”

He said that H.R. 308 aims to uphold the agreements made in the gaming compact that was passed in Proposition 202 in 2002. “This bill is not about a vendetta. Nor is it about ending gaming in Arizona.”

The bill states that Arizona tribes must limit the number of casinos located near the Phoenix metropolitan area until the gam-

ing compact expires in 2027.

“Without the passage of H.R. 308, openings by tribal casinos could pave the way to the Arizona Legislature allowing off-reservation casinos. If this were to happen, it could open the door to the gaming rights that Arizona Indian tribes possess,” read the GRIC

press release.

Lewis said, “[We] appreciate the support of leaders like Reps. Franks, Gosar, Kirkpatrick and others [who] continue to stand up for keeping the promise made to voters and keeping casinos on traditional tribal lands.”

Education Summit

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discussed concerns, tribal programs and needs while others expressed ideas on improving the system with solutions to target student challenges and ways to keep them interested in school.

Facilitators listened and wrote ideas on blank sheets of paper hanging on the walls. After the sessions, attendees were given three blue dots to place next to their top priorities, such as tutoring services and transportation support.

For Wilfred Wellington, the summit was a way of listening in and voicing his ideas on the subjects of early childhood and adult education.

“I think of the way the Community is and I see all the possibilities” for growth, said Wellington, 85. Wellington obtained a Bachelor’s Degree in sociology and encourages his children and grandchildren to follow suit.

He believes that a library on the reservation will benefit students, expand their knowledge and encourage higher education. He said, “These children need encouragement and things like a library and this (education summit) to keep them going.”

Now that the summit is concluded, all the information expressed during the sessions will be analyzed and compiled into a report by the education administration to be presented to tribal leadership for review before creating a master plan.

“This is not the conclusion. This is the first step,” said Patricia Valenzuela, acting director of TED.

In the future, Valenzuela says there is a possibility for another summit but for now her focus is following through with the information. “We gave everybody the opportunity to speak and now we have to really make sure their voices were heard.”

GRBH Tells Westend Youth “Get Excited About Your Future”

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Community youth got an opportunity to look at where their future may lead them at the “Getting Excited about Your Future” youth event, held at the Komatke Boys & Girls Club in District 6 on March 19.

The EMPACT Suicide Prevention Center, a behavioral health program based out of Tempe, and Gila River Behavioral Health set up the event to reach out to youth, offering information on different career opportunities.

Representatives from Arizona State University, the University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University presented booths loaded with information about the different academic programs they offer. Other places like the Arizona Education Institute and the Art Institute had representatives out to answer the youth’s questions too.

The Gila River Fire Department and EMS brought out their emergency vehicles and equipment to demonstrate how vehicles and equipment are used to perform their duties.



For students interested in military service, recruiters from the Army National Guard were able to share information about life in the armed forces.

So how does this all play into suicide prevention? It is a unique form of prevention that aims to get youth thinking about opportunities for their future.

Sandra McNally, a Prevention Manager with the EMPACT Suicide Prevention Center, said, “Hopelessness is one of the factors for suicide that could lead to lack of goals in youths.”

This form of intervention prevents youths from getting a sense of hopelessness that could lead to unhealthy life decisions.

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SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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PER CAPITA CORNER

Per Capita Schedule

2015 Deadlines	2015 Payment Dates
March 15 (passed)	April 30, Thursday
June 15, Monday	July 31, Friday
September 15, Tues.	November 2, Monday
December 15, Tues.	

Trust Schedule

2015 Deadlines	2015 Payment Dates
March 31 (passed)	April 15, Wednesday
June 30, Tuesday	July 15, Wednesday
September 30, Wed.	October 15, Thursday
December 31, Thur.	

IMPORTANT REMINDERS/INFORMATION

- Always keep your address current at the Enrollment Office with an Address Update Form and always submit an "IRS W-9 Form" to the PCO showing your new address.
- Turning 18 years old by July 31, 2015? Apply for adult Per Capita benefit before June 15, 2015 to be eligible for the July pay-out. If you do not apply you will not be paid.
- To change your payment type, submit a "Payment Method Change Form" by the deadline date. No need to submit a new application; approved applications for Per Capita are permanent.
- Only the PCO, Power of Attorney form is acceptable for PCO use. The fully completed form is valid for one year from the date it is notarized. The POA form must be on file by the deadline date (45 days before a payout) to be in effect for that pay-out.
- Per capita income is taxable income.

ATTENTION - PAY CARDS WILL CHANGE

Effective July 31, 2015, the Chase Pay Cards will no longer be ordered or updated and this date will be the FINAL deposit made to the pay card account. After that date, Chase Pay Card will continue to work until the balance is zero. No worries! The PCO is currently in the process of selecting another pay card service provider. Once selected, all Chase Pay Card users will be sent a new pay card with new instructions and new information for users. As usual, between now and then any current pay card user may change a payment method with a Payment Method Change form as long as the form is received by the deadline date. Our recommendation: Continue to be paid on the pay card method if it has worked well for you! Stay tuned for further updates.

CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

The PCO will be CLOSED, Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, in honor of those who have served and paid the ultimate sacrifice for us. To those families - we cannot thank you enough and offer our respect and honor to you too.

PER CAPITA MINOR TRUST ACCOUNTS:

Submit your request to Providence First Trust as early as possible in the quarter. Early submittal will give Providence a chance to review your request and notify you if further information or a correction is needed. Call Providence at (800)350-0208 or (480)282-8812 if you have questions.

PER CAPITA OFFICE INFO:

The PCO is open Mon. - Fri., 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. You may call our direct line (520) 562-5222 or (866)416-2618. Please leave a message: Name, Tribal ID#, Call back # and why you are calling. We will return your call by the end of the next business day. Information and forms are also available on the website www.mygilariver.com, and/or we can mail the information to you.



Unity Run

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along the way.

As the midday sun beamed over the dry desert, the runners made their way to the Sacaton Caring House, March 19, where they were greeted with cheers and applause from supporters. Traditional singers sang for the group as they circled the parking lot four times. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Community Council also greeted the runners and gave thanks for the blessings. While at the caring house, the runners shared a meal with residents and elders before continuing on their journey.

"It was humbling and a blessing to be able to lead the runners behind me - knowing that everybody runs for different reasons," said Anissa Garcia, 20, GRIC D3. This is Garcia's second year participating in the Unity Run. She,

along with Ernesto Suniga, D4, carried the prayer staffs as they led 180-plus runners into the Caring House lot.

"Seeing the elders, shaking their hands and seeing the look on their faces - they were so grateful for what we were doing and excited that we came to visit them," said Garcia.

The Unity Run has been going strong for 20 years. With the help of coordinators from the four sister tribes and volunteer staff, the run continues to grow each year keeping O'otham himdag and traditions alive.

"We thank our brother, our elder and mentor Melvin Fulwilder (Salt River, a founder of the Unity Run) for carrying on this vision and dream and ability to come together as O'otham," said Rivers.



Unity Run runners shake hands with elders at the Sacaton Caring House March 19. Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

Westend Job Expo

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McNally said "It's a wonderful opportunity to get the youth out here to see what is available to them, so we decided to do a resource fair."

"One way to get the youth started on thinking about their education, is to start early," she said, and this is most important at this time in their life.

Many of the youths weren't just from the Westend of the Community, some came out from other districts across the Community to meet with career specialists.

Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington and First Attendant Cheyenne Jackson spoke to the youths about pursuing an education.

Whittington, a college graduate, talked about her passion for education. "I recommend Community members take advantage of the opportunities available to them," she said, referring to the Gila River Student Services scholarship program.

"I want to encourage education, because I want everybody to follow their passion and find something in school that you really like."

Whittington encouraged the youth to view their educational opportunity as a way to share the Community with other non-natives.

She said "I really was an ambassador of the Community at [that]

time and I've found that it was something I really enjoyed doing was sharing who we are."

Jackson said she is excited about encouraging the youth at the Komatke Boys & Girls Club, where she works as a Game Room Supervisor. "I try to inspire kids by talking with them about school even though they may be young."

She said "Education is the path you have to go to make it. If you have an interest, go for it." Jackson believes encouragement helps fuel interest in going to college and having a passion for something will make the experience worthwhile.



Joseph Bahe speaks to a student about the opportunities of becoming a veterinarian at the job fair. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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6. Gila River Sand & Gravel is located in this District

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1. District 2, known in O'otham as Hashen _____

2. Governance _____ - Located in District 3

3. Park, located in District 6

6. Animal Control keeps their stray animals in this District

DID YOU KNOW?

Earth Day is April 22, 2014.

Community Event at Ira Hayes Memorial Park from 10am-2pm

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Hello Kids,
Celebrate this Easter with a heart filled with peace, joy and cheer!
Have a happy Easter!

The birthstone for April is the diamond.

Easter Bunny Visits RPY

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The children at the Residential Programs for Youth (RPY) had a wonderful surprise visit from the Easter Bunny, March 26.

Since last month, Sheila Rhodes, a secretary for the District 3 Elderly Liaison Services Department, and her district elders have been busily preparing the Easter baskets for the children at the RPY center, head start and special education program.

The group of elders also donates Easter baskets to residents in the Sacaton Caring House.

The Easter bunny visited each of child-care locations to deliver the baskets. These are not the usual Easter baskets you find in the stores; each basket has a personal touch

to them and is hand-designed by the elders.

Corinne Escalante, a District 3 elder, says she enjoys putting the baskets together, because she knows some kids will be happy this Easter.

"We started late, but we are working to get [them] out," she said with a look of confidence.

She gets a sense of satisfaction thinking about the whole purpose behind the project. "Sitting there looking at those little kids reminds me of my own grandkids," she said.

Louvella Hendricks, another District 3 elder, shared her experience on the Easter basket project.

She said their work has caught the attention of other district elder groups, some of them inquiring about how they put the Easter baskets together.

Hendricks said, "I enjoy working on [them] because we make our own decorations." Some of the decorations are hand cut and affixed with a hot glue gun.

When the Easter bunny shows up at each of the centers, "Some of the kids are scared, some are happy," Hendricks said smiling at the reactions she's seen.

In total, the D3 elders have been putting together Easter baskets for five years, and do the same thing during Christmas.

During the Holidays they put together Christmas stockings, delivering them to the same locations.

According to RPY Administrator Kim-

berly Herman, "The thoughtfulness and generosity is very much appreciated by the RPY staff. Many of our residents do not have opportunities to celebrate holidays such as Easter with their immediate families."

She said, "Having baskets full of goodies for the kids to enjoy is a blessing that we recognize, and are thankful for. The kids had a wonderful time with the Easter Bunny; their smiles were priceless and worth every second!"



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Pictured in photo: RPY Administrator Kimberly Herman, RPY Recreation Coordinator Mark Miller, RPY Liaison Caseworker Amy Paul, RPY Youth Development Specialist II Adam Cordova, Chair for Elders Rhonda Ruiz, Vice Chair for Elders Dennis Williams, Secretary for Elders Sheila Rhodes, Treasurer for Elders Ina Lyons, Gloria Osife, Rowena Juan, Betty Perez, and "Benny the Bunny."

Sexual Assault
Awareness Month

Gathering
April 18, 2015
District 2 Service Center
7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a day of Speakers, Informational Booths and Food!

Agenda:
7:00 a.m. - Registration
7:20 a.m. - Prayer
7:30 a.m. - 5k Run/Walk kickoff
9:00 a.m. - Speakers and Information Booths will start
10:30 a.m. - Traditional Basket Dancers (Demonstration)
11:30 a.m. - Lunch
2:00 p.m. - Closing of event

For more information contact, Crime Victim Services at: 520-562-4106

"Healing from Victim to Survivor"

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Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday March 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 March 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 9:17am

INVOCATION

Provided by Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51 Chaplin Darlin Antone

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, Rodney Jackson; D4- Jennifer Allison, Angelia Allison, Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Janice F. Stewart (9:20am), Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa;

Council Members Absent:

D4-Vacant; D5- Robert Stone; D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. Miss Gila River Lucia Antone Farewell Address

Presenter: Miss Gila River Lucia Antone

MS. LUCIA ANTONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND HER EXPERIENCES DURING HER REIGN AS THE 51ST MISS GILA RIVER. GOVERNOR LEWIS, LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE, AND VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND WELL WISHES.

(15-Minute Reception in Chambers Lobby)

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:27AM]

REPORTS

1. Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51 – 1st Quarter Report – FY 2015

Presenters: Alison Anderson, Lois Thomas

REPORT HEARD

2. Boys & Girls Club Of The East Valley Gila River Branches – Quarterly Report (October 2014-January 2015)

Presenter: Rebecca Martinez, Jason Jones

REPORT HEARD

3. Gila River Health Care - FY 2014 Annual Tobacco Tax Report

Presenters: Myron Schurz, GRHC Representatives

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR AN HOUR AND HALF LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:48PM]

4. Gila River Telecommunication Inc. – FY 2014 – 4th Quarter Update

Presenters: Anthony Newkirk, Pam Thomas, Bruce Holdridge, Charles Miller

REPORT HEARD

5. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority - FY 2015 1st Quarter – October 1, 2014-December 31, 2014

Presenters: John Lewis, Neil Banketewa, Leonard Gold

REPORT HEARD

6. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority - FY 2014 Audited Financial Statements

Presenters: John Lewis, Neil Banketewa, Leonard Gold

REPORT HEARD

7. Presentation- Integrated Ag Financial (IAF), L.L.C

Presenters: Cecilia Martinez, Jon-Michael Nahon

REPORT HEARD

8. 2014 TLOA Update – Report

Presenter: Judge Anthony Hill

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Report: TLOA Status Report

Presenter: Michelle Bowman, Melanie Yazza

MOTION MADE, SECOND AND DEFEATED TO TABLE REPORT HEARD

10. Police Department 2014 Overview

Presenter: Kathleen Kirkham, Chief

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11. DRS 2014-2015 TLOA Preparation, TLOA Accomplishments

Presenters: Corina Brown, Sarah Babu, Leonard Godsil,

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. CCDF Annual Report

Presenter: Melissa Madrid

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. – FY 2014 Audit Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Janice Ponziani, Kenneth Manuel, Board of Directors, Stephen Harris, REDW, Anthony Gerlach, REDW

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc – Monthly Report January 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Janice Ponziani, Board Of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Gila River Gaming Commission-General Report January 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Courtney Moyah, Serena Joaquin, Gila River Gaming Commission

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. Treasurer's Report – 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 5:04PM]

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Second Modification Agreement To The Credit Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 4168 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Seven Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 4168 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Seven Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2906 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Seven Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 415 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 3210 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

7. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 4874 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving the Petition for Enrollment of Samantha Enos into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Approving the Petition for

Enrollment of Nicholas Orlando Lewis into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Approving the Petition for Enrollment of Rianna Marie Tate into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval; with additional letter submitted)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Approving the Petition for the Enrollment of Trina Tina Fasthorse into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

APPROVED

12. A Resolution Approving the Petition for the Enrollment of Sia'Likjuk E'Ba'Dak Nish into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to

Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

APPROVED

13. A Resolution Approving a Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Gila River Indian Community and the City of Chandler for Emergency Police Services (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Chief Kathleen Kirkham

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14. A Resolution To Designate Three (3) Additional Representatives In Addition To The Tribal Historic Preservation Office To Access The FBI Artifacts Website (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Reylynne Williams

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Alternate Court of Appeals Judge Appointment (1)

Presenters: Community Council

GREGORY SMITH APPOINTED

2. Gila River Farms – Strategic Business Plan (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council under Unfinished Business)

Presenters: Betsy Greene, Jonathan Allen

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE

THE CURRENT FARM BOARD AND APPOINT

COUNCILPERSONS ARZIE HOGG, BRIAN

DAVIS, ANGELA ALLISON, CAROLYN

WILLIAMS AND FRANK PABLO SR. AS THE

INTERIM FARM BOARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND THE INTERIM

FARM BOARD TO BE APPOINTED FOR A

PERIOD OF 2 MONTHS; THE INTERIM FARM

BOARD WILL PROVIDE MONTHLY REPORTS

TO THE G&MSC, OR AS OTHERWISE

DIRECTED; AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE

OPERATION OF GILA RIVER FARMS WITH

OPTIONS

3. Gila River Farms – Operating Report (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council under Unfinished Business)

Presenter: Tiffany Horne

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Revenue/Internal Audit Department (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to the Community Council with recommendation to accept)

a) Plan Of Action For On-Going Review Of Audits

Presenters: William Tye, Pamela Thompson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Telecommunications Inc. Board of Directors Declaration of Vacancies (2) (Subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenters: Community Council

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THE CANDIDATES BE FREE OF ANY FELONY

BACKGROUND FINDINGS

2. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

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Board Of Directors Declaration of Vacancy (1) (Subject to the Code of Conduct
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE (1) VACANCY; SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT
3. District Six Letter of Appointment for Shelby Francisco To CAB (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenters: Darren Pedro-Martinez, Chairwoman
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
4. Monthly Procedures for closing down Ira H. Hayes (ESC forwards to Community Council)
Presenter: Crispin Zamudio
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS FYI
5. Income Tax Considerations Affecting Potential

Reform of EDQLP (LSC forwards to Community Council for action seeking financial analysis on the amendments of EDQLP under New Business)
Presenter: Pamela Thompson
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO FOR ADMINISTRATION TO DIRECT A REVIEW OF THE EDQLP WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF REFORMING THE PROGRAM MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE DECLARATION OF COUNCIL SECRETARY'S POSITION [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
6. Council Secretary Vacancy
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY; WITH A DEADLINE OF APRIL 24, 2015, 5PM; INTERVIEW DATE OF APRIL 30, 2015 AND APPOINTMENT DATE OF JUNE 3, 2015
MINUTES
*1. September 19, 2014 (Special)

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
2. October 15, 2014 (Regular)
APPROVED
3. November 5, 2014 (Regular)
APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS
4. November 17, 2014 (Special)
APPROVED
ANNOUNCEMENTS
>G&M WORK SESSION MARCH 5, 2015, 9AM
>LITIGATION TEAM MEETING, MARCH 5, 2015, 2PM
>ADMINISTRATION TO VISIT THE SALT RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
>HOUSING ISSUES EXPRESSED
>UNITY RUN MARCH 15 – 21, 2015; HOLDING A BENEFIT CONCERT MARCH 7, 2015, 4-10PM, DISTRICT 4
ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:19PM
* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday March 18, 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, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza (10:22am), Angelia Allison; D5-Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird
Council Members Present:
D4-Vacant: D5- Brian Davis, Sr.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED
PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)
1. Paul Hanley, Ed.D. Superintendent GCCS
Presenter: Paul Hanley
MS. PRICILLA ANTONE INTRODUCED DR. PAUL HANLEY. DR. HANLEY PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND AND CAREER HISTORY. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED WORKS OF WELCOME AND EXPECTATIONS.
2. WJ Strickland, Gila River Head Start Program Specialist from the Office of Head Start
MS. CHRISTA CAMANO INTRODUCED MR. WJ STRICKLAND. MR. STRICKLAND PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE NEW HEAD START GUIDELINES AND HIS VISIT TO THE COMMUNITY. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED WORKS OF WELCOME AND THEIR CONCERNS.
REPORTS
1. Sacaton Middle School SY 2014-2015 Qtr. 1 Report
Presenter: Philip Bond
REPORT HEARD
2. Sacaton Elementary School SY 2014-2015 Qtr. 1 Report
Presenter: Leslie Rychel
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. Casa Blanca Community School SY 2014-2015 Qtr. 1 Report
Presenter: Jacque Bradley
REPORT HEARD
4. Casa Blanca Community School SY 2013-2014 Carry-over funds
Presenter: Jacque Bradley
REPORT HEARD
5. Ira H. Hayes High School SY 2014-2015 Qtr. 1 Report
Presenter: Crispin Zamudio
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE
6. Education Summit
Presenter: Pamela Thompson
REPORT HEARD

7. New School Proposal Update
Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela
REPORT HEARD
*8. 2014 TLOA Update – Report
Presenter: Judge Anthony Hill
REPORT HEARD
[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:36AM]
*9. Police Department 2014 Overview
Presenter: Kathleen Kirkham, Chief
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
*10. DRS 2014-2015 TLOA Preparation, TLOA Accomplishments
Presenters: Corina Brown, Sarah Babu, Leonard Godsil
REPORT HEARD
11. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending February 2015 (Executive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT
12. Treasurer's Report – 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2015 (Executive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT
RESOLUTIONS
*1. A Resolution Approving a Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Gila River Indian Community and the City of Chandler for Emergency Police Services (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Chief Kathleen Kirkham
APPROVED
2. A Resolution Establishing A Two Million Dollar Bureau Of Land Management Disposal Land Purchase Fund (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC concurs)
Presenter: Linus Everling
APPROVED
3. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2906 Located In Allotted Trust Land In District Seven Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
APPROVED
4. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 3140 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 Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 4482 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
6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 3189 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

7. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 1105 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
8. A Resolution Granting 1.9053 Acres Of Reservation Land In District Three To The Department Of Public Works For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing and Maintaining A Utility Easement As Shown In Drawing No. 40314-0029-EA (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Barney Bigman
APPROVED
9. A Resolution Approving the Relinquishment of Iris Lynn Raphael from the Gila River Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Community Council for recommendation of approval)
Presenter: Wayne Nelson Jr.
APPROVED
10. A Resolution Approving the Petition for the Enrollment of Waylon Acunia aka Waylon James Acunia, Sr. into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Community Council for recommendation of approval)
Presenter: Wayne Nelson Jr.
APPROVED
11. A Resolution Approving the Petition for Enrollment of Silas Neil Kisto II into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Community Council for recommendation of approval)
Presenter: Wayne Nelson Jr.
APPROVED
12. A Resolution Approving A Lease Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And the Lessee Honeywell International Inc. Regarding The Operation Of As Testing Facility Within The Gila River Indian Reservation (EDSC motioned to concur with GMSC, and NRSC with recommendation for approval. CRSC forwards to Council)
Presenter: Ronald Rosier
APPROVED
[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
13. A Resolution Approving Membership Of The Gila River Indian Community In The National Indian Gaming Association For Calendar Year 2015 And Authorizing Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) For The Community's Annual Dues
Presenter: Councilman Anthony Villareal, Sr.
APPROVED
ORDINANCES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
*1. Gila River Farms – Operating Report (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council under Unfinished Business)
Presenter: Tiffany Horne
DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
2. Update On Gaming Compact/Off Reservation Gaming Update (Executive Session)
Presenters: Scot Butler, Eric Dahlstrom
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE
NEW BUSINESS
1. Treasurer Mentee Job Description (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council under New Business with recommendation of approval and discussion)



Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

What's New at GRICUA?

Washington Youth Tour and Intern Alumni Reunion

On March 5, 2014, GRICUA hosted its second Washington Youth Tour and Intern Alumni Reunion dinner. The dinner was held at the Mellow Mushroom in Ahwatukee, AZ. The reunion brought together past Washington Youth Tour students and Interns to reconnect and share experiences with the current Washington Youth Tour students. Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Board Chairman John Lewis, General Manager Leonard S. Gold, Operations Director Kathy Galloway, Finance Director Arnold Mejia and HR Consultant Margaret Jacoby were also in attendance. These programs began in 2012 with two students and we now have 19 students that have participated in the Washington Youth Tour and Summer Internships.



Back Row L to R: Alex Pablo, Governor Stephen R. Lewis. Middle Row L to R: Ronald Marrietta, April Lowe, Kandie Anton, Aliyah Apkaw, Haley Joaquin. Front Row L to R: Jaina Allen, Claudia Bandin and Delaney Manuel.

Washington Youth Tour:

Alex Pablo	2012	Bria Ramon	2014
Ronald Marrietta	2012	Kandie Anton	2014
Alexandra Nelson	2013	Jesus Flores	2015
Brandy Eschief	2013	Aliyah Apkaw	2015
Haley Joaquin	2014	Delaney Manuel	2015
Jaina Allen, Washington Youth Tour Coordinator			

Summer Interns:

Alex Pablo	2012	Michael Kaufman	2013
Ronald Marrietta	2012	Emmanuel Whempner	2014
Jay Johnson	2013	Trevor Thompson	2014
Kandie Anton	2013	April Lowe	2014
Claudia Bandin	2013		

GRICUA Budget Billing

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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 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 after hours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business hours.

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Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE 3 MENTORSHIP POSITIONS FOR THE 2-YEAR OPTION AND TO INCLUDE THE 3-YEAR ACTIVITIES

2. Gila River Farms Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Budget Packet April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2106 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Gila River Farm Interim Board
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Boys And Girls Club Annual Conference (G&MSC motioned to open to any Community Council member interested in attending the Boys and Girls Club Annual Conference)
Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO ANY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES INTERESTED

4. Annual Memorial Service for those Interred in the Canton Asylum Cemetery, Scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2015 (CRSC forwards to Council to request financial support to attend the Annual Memorial Service)

Presenters: Cultural Resources Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNOR FOR ANY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY-AT-LARGE MEMBERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

5. Travel & Training Request
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND

6. DC Travel and Request Delegation
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARK-UP AND LOBBING EFFORTS MINUTES

1. September 19, 2014 (Special)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AS CORRECTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

>EDUCATION SUMMIT SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015

>UNITY RUNNERS COMING TO THE CARING HOUSE THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

>FUNERAL SERVICES FOR WILDA ESCHIEF MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015 7AM – 1PM, SALT RIVER MEMORIAL SERVICES BUILDING; GILA RIVER SERVICES HELD AT THE VICTORY SERVICES; BURIED VAH KI CEMETERY

>CCSO STAFF TRAINING MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015

ADJOURNMENT MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:44PM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

March 19, 2015

Casa Blanca Community School
3455 W. Casa Blanca Rd
Bapchule, AZ 85121
Mailing Address: PO Box 10940, Bapchule, AZ 85121

Elementary Teachers (Kindergarten, First and Third)
Math Interventionist
Instructional Assistant
Assistant Principal
Human Resources Coordinator

TO APPLY, COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION AT:
<http://www.applitrack.com/cbschools/onlineapp>



COMMUNITY ARTISTS & DESIGNERS

GRIC

Gila River Indian Community is creating a public bus system for the Community.

We are looking for creative ideas from the community for a name, design and a logo that will be used on our **NEW** fleet and related media.



TO GET STARTED, PLEASE REQUEST A DESIGN TEMPLATE FROM:

Sasha Pachito (Transportation Planning Manager)
email: Sasha.Pachito@gric.nsn.us
Off: 520-562-6306 Fax: 520-562-0957

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality is announcing that the 30-day public comment period for **Toka Sticks Service Center, located at 6822 E. Williams Field Rd., Mesa, AZ 85212**, air quality operating permit officially begins on **March 20, 2015**. The gas station is being permitted for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). Public comments will be accepted in writing until **April 20, 2015**, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality is announcing that the 30-day public comment period for **HANSON Aggregates Arizona, Inc., located at 2026 N. Tanner Rd., Sacaton, AZ 85147**, air quality operating permit officially begins on **March 20, 2015**. The concrete batch plant is being permitted for Particulate Matter (PM) and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). Public comments will be accepted in writing until **April 20, 2015**, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the Department to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and request shall be received by the Department within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the Gila River Indian Community Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Department offices. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:

For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520)796-3781 or visit our offices located at 1576A S. Nelson Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Gila River Health Care Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic (Title X Funded) APRIL 2015				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 VHM HIGH SCHOOL TEEN CLINIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	2 D5 (BAPCHULE) MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-2:30 PM	3 NO CLINIC
6 D6 (Laveen) RTC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	7 NO CLINIC	8 D4 (SAN TAN) SERVICE CENTER 8:30-2:30 PM	9 D1 (BLACKWATER) NEW HOUSING 8:30-2:30 PM	10 NO CLINIC
13 D3 SACATON (SOUTHWEST SIDE OF HOSPITAL CAMPUS) INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:00-2:00PM	14 NO CLINIC	15 D6 (KOMATKE) BY KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	16 IRA HAYES HIGH SCHOOL TEEN CLINIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	17 NO CLINIC
20 NO CLINIC	21 NO CLINIC	22 SACATON DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (DRS)	23 NO CLINIC	24 NO CLINIC
27 NO CLINIC	28 NO CLINIC	29 D3 (SACATON) BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:30-2:30 PM	30 D7 (Maricopa Colony) SERVICE CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY!



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 - Food Stamps
 - Head Start (income eligible)
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
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 - National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
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Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$15,889
2	\$21,505
3	\$27,121
4	\$32,737
5	\$38,353
For each additional person in the home add \$5,616 to income eligibility requirements.	



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GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

EARTH DAY



April 22

10 am - 2 pm

Ira H. Hayes Memorial Park
Sacaton, AZ

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