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## 152nd Annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration

By Annie Gutierrez  
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This year marks 152 years since the signing of the 1863 Five Tribes Treaty of Peace.

Peace talks between five tribal chiefs from the Pee Posh, Akimel O'odham, Hualapai, Yuma and Chemehuevi tribes, along with American military personnel took place between April 7-11, 1863 at Fort Yuma, California.

The five tribes of the Arizona area, then known as the "Territory of New Mexico," agreed to the treaty, which brought harmony between the Arizona tribes and the formation of a militia which aided in self-protection as well as the protection of Arizona settlers against non-allied tribes.

The historical event is still recognized today. Gila River's Maricopa Village hosted the annual Five Tribes Peace Treaty Celebration April 10-11 at the District 7 Park.

"It's important for us to remember this history...and let our children know what happened," said D7 elder Joey Biakeddy as he recited the history of the treaty to the audience. "If we don't know what

happened in the past, we won't know what to expect in the future."

At the event, the Pee Posh Veterans Association fired a three-volley salute to honor fallen warriors of the Five Tribes and the day's celebration. PPVA also took the time to recognize their own for their services and honorable membership by presenting a plaque to Korean War veterans Irving Jenkins, USMC, and Reuben Jenkins, US Army Airborne. Reuben Jenkins thanked the PPVA and the Community for allowing him to serve.

The treaty of peace still proves effective today as guests from visiting tribes joined locals for two days of festivities that included a 5K run, parade, traditional performances, little league baseball tournament, other sports competitions and a show by Tohono O'odham comedian Theresa Choyguha.

Groups such as Native Vote and the Gila River Fire Depart-

ment set up booths to engage Community members. GRFD was raising awareness about water safety.

In the evening, the annual bird dance competitions took place in the D7 gymnasium. Dancers and singers from visiting tribes competed in age categories. Musical entertainment was also provided by waila band "Two Rivers."



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN



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Above: A bugler plays taps in honor of fallen warriors. Below: Young dancers show off their traditional Bird Dancing knowledge and skills.

## Free Public Transit to Begin in Sacaton and Westend

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

A free public bus system will soon be on the streets of Sacaton, Komatke and Maricopa Colony this summer. The Gila River Indian Community's Department of Transportation is in its final stages of launching the Community's first bus transit which will serve local residents as well as the general public.

Through the Arizona Department of Transportation and state funding, GRICDOT was able to obtain a grant from the Federal Transit Administration called 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program. The federal grant is able to provide GRICDOT with the proper necessities to operate a bus transit such as employees, buses and fuel expenses. GRIC also put a 20 percent local match towards the transit project.

Nine years ago, the concept of a free bus transportation system was merely an idea. For GRICDOT Transportation Planner Sasha Pachito, the idea is now a reality. Pachito has been the backbone of the project, working diligently on the final details before the pilot run.

"It's going to be a very happy day when those buses are on the road and people are actually riding it. It's going to be exciting," said an optimistic Pachito.

In the initial planning stages, GRICDOT researched public transportation systems in other tribal communities before settling with a final plan.

"The idea was to create a transit system from District 1

## Gila River Officially Launches LPTV Station

By Mikhail Sundust  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Broadcasting Corporation officially announced the launch of its Low-Power TV station April 6.

"I'm really excited for our community," said Gila River Tele-

communications, Inc. board member John Lewis at the grand opening ceremony. "This is new for our community. This is new in Indian Country."

The GRBC station is reportedly the first LPTV station that is wholly owned and operated by a federally recognized tribe in the

United States.

"I'm very proud that the Community's in the position that...it can do these kind of things," Lewis said. "I think it speaks to our past leadership."

Former GRTI board members and employees who were instrumental in the development of GRTI attended the ceremony, including Malcolm Eschief, a former GRTI Chairman, and Gordon Santos, Sr., a former GRTI board member, each of whom shared their perspectives on the growth the company has made over the past two and a half decades.

Gila River is not the first tribal reservation to get into the broadcast industry. Several dozen tribes, such as the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Navajo Nation, have radio stations, and the Cherokee tribe owns a television station that is broadcast online at osiyo.tv.

But according to Loris Taylor, President and CEO of Native Public Media, "GRBC is the first...

commercial Low-Power digital television station of its kind in Indian Country."

NPM is an organization that helps and encourages tribes to establish their own broadcast services. Taylor said, without access, control or ownership over their own media, tribes lose their voice in telling their own history. She contrasted that to GRBC, which gives Gila River control over its own voice and the ability to tell the story of its people and land on its own terms.

"We own the license to the airwaves now," said Lewis. "The best part about this is, [the Community] gets to decide what goes on TV."

At the event, many of the speakers talked about the opportunity this creates for the people of the Gila River Indian Community - the Akimel O'otham and the Pee Posh - to tell their story and their history and express their culture.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

GRTI and GRBC employees and former leaders kicked off the GRBC Low-Power TV station with an official launch party April 6.

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**Broadcasting/Digital Media Internship  
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**CORRECTIONS**

In "Easter Bunny" in the April 2, 2015 GRIN, Sheila Rhodes is listed as an Elderly Liaison. She is the Secretary of the D3 Elderly Committee.

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**May 1st (D7)**

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## Spirit Lake Woman Tells Her Story of Domestic Violence

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

Domestic violence and sexual abuse are serious offenses that often go unreported in cities and communities across the United States. In tribal communities like the Gila River Indian Community, domestic violence becomes an unhealthy way of life for some women.

On April 6, the Crime Victims Services hosted a presentation by Robin Poor Bear of the Spirit Lake Tribe of North Dakota. About 6,677 individuals are enrolled in the tribe, which consists of lakes and rolling grassy hills.

In the main hall of the District 3 service center, Poor Bear shared her story of survival and success as she talked about the struggles of growing up in her tribal community.

Her past is dotted with decisions that came as a result of her mistreatment, resorting to drugs and alcohol as a solution to her problems.

It's a scene that plays out all too often, she says, because women get caught so quickly in difficult situations, they have little time to process the dangers involved.

Poor Bear said her problems of being in an abusive relationship came from the fear of being alone.

As a child, she was repeatedly taken away by Child Protective Services because her mother abused alcohol, putting her at risk of abuse.



Robin Poor Bear speaking at the District 3 Service Center. Poor Bear shared her story of dealing with domestic violence to raise awareness and encourage others to speak up about their experiences.

As a result of the repeated events, Poor Bear was diagnosed with a borderline personality disorder, which has left her with numerous behavioral issues.

The unfortunate reality for domestic violence victims is that crimes aren't always reported because of the family's fear of a relative going to jail.

In her experiences, family members of her foster parents made excuses about a male caretaker's actions and sometimes shunned her into silence.

She said "I could talk about the son (her foster father), but I couldn't talk about the grandpa, because relatives feared he would go to jail, plus he was elderly."

Poor Bear showed a documentary made for the Public Broadcasting Service series Frontline, about her story called "Kind Hearted Woman," which is an English translation of her Dakota name.

Throughout the documentary viewers are shown parts of her life as she looks for a way out of her situation on the reservation.

In the documentary she knows leaving the reservation to get away from the drugs and alcohol will take her away from the problems that draw her into the cycle of self-destruction.

Poor Bear meets with a student advisor at the University of Fargo in North Dakota to see

what her options are to getting a degree.

Her goal is to obtain a degree in social work with an emphasis in psychology, which she can use to help her people back home.

After a brief showing of the documentary, Poor Bear continued talking about her life today and what she has been able to do with her story.

Her mission is to go from one tribal community to another to bring awareness to all forms of domestic violence.

She said, "If I help one woman, man or child...then it's worth it. You don't have to go alone."

Poor Bear has written poetry about her life, being a young girl

and having innocence torn from her.

The poetry is a representation of the victims that struggle to find a way out, but feel trapped and unable to speak out.

During the making of the documentary she was in a three-year custody battle with her ex-husband over their two children. Later Poor Bear revealed that her ex-husband was found guilty of two counts of sexual abuse and sentenced to 48 months in prison.


She has put her education on hold to take care of her children because of the psychological and social problems they have exhibited.

Being reunified with her children means a whole new chance for her little family to be on the right path. This means everything from teaching her children basic life skills to encouraging them to go to school and get a college degree.

In visiting other tribal communities, she hopes this will encourage other women to come out about their abuse and find healing through the process of speaking about it.


She said, "The more I talk about it the easier it gets," referring to her recovery from living a turbulent life.

"I tell people, 'You are not alone.' You have resources here and that is a sign there is hope out there," she said, referring to the Community's level of available services like the Domestic Violence Shelter.



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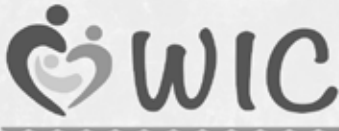
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# COMMUNITY UPDATES BY GRIN STAFF

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

## GRPD Creates Database on Crime in the Community

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

In the advent of the information age, many police organizations may wonder how they can use data to support their mission to serve and stay informed on trends in their community. For the Gila River Police Department, COMPSTAT is the next step in tracking crime.

COMPSTAT is an information management system that helps identify trends and patterns in criminal activity. This helps the GRPD improve police work and move resources where they are most needed, said Officer Caroline Brown.

In the early 1990s, New York City was undergoing a revamp of its police force and developed a way to track and share data with the city's stakeholders. The NYPD came up with the name based on the combination of computers and statistics to create a database.

Today, police organizations across the country, including the Los Angeles Police Department and the Mesa Police Department, use their own form of COMPSTAT to document crimes.

Brown explained that they are still in the early phases of implementing COMPSTAT and are continually refining the database, which was introduced to GRPD in August of last year.

Recently, the GRPD has been conducting meetings at different locations in the Community to show tribal members and other GRIC organizations the inner workings of COMPSTAT and other police work.

There are four main objectives of COMPSTAT, said Brown: timely and accurate intelligence, rapid deployment of resources, effective tactics and relentless follow-up.

Information is gathered from minor to severe offenses and is entered into a database that records what and where crimes occur.

Brown said, "We break [it] down into two categories, part one crimes and part two crimes. Part one is our more violent crimes." Other crimes like moving violations and drunk and disorderly conduct are some of the offenses under part two crimes.

Crime stats are first broken down by month, week and day,

then compared to the same time frame from previous years to reveal a pattern.

"If we are in the blue, that means our numbers are down and if we are in the red, it means are numbers are high," said Brown.

For example, comparing the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015, incidents of disorderly conduct, drug use, and trespassing have gone down 58 percent, 31 percent and 25 percent respectively.

However, police calls for rape, aggravated assault and theft have increased by factors of 67, 56 and 17 percent.

To separate information geographically, the PD categorizes the Community into two zones, North and South. Each zone has a commander or lieu-

tenant that regularly enters data provided by their officers.

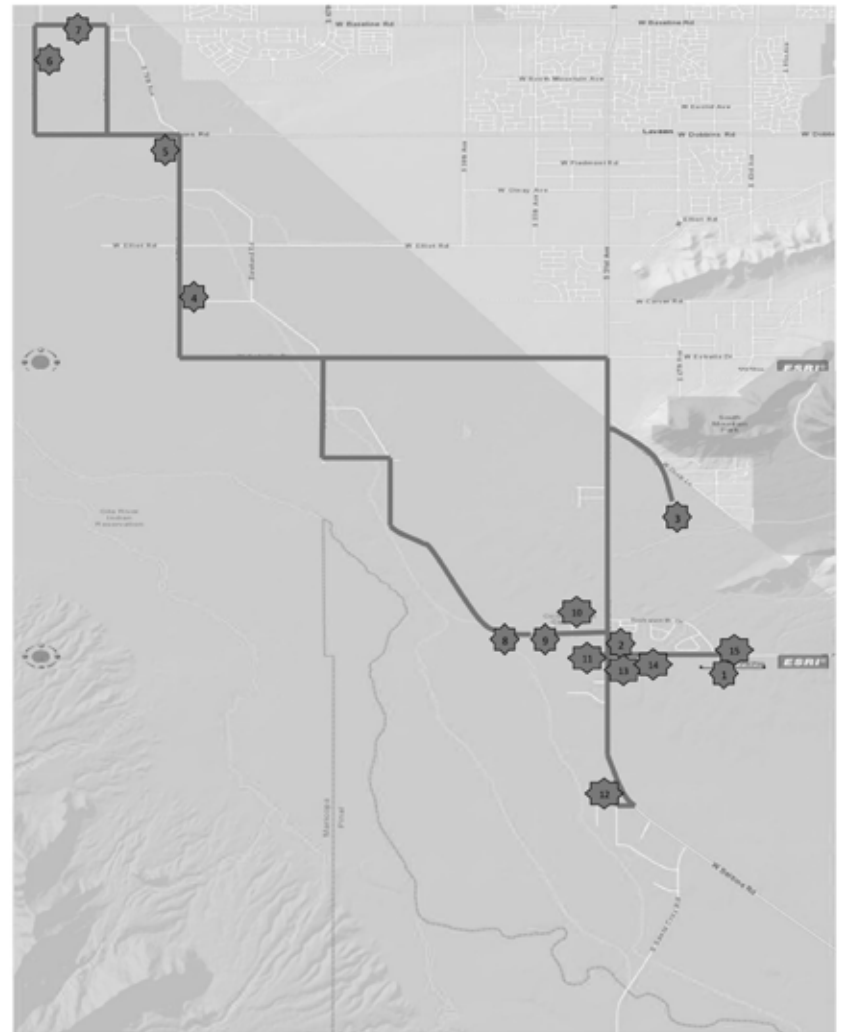
In March, GRPD held a meeting at the District 4 Service Center, where Community members could observe how COMPSTAT meetings are run.

The information is shared with the Citizens Advisory Board and representatives from each dis-

trict to discuss police activities.

Brown said GRPD would like to continue building relationships with the Community, because it "helps bring justification to showing that people can do something about crime in their neighborhood."

District 6 and 7 Circulator Route



- Legend:**  
 Bus Stop
- Notes:**
- The D6/D7 Circulator Route will begin at the Komatke Health Care Center.
  - Go North on 51<sup>st</sup> Ave to VQ Casino. Continue North on 51<sup>st</sup> and turn West on Estrella to 75<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - Turn North on 75<sup>th</sup> to Dobbins.
  - Turn West on Dobbins, then turn North on 83<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Turn East on Baseline, then turn South on 79<sup>th</sup>.
  - Turn East on Dobbins, then South on 75<sup>th</sup>.
  - Turn East on Estrella, then turn South on 67<sup>th</sup> Ave to continue to St. Johns.
  - Turn South on 51<sup>st</sup> to Dust Devil, go to Gila Crossing School.
  - Turn North on 51<sup>st</sup> and head East on Pecos to Komatke Health Care

| Stops                         | Time | Notes                  |
|-------------------------------|------|------------------------|
| 1. Komatke Health Clinic      | :00  | At Valley Metro Stop   |
| 2. Shell Station              | :05  | At Valley Metro Stop   |
| 3. Vee Quiva Casino           | :15  | Access to Valley Metro |
| 4. 75th and Carver            | :25  |                        |
| 5. 75th and Dobbins           | :28  |                        |
| 6. D7 Service Center          | :30  |                        |
| 7. Old D7 Service Center      | :33  |                        |
| 8. Early Education Center     | :49  |                        |
| 9. St. Johns & Palomino       | :50  |                        |
| 10. D6 Service Center         | :52  |                        |
| 11. D6 Health Resource Center | :54  |                        |
| 12. Dust Devil Rd             | :56  |                        |
| 13. Boys and Girls Club       | :57  | At Valley Metro Stop   |
| 14. Senior Center/Courts      | :58  |                        |
| 15. Tashquint/Dialysis        | :59  |                        |
| 1. Komatke Health Clinic      | :60  |                        |

## Public Transportation Proposition

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through 7 serving all the districts," said Pachito. "But because of budget constraints the bus will serve the three districts for the first two years until the transit system is popular and successful," then GRICDOT will consider the other districts.

Two buses will operate within the two areas Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Bus signs will soon be posted in designated spots near the most visited locations such as the hospitals, Governance Center, district centers, and Boys and Girls Clubs. The buses are also expected to make "deviated fixed routes" which will detour off route to accommodate passengers with physical limitations. Designated stops are also subject to change due to popular demands in certain locations.

Pachito says the bus is identical to Coolidge's "Cotton Express." The bus holds a capacity of 26 passengers or 20 if a wheelchair-bound passenger is on board. The GRIC transit is ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant with trained bus drivers in cases of emergency. It is equipped with an excellent air conditioning system, bike rack, cameras and a dispatching system that will help drivers and staff work efficiently when on the road. Service animals are also allowed.

With exhaust and environmental issues being a concern, Pachito said, the buses are not heavy-equipped and will have the same environmental impact as a school bus.

Pachito also stressed that the bus transit will not "replace school bus services or medical transportation" and residents riding the Valley Metro in Districts 6 and 7 will still have to pay the fare when riding the city's transportation.

GRICDOT hopes to have a

website operating with bus schedules and routes for riders to view. In May, a test run will be performed with the buses and drivers to make sure the routes are accurate before the launch in June.

As for the name and look of the transit, Pachito is still accepting Community input for the design, name and logo of the bus until April 30.

Sacaton Circulator



| Stops                            | Time | Notes                 |
|----------------------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 1. Memorial Park / Shell Station | :00  | Access to WIC and PO  |
| 2. Library                       | :03  |                       |
| 3. GRICDOT Realty / Housing      | :05  | Access to Pima Agency |
| 4. Boys and Girls Club           | :08  |                       |
| 5. Housing on Seed Farm Rd       | :10  | Access to RPY         |
| 6. Governance Center             | :15  |                       |
| 7. PD / Courts                   | :18  |                       |
| 8. Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital   | :20  |                       |
| 9. Sacaton Supermart             | :25  |                       |
| 10. Executive Ki                 | :28  |                       |
| 1. Memorial Park / Shell Station | :30  |                       |

- Legend:**  
 Bus Stop
- Notes:**
- Bus Route will begin at the Shell Station and head East on Pima St.
  - Turn South on Main St.
  - Turn West on Seed Farm Road.
  - Turn South on Ocotillo Rd.
  - Turn West on Bluebird Rd.
  - Turn North on Skil Center Rd
  - Turn West on North Access Road
  - Turn North on Bluebird Rd.
  - Turn West on Seed Farm Rd.
  - Turn into Judicial Complex, exit East on Seed Farm Rd.
  - Turn North on Ocotillo Rd.
  - Turn East on Casa Blanca Rd. and head to Shell Station.

HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER



Kwi Hiosig Mashath

The name for this month refers to the blossoming of the mesquite trees, which will soon produce viohog (mesquite bean pods) in a few months. With the recent rainfall it's evident that the desert-plants have responded to the extra moisture and are in bloom, or will soon be blooming. It's obvious that the citrus groves are in bloom as the fragrant scent of orange blossoms and other citrus trees fills our valley. Other desert plants begin to enter bloom stage including Kuk S-chehedag (Foothills Palo Verde) and Ko'okmadk (Blue Palo Verde). Their abundant yellow blossoms are hard to miss.

One category of plants easily overlooked are the ho'i hab ma:s haichu vu'voithag, "cactus-like plants, plants with spines." In the Akimel O'otham plant classification system ho'i hab ma:s haichu vu'voithag have their own unique category, which includes all cacti and spine-bearing desert plants. Our hekiu O'otham didn't overlook the cacti as they observed their shapes, where they grew and other characteristics. From these observations they assigned names to many different cacti.

A few ho'i hab ma:s haichu vu'voithag that produce flowers are Hannam (Buckhorn Cholla), which grow up in the nearby mountain ranges and on the foothills. Some families still pick the buds before they flower

and slow roast them overnight in rock-lined pits, then they are dried and stored to be used later for food.

I:svik (Engelmann's hedgehog cactus) can be found on the foothills and sometimes in isolated areas on the floodplain. There are two species of Chiavul (Barrel Cacti) in our community. One grows only on the mountains and foothills while the other thrives on the flatlands.

One easily recognizable plant is the Melok (Ocotillo) with their red clusters of blossoms, which grows on the nearby mountains and foothills. Another easily recognizable cactus is I'ibai (prickly-pear cactus), which will bloom later on in the summer. One cactus that may be hard to find is Ban Bisulthag, 'Coyote's Paws' (Fishhook Cactus) since they rarely grow over six inches and can be hidden between rocks on the nearby foothills. Our most important gift is the Ha:shañ (Saguaro Cactus), which will bloom near the end of next month.

This month's word-match will focus on ho'i hab ma:s haichu vu'voithag hiosig. We encourage you to learn these O'otham words and use them in your everyday lives. We also encourage you to get out and take a look at a few cacti when in bloom.

Solution on Page 9

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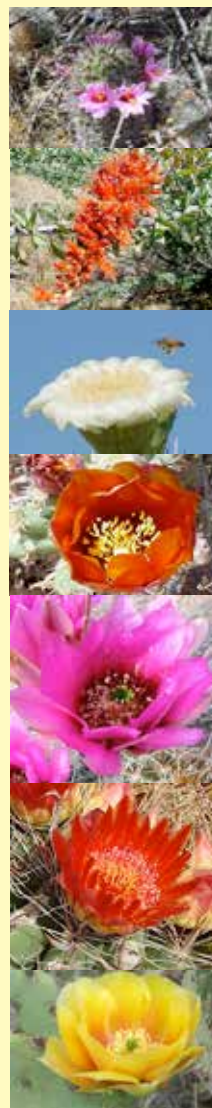
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*i'ibai*

*ban bisulthag*

*ha:shañ*



School Creates Garden and Composting Project

Submitted By Althea Walker  
Department of Environmental Quality

The GRIC Department of Environmental Quality would like to acknowledge the gardening and composting efforts of the Gila Crossing Community School Vechij O'odham E'es.

DEQ is working to increase composting in the Community, as composting is an important waste reduction strategy that individual Community residents can implement with little effort. Composting is beneficial as it uses less landfill space, feeds our plants and crops, requires less chemicals and fuel, and overall saves individuals and the Community money. Over the last two years, DEQ has collaborated with Vechij O'odham E'es, who has provided guidance and support to DEQ's own garden and composting efforts by providing seeds, plants, and ideas.

The Vechij O'odham E'es garden is plentiful with veggies like cabbage and lettuce, which the school cafeteria uses, as well as a few other plants growing in the garden. Because there is always something growing in the garden, and to share from what is reaped from the garden, the gardeners are eager to share seeds and plants of all kinds with the Community. Every year in May, the program shares food from their garden at the 4th Grade Traditional Food Banquet, to which the entire Community is invited.

Not only is there a large garden, but a greenhouse is also used in the gardening efforts. The greenhouse incorporates aquaponics, which is a system of aquaculture in which the waste produced by farmed fish or other aquatic animals supply nutrients for plants grown hydroponically, which in turn purify the water.

After mastering the gardening system, Vechij



Photo Courtesy of Julie Kelly/GRHC Life Center

Gila Crossing Community School students and teachers work the school's garden, called Vechij O'otham E'es.

O'odham E'es decided to incorporate composting to provide much needed nutrients to the plants. Six to eight five-gallon buckets a day fill up their very large, self-constructed, compost bin approximately 10 times a year. The compost is collected from the cafeteria, and includes food from each school meal. With this much composting, the entire school must be on board, and they are. The students as well as the staff participate. Now that the students and staff have learned more about composting, the program coordinators would like to see composting implemented in the homes of the students and staff.

Vechij O'odham E'es is a great program that shows our students the importance of food production and health. The students are learning about environmental responsibility, self-confidence, communication, and the skills of observation. DEQ would like to thank Vechij O'odham E'es for their environmental stewardship.

For more information, please contact Althea Walker, Department of Environmental Quality Environmental Education & Outreach Specialist at (520)562-2234 or [althea.walker@gric.nsn.us](mailto:althea.walker@gric.nsn.us).

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# Stage Production Teaches Kids to Eat Healthfully

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

Students in grades K-5 were in for a treat when FoodPlay Productions brought their live theatre show to GRIC community schools March 23 – 25.

Children from Gila Crossing and Blackwater Community Day Schools as well as St. Peter Indian Mission School had fun learning about healthy eating and living an active lifestyle through Food Play Production's interactive theatre show.

The upbeat performers juggled and performed magic tricks to inspire children to take an interest in their health. The theatre group taught children to make wise food choices by reading nutrition fact labels and staying away from sugary foods and drinks that do not contain nutritional value. Through dance and music, the group had children moving and singing all the while teaching students different ways to stay physically active on a daily basis.

The nutrition program also does school follow-ups with surveys and educational based material for teachers, students and parents to practice all year round. Pamela Elofson, a second grade teacher from Gila Crossing Community School, said, "All my second grade students loved it. We were doing the hand movements and singing the songs all day long. The information it shares is priceless. Nutrition and physical activity is essential in helping our students grow and learn."

FoodPlay Productions is an award winning nutrition media company created and sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The performing arts company tours the nation educating schools on healthy active lifestyles. The nutrition production was brought to the Community by the Gila River Health Care Life Center through the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.



Photo Courtesy of Julie Kelly/GRHC Life Center

Performers from FoodPlay Productions educate students about making healthy food choices through entertainment.

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**CASA GRANDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATION**

# POWWOW

**SATURDAY MAY 9, 2015**

**LOCATION**  
JACK SPILSBURY GYMNASIUM

**SCHEDULE**  
**GRAND ENTRY:** 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM **SUPPER BREAK:** 4-5 PM  
**GOURD DANCING:** 11 AM and 5 PM

**HEADSTAFF**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>COLOR GUARD:</b><br>TBA                      | <b>HEAD WOMAN:</b><br>SUNSHINE NEWMOON                       |
| <b>HEAD GOURD DANCER:</b><br>FLORIAN CHAMEMA    | <b>HEAD BOY:</b><br>TIMOTHY ANTONE JR.                       |
| <b>HOST NORTHERN DRUM:</b><br>YOUNG EAGLE CREEK | <b>HEAD GIRL:</b><br>BRIANNA PLATERO                         |
| <b>HOST SOUTHERN DRUM:</b><br>SOUTHERN WIND     | <b>CONTACT INFO:</b><br>GENE MANUEL<br>(520)-610-9082        |
| <b>MC:</b><br>TBD                               | <i>*ARTS &amp; CRAFTS VENDORS:<br/>\$50 + 1 DONATED ITEM</i> |
| <b>ARENA DIRECTOR:</b><br>COLBY TRACK           | <i>*ALL DRUM, DANCERS AND ROYALTY WELCOMED</i>               |
| <b>HEAD MAN:</b><br>ALLEN KING                  |  |

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## SUMMER 2015

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE EAST VALLEY

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CLUB LOCATED @ 5047 W. PECOS RD. LAVEEN AZ 85339 (520.550.1113)

# Summer Day Camp

**For youth & teens 5-18 years old**  
Registration opens May 4th  
**CAMP BEGINS MAY 26TH**  
Membership & Summer Program Free to Gila River Indian Community Members

**\$25 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP** | **\$50 A WEEK** OR **\$15 A DAY**

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# SUMMER DAY CAMP

**MAY 26TH - JULY 31ST (CLOSED JULY 3RD)**  
**FREE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS**  
MUST BE ENROLLED MEMBER OF GILA RIVER

**YOUTH HOURS: 8AM - 5PM**  
**TEEN HOURS: 10AM - 6PM**

**FEATURING..**

- FUN THEMES EVERY WEEK!
- FIELD TRIPS\*: BOWLING, LASER TAG, SWIMMING, THE MINIONS MOVIE!!!
- OVER 100+ ACTIVITIES RAN ACROSS THE CLUB!

\*\$25 MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED FOR NEW/RENEWING MEMBERS THEN IT'S \$50/WEEK! OR \$15/DAY!

**\$10 CLUB SHIRTS!** **DON'T FORGET YOUR CLOSED TOED SHOES!!**

**YOU NEED ONE TO GO ON FIELD TRIPS!** **YOU CAN'T PARTICIPATE WITHOUT THEM!**

\* additional cost for field trips & club shirt required.  
Orientation will be held every Monday at 12:00pm - 12:45pm from 4/13 - 5/18.  
Parent(s)/guardian must attend orientation before members can attend field trips  
\*\* FA is available, must fill out additional paperwork and provide 2014 Tax Return Statement

## GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

# Community Events

- Saturday, April 18**  
Resort  
9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- Sexual Assault Awareness  
Month Gathering  
District 2 Multipurpose Building  
7:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Our Lady of Victory  
Sacaton Flats Bingo & Food Sale  
District 2 Event Center  
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- Sunday, April 19**
- Monday, April 20**
- Tuesday, April 21**  
2015 Sac City Jam  
Sacaton Wellness Center and Boys & Girls Club  
April 24 – 25 for high school-age youth  
Call 520-562-6172 for more info.
- She & Me – Girl Scouts Event  
District 5 Service Center  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
- O’otham Song Series  
District 4 Service Center  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 22**  
Matter of Balance Class  
District 1 Multipurpose Building  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- Earth Day Celebration by DEQ  
Sacaton, Ira H. Hayes Memorial Park  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Thursday, April 23**  
2nd Annual Little League Baseball Spring Classic  
District 4 Ball Fields  
April 23 – 25 for youth ages 9-12  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Youth Council Outreach  
Old Council Chambers  
10:00 am
- Matter of Balance Class  
District 7 Service Center  
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- Friday, April 24**  
2015 Sac City Jam  
Sacaton Wellness Center and Boys & Girls Club  
April 24 – 25 for high school-age youth  
Call 520-562-6172 for more info.
- 2nd Annual Little League Baseball Spring Classic  
District 4 Ball Fields  
April 23 – 25 for youth ages 9 – 12
- GRHC Day of Hope  
Sheraton Wild Horse Pass
- Saturday, April 25**  
District 4 Family Hiking Trip  
Call 520-418-3661 for more information.
- District 1 Spring Swap Meet Multipurpose Building  
7:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Call 520-418-3661 for more information.
- 2nd Annual Little League Baseball Spring Classic  
District 4 Ball Fields  
April 23 – 25 for youth ages 9 – 12
- Sunday, April 26**
- Monday, April 27**
- Tuesday, April 28**  
She & Me – Girl Scouts Event  
District 5 Service Center  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
- O’otham Song Series  
District 4 Service Center  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 29**  
Matter of Balance Class  
District 1 Multipurpose Building  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- 10th Annual Caregiver and Grandparent-Raising-Grandchildren Conference  
Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino  
7:30 am – 3:30 pm
- Thursday, April 30**  
Matter of Balance Class  
District 7 Service Center  
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- “In Circles” Screening  
District 7 Service Center  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Friday, May 1**  
2015 Legends Men’s Basketball Tournament  
Sacaton Wellness Center  
Friday, May 1 – Saturday, May 2  
For men ages 35+

## New LPTV Station

From Page 1

“This is an opportunity for us to tell our story,” said GRIC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. His vision for the future of GRBC includes local programming for elders, language learning shows and children’s programs – all produced by and featuring Community members.

The LPTV station covers the whole reservation with three broadcasting points strategically positioned throughout the Community and each with a different call sign. KGRF broadcasts on channel 19 out of Maricopa Village. KGRY broadcasts on channel 21 out of Blackwater. And KGRQ broadcasts on channel 29 from Stotonic. All channels broadcast the same television stream simultaneously.

GRIC residents can tune into those channels with a digital antenna receiver. Residents living farther from the broadcast points may

need a larger receiver. Contact GRTI if you live on the reservation and would like to know what kind of receiver your TV needs to receive the broadcast. More information, and the GRBC programming schedule, is available online at grbc.tv.

The broadcast currently consists of a mixture of videos from past Gila River events, some public service announcements, live Community Council meetings and content from a production company called First Nations Experience, or FNX, a product of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians in California.

“It’s very interesting and very high quality content that [they produce,]” said John Lewis, but GRBC is hopeful that before long there will be equally interesting and well-crafted content produced in Gila River.



### SUN EARTH ALLIANCE INDIAN CLUB

# SOCIAL GATHERING

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2015 • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE • TWO WATERS CIRCLE

#### EVENT SCHEDULE

|   |   |
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| <p><b>9:00 - 10:00 am</b> Posting of Colors<br/>National Anthem<br/>Royalty Introductions</p> <p><b>10:00-11:00 pm</b> Gourd Dancing</p> <p><b>11:00-12:00 pm</b> Lunch Break<br/>Faculty Honoring<br/>Morning Star Youth Council</p> <p><b>12:00-3:00 pm</b> All Ages Southern Straight<br/>-Sponsored by SEAIC-<br/>Fancy Shawl Special<br/>-Sponsored by Taylor Starr &amp; Family-<br/>Tiny Tot Special<br/>-Sponsored by SCC Native Faculty-<br/>Hand Drum Special<br/>-Sponsored by SCC's American Indian Program-</p> <p><b>3:00-4:00 pm</b> Closing Prayer &amp; Song<br/>Community Recognition</p> | <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>FREE ADMISSION</b><br/>*accepting donations for SCC's Back to School Drive*</p> </div> <p><b>Northern Drum:</b><br/><i>Wild Krew</i></p> <p><b>Southern Drum:</b><br/><i>Comanche Red</i></p> <p><b>Arena Director:</b><br/><i>Hugh Dawahoya</i></p> <p><b>Master of Ceremonies:</b><br/><i>Chuck Benson</i></p> <p><b>2014-2015 Miss Indian SCC:</b><br/><i>Janelle Jones</i></p> <p><b>ALL DRUMMERS AND DANCERS WELCOME</b></p> |
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-SCC's Initiatives on the Education of Native Americans  
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**NATIVE HEALTH**

## FINISH THE UNFINISHED

# 2015 MUL-CHU-THA FOOTRACE

DISTRICT TWO

- Individual Half Marathon
- 3 Person Co-Ed Relay Half Marathon
- 10k Run
- 2 Mile Run/Walk (Non-Competitive)

## SATURDAY, May 9th

Registration 5:00 am  
Traditional Blessing 5:30 am  
All Running Events Start 6:00 am

Post meal will be served  
Traditional Basket Dancers  
Incentives for Runners  
Awards and T-Shirts

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT COMMUNITY SERVICES AT 520-562-9691



# Integrated Pest Management System (IPMS)

**Submitted By Althea Walker**  
 Department of Environmental Quality

IPM focuses on the fundamental reasons why a pest is a problem in the first place. IPM reduces risk, is cost effective, and pesticides are used only when necessary. Pesticides kill pests, but do not necessarily prevent them. IPM is not a single pest control method but rather a series of pest management evaluations, decisions and controls.

An IPM plan consists of techniques to:

- Avoid attracting pests
- Keep pests out of your home
- Remove pests using the safest most effective methods

Do you really need to use a pesticide? Like humans, pests require three critical elements to survive: food, water, and shelter. Before using pesticides, try these simple steps to control or kill pests:

**STARVE THEM OUT**

Pests will eat just about anything, but they might leave

you alone if they don't have easy access to food

- Seal up boxes and bags of food. Store open food in plastic bags or use containers
- Clean up spills and leftover crumbs; don't forget behind the stove and under toasters.
- Keep a tight lid on trash and empty it often.
- Place trash cans far away from a back door entrance.

**DRY THEM OUT**

Although roaches can live up to one month without food, without water roaches can die in a week's time.

- Always drain dish water from a sink and repair leaking/dripping fixtures.
- Empty excess water in flower pots and plant stands. A drop of water can be all a roach needs to feel satisfied.

**KEEP THEM OUT**

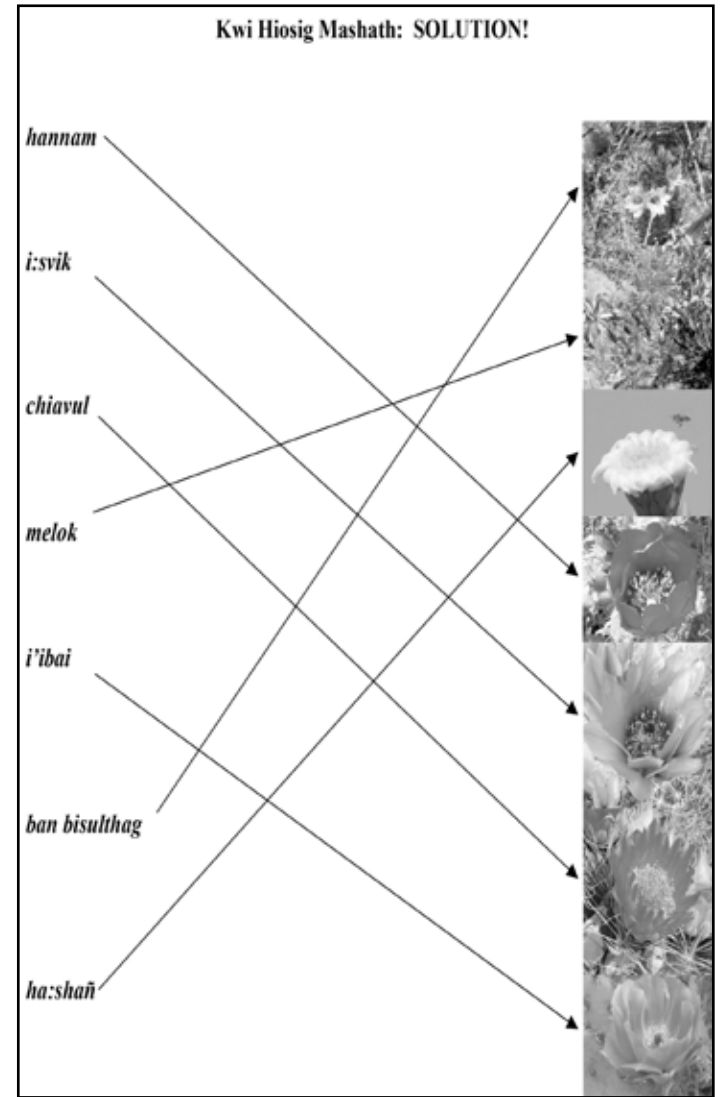
By keeping ants, roaches and rodents out of your home, you can prevent them from ever becoming a problem.

- Seal cracks and openings along baseboards, behind sinks, and around pipes and windows.
- Repair holes in door and window screens to prevent insects and other pests from entering a home.
- Clean up clutter, including stacks of newspapers, paper bags, and cardboard boxes.

Remember, a vacuum is your best friend for physically removing insect pests. Look for one with a HEPA filter if possible

For additional information regarding proper pesticide usage or choosing a pest control company, please contact:

Department of Environmental Quality, Pesticide Control Office at 520-562-2234



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- Dig with care

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For more information about natural gas pipeline safety, visit [swgas.com/safety](http://swgas.com/safety) or call **1-877-860-6020**.

**GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★**

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

| Board/Committee  | Number of Vacancies    | Deadline               |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors | One (1) Unexpired Term | May 4, 2015 12:00 noon |

Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application, the Financial Disclosure and an Affidavit to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). Community Council Secretary's Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

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Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.C.4: All individuals who apply for a vacancy shall submit to the Community Council Secretary a letter of interest, resume, an application and financial disclosure statement in a form as may be prescribed by the Community Council from time to time and an affidavit attesting that he/she has not been or is not: a) convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, as defined in Title 1, chapter 2, Section 1.201.B., in the preceding five years; b) removed from office pursuant to this title in any of the preceding five years; c) currently delinquent with respect to a debt owed to the Community; d) able to meet any other condition imposed by the office in questions. The GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct application/affidavit and financial disclosure can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

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Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.F. Community Employees: A Community Employee may sit on a Community enterprise board subject to the Community's Employee Policies and Procedures Reference Guide. A copy of the specified job description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

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Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.G. Duties of Community Enterprise Boards: Community enterprise boards and their members shall follow a standard of care requiring that any decision of, or action taken by, the Community enterprise board members shall be one that would be made with the degree of care that would be exercised by a reasonably prudent and competent person seeking a reasonable return on investment and preservation of financial resources. A copy of the specified board position description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

**\*\* NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION\*\***

**PROBATE CODE**

The Legislative Standing Committee will be considering a revision to the Probate Code at their regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**, located in Conference Room B of the Community Council Secretary's Office. A copy of the proposed revised ordinance in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office.

The Current Probate Code was last amended in 1985 and currently conflicts with federal law. The Draft Probate Code will provide a statutory means for adjudicating probate estates within the Community. The Draft Probate Code also provides the Community Court jurisdiction to probate real and personal property that is not considered federal trust property.

If you are interested in providing comments to the revisions of the Probate Code, please attend the Legislative Standing Committee meeting on **Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**, or you may contact your Council representative and/or the Legislative Standing Committee chairperson at (520) 562-9720. For more information contact the Office of General Counsel at (520) 562-9760.

Page 1 Sample of the Probate Code

**CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**10.101. Scope and Purpose; Legislative Intent.**

A. Legislative Intent. The Gila River Indian Community ("Community") enacts this title under its inherent civil legislative, adjudicative, and regulatory authority pursuant to the express delegation of authority by Congress under the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 461 et seq., which provided the Community authority to organize, adopt the Gila River Indian Community Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community (1960) and enact ordinances governing conduct within the exterior boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation, 25 U.S.C. § 476. The Community enacts this title pursuant to Article XV, Section (a)(13) of the Community Constitution, as the Community has the authority to administer all Community property. Further, under Article XV, Section (b)(5) of the Community Constitution, the Community may regulate the use and disposition of property of members, insofar as such use and disposition affects the welfare of the Community at large.

B. The Community Council enacts this title to provide a statutory means for probating estates in the Community Court. Pursuant to the inherent powers of the Community to exercise civil authority over the probate of applicable trust property and non-trust property within the exterior boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation, the Community Council enacts this title to authorize and direct the Community Court to hear and determine probate proceedings to simplify the probate process, as well as, encourage tribal members to plan for the transfer of their property upon their deaths.

C. The Community Council finds that the probate of Community member's applicable trust property and non-trust property, to include non-Community members where appropriate, has a direct effect on the health and welfare of the Community and its members. The Community enacts this title to regulate certain activities within the Gila River Indian Reservation in accordance with *Montana v. United States*, 450 U.S. 544 (1981).

**10.102. Evidence of Death or Status.**

In addition to the Gila River Indian Community Rules of Evidence, the following rules relating to a determination of death apply:

- A. A certified copy of a death certificate is required to probate the decedent's estate.
- B. An individual is presumed to be dead whose death is not established under the preceding paragraph who is absent for a continuous period of not less than six years, during which he has not been in contact with those who knew him.

**10.103. Definitions.**

- A. In this title, the following words and terms shall have the meaning given herein:

**GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★**

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Interim Owner's Team vacancies:

| Board/Committee                        | Number of Vacancies                             | Deadline                  |
|--|---|---------------------------|
| Memorial Airfield Interim Owner's Team | Three (3) Landowner Representatives (Voluntary) | April 22, 2015 12:00 noon |

Memorial Airfield Landowners interested in serving on the Memorial Airfield Interim Owner's Team, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). A copy of the position description outlining the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

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**GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★**

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following vacancies:

| Board/Committee                              | Number of Vacancies | Deadline                |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Gila River Indian Community Treasurer Mentee | Three (3)           | June 1, 2015 12:00 noon |

Community Members interested in serving as a Gila River Indian Community Treasurer Mentee, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and the Financial Disclosure to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). A copy of the position description outlining the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

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 Clinic  
 (Title X Funded)

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**MAY 2015**

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |
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| 4<br>D6 (Laveen) RTC<br>BY APPOINTMENT ONLY                  | 5<br>D5 (BAPCHULE)<br>SACATE HOUSING<br>8:30-2:30 PM | 6<br>VHM<br>HIGH SCHOOL<br>TEEN CLINIC<br>BY APPOINTMENT ONLY<br>8:30-2:00 PM | 7<br>NO CLINIC   | 8<br>NO CLINIC   |
| 11<br>NO CLINIC  | 12<br>NO CLINIC                                      | 13<br>D6 (KOMATKE)<br>BY KOMATKE HEALTH<br>CENTER<br>9:00-2:00 PM             | 14<br>D1 (BLACKWATER)<br>MULTI-PURPOSE<br>BUILDING<br>8:30-2:30 PM                   | 15<br>NO CLINIC  |
| 18<br>D3 (SACATON)<br>BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB<br>8:30-2:30 PM | 19<br>NO CLINIC                                      | 20<br>D4 (SAN TAN)<br>SNAKETOWN<br>8:30-2:30 PM                               | 21<br>IRA HAYES<br>HIGH SCHOOL<br>TEEN CLINIC<br>BY APPOINTMENT ONLY<br>8:30-2:00 PM | 22<br>NO CLINIC  |
| 25<br>NO CLINIC-HOLIDAY                                      | 26<br>NO CLINIC                                      | 27<br>NO CLINIC   | 28<br>NO CLINIC  | 29<br>NO CLINIC  |
|  |  |   |  | SCHEDULE YOUR<br>FAMILY<br>PLANNING<br>APPOINTMENT<br>TODAY! |



### ELDER'S CIRCLE

The Gila River Indian Community  
**Day of Hope**  
 April 24, 2015  
 "Inspiring Hope and Promoting  
 Wellness Together"  
 For more information contact:  
 Juli Kelly  
 Life Center Director  
 (520) 562-7940

**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  
 Department



### Mary Nahrgang, RN

Mary Nahrgang, Registered Nurse, has served the Community since September 1998 and will be leaving Gila River Health Care on April 30, 2015. Mary is a dedicated, hardworking nurse and she says she will dearly miss the women of the Community and the GRHC Staff. On behalf of GRHC, thanks for the years of dedication Mary.

### PEDS Award

**Daniel T. Cloud Award for Outstanding Practice in Arizona**

The Department of Pediatrics of Gila River Health Care (GRHC) has been recognized for reaching 90% immunization coverage levels for the two-year old children of the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC).

Congratulations to GRHC's Dr. David Gross and the all of the GRHC Providers, the Pediatric Staff, and others that made this award possible. Thanks for keeping GRIC's youth immunized and protected from disease.

### Pharmacy Hours

**New HHKMH Pharmacy Hours**

Monday - Saturday 8:30 am - 10:00 pm  
 Sunday 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
 (Beginning March 1, 2015)

### Diane Stricker, NP



Diane Stricker, Nurse Practitioner, has served the community since March 1999 and will be leaving Gila River Health Care on April 22, 2015.

She is a dedicated, hardworking practitioner and has contributed her time, energy and knowledge to improve patient care in our Community.

GRHC wishes Diane all the best in her endeavors.

### Closures

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital  
 Komatke Health Clinic  
 Ak-Chin Clinic will be closed  
 Memorial Day  
 Monday, May 25, 2015.

Please call (520) 562-3321,  
 for more information.

Women's Health Clinic HHKMH  
 will be closed  
 April 18, 2015  
 (Due to floor replacement in lobby)

For more information, please call:  
 (520) 562-3321

### 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

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