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Sacaton Bridge Rebuilt and Reopened

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Crossing the Gila River just got a bit safer for commuters traveling in and out of Sacaton to the north. For the Community, rebuilding the Sacaton Bridge was an impressive undertaking that involved multiple agencies.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt Gov. Monica L. Antone greeted Community members and project representatives to cut the ribbon on the new bridge April 16.

GRICDOT determined the old bridge, built in 1964, was in need of replacement. It has endured times when the Gila River was flowing at it highest, and the time in 1992 when the Gila River flooded over.

Steven Johnson, a Senior Civil Engineer at GRICDOT, said, "We set out to make the bridge a lot safer according to federal standards."

Designers incorporated broader shoulders and a pedestrian walkway into the design of the bridge.

Gov. Lewis said, "[This] bridge adds an extra security and safety net for Community members walking across"

The pace of construction was quick according to project coordinators, to accommodate the high flow of traffic that travels



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Tribal leaders and Community elders met with GRICDOT, FHWA and construction workers to cut the ribbon on the new Sacaton bridge, which opened April 16.

over the bridge. GRICDOT set a goal to complete the bridge within six months.

Construction of the bridge was made possible through a combination of two grants awarded from the Federal Highway Administration.

Karla Petty, the Arizona Division Administrator of the FHWA said, "We are pleased and privileged to have worked with the Community. The partnership opened

the doors for funding specific to building of the new bridge."

She accredited the quick turnaround to a new construction method called Accelerated Bridge Construction Technique, where sections of the bridge are built on site. Out of the six months the bridge was under construction, Sacaton road was closed for only five days, when sections of the bridge were slid together piece by piece.

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The Strategic Highway Research Program 2 grant gave \$500,000 for the Community's implementation of the ABCT and an additional \$2.2 million from the federal Tribal Bridge Replacement Program.

No other tribe in the U.S. has built a bridge using the ABCT standard, making this a unique opportunity for the Community to work with the federal government on road improvement projects.

GRIC/Honeywell Partnership



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Honeywell manager John Hertz points to the tail of a Boeing 737 at the San Tan Aerospace Testing Facility. Hertz visited Sacaton Elementary School April 16 to interest young students in career opportunities in engineering.

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

In December, Honeywell Inc. donated \$10,000 and a set of new robots to the Sacaton Middle School's after school robotics program. Since then, Honeywell engineers have volunteered at the school, assisting staff and students to build and construct the robots.

Last week, John Hertz, manager of the Honeywell San Tan Aerospace Testing Facility, presented at Sacaton Elementary School's monthly family meeting on April 16. Hertz gave an open invitation for families to tour the 165-acre facility and gave the au-

dience a brief understanding of what they do at the San Tan facility.

The Honeywell San Tan Aerospace Test facility, tucked on the north side of the San Tan Mountains on the Gila River Indian Reservation, was opened in 1961 and specializes in creating and testing aerospace products. Honeywell's Aerospace Division, the largest manufacturer of aircraft engines and avionics, is headquartered in Phoenix, Ariz.

Hertz has been with the San Tan Testing Facility for over 33 years as a manager and mechanic specialist. He is also on the Aviation Advisory Coun-

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Crime Victim Services Raises Awareness about Sex Crimes in Indian Country

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Victims of sexual assault may feel powerless and voiceless, but one tribal department is giving them an opportunity to speak up.

Crime Victim Services held a Sexual Assault Gathering on April 18 at the District 2 Hashen Kehk Multipurpose Building to raise awareness about one of Indian Country's most underreported crimes.

One of the overarching questions about sexual assault that departments like CVS are trying to address is, "What can we do to help victims report crimes and how can the Community as a whole speak out about it?" Events like this are part of the initiative to end crimes that threaten the safety of Community members.

Various speakers from law enforcement, the Community's judicial system and tribal leadership spoke about the need for education about sex crimes.

Gila River Police Officer Manuel Duarte has experience working on domestic violence and sexual assault cases in the Community.

"I am with the victims sometimes an hour to two hours after the crime has been committed. It is a very tragic

situation [they] are in, when they go to the hospital to get checked," he said. "There needs to be more awareness about sexual assault crimes, because it affects everyone not just the individual."

Claude Jackson, the director of Defense Services Office, praised the audience for being at the gathering.

"[This] is something we need to get the word out about," he said. "This is something that victims don't have to go alone. The Community stands behind them. There are support systems that can help them."

District 2 Councilwoman Carol Schurz shared a candid testimony of the dangers of almost being a victim of

sexual assault. In her youth, she recalled, a couple of close encounters with strangers with ulterior motives. With the help of a few good Samaritans, she was able to seek safety and get away from a potentially dangerous situation. If it wasn't for the concern of these bystanders, the situation could have been a lot different.

Her message was clear that women can do something to prevent it from happening, and that is to talk about it.

In her previous position as a District 4 Coordinator, Lt. Gov. Monica L. Antone saw firsthand the impacts of sexual violence on Community members.

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Christopher Lomahquahu/CPAO

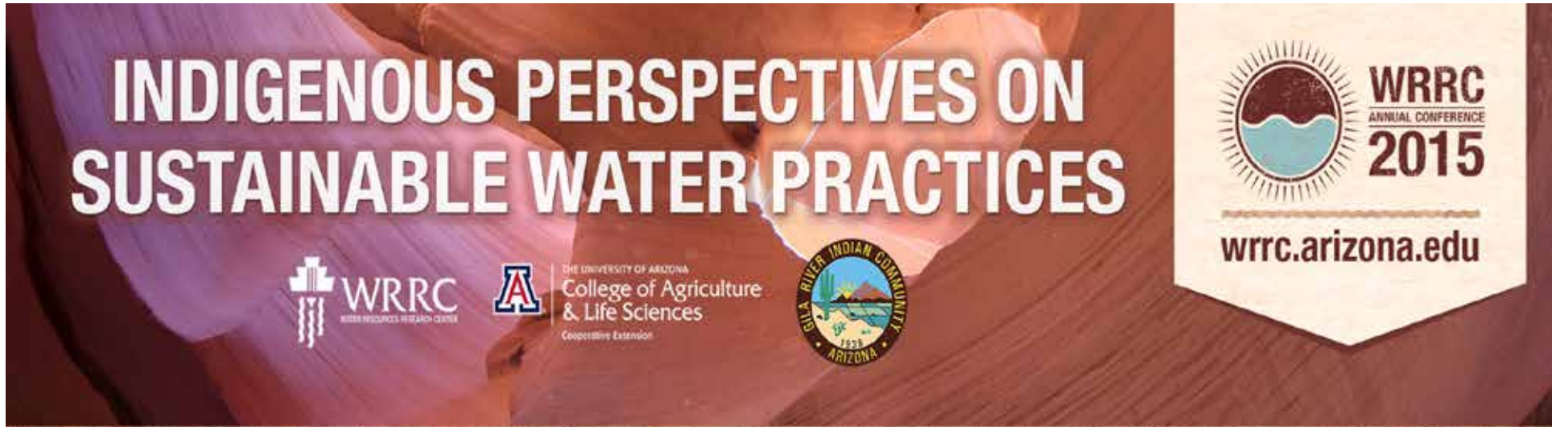
Crime Victim Services staff assist attendee with registration at the Sexual Assault Gathering April 18.

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Keynote Speakers



Harry Walters
Navajo historian, archaeologist, and founder of the Navajo Community College Historical Museum



John Echohawk
A Native American attorney and founder of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF)



Ofelia Zepeda
Renowned Native American poet and linguist (Tohono O'odham)

David DeJong (Not pictured)

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Blackwater Book Project

Contributed by Holly Hartman
Unite for Literacy

Children in the Blackwater community are enjoying a special opportunity to learn O'otham vocabulary by listening to the voices of local elders.

Randall Stone, Gwen Paul and Tillie Pratt have volunteered as translators and narrators of books that are being created for a preschool class at Blackwater Community School.

At a family literacy event Stone stated, "It's our responsibility as elders to be sure that our children are taught the customs and language of our people, so they can keep our ways alive.

Just as my grandfather taught me, it's my time to share the teachings that preserve our way of life."

The native speakers are translating and narrating 25 books each year. Stone has also authored some of the books, including the titles Gila River is Our Home and Farmer's Tools.

A parent in the program expressed gratitude for the opportunity these books have created.

"By listening to these recordings and reading the books, we're learning parts of our heritage that are important."

Through this generous offering of time and knowledge, Blackwater children can develop an appreciation for their rich heritage.

For Mr. Stone, it is one man's way to honor his elders while connecting the past and future.



Randall Stone. Photo courtesy of Unite for Literacy.

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2015 Council of Elders Regular Meeting Schedule

Council of Elders:
Friday (s) 9:00am
Location: O'otham Ha Ki'

May
8 Council of Elders
10 Mothers Day
22 Council of Elders
25 Memorial Day

June
12 Council of Elders
21 Father's Day
26 Council of Elders

July
4 Independence Day
10 Council of Elders
24 Council of Elders

August
14 Council of Elders
28 Council of Elders

September
7 Labor Day
11 Council of Elders
19 American Indian Day
25 Council of Elders

October
9 Council of Elders
23 Council of Elders

November
11 Veterans Day
13 Council of Elders
20 Council of Elders
26 Thanksgiving Day

December
10 Water Settlement Day
11 Council of Elders
18 Council of Elders
25 Christmas Day

2015 Elders Concerns Group Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates:
Wednesday (s) 9:30am
Locations: See Schedule

May
10 Mothers Day
13 Elders Concerns Group
District 5 Service Center
25 Memorial Day

June
10 Elders Concerns Group
District 4 Service Center
21 Father's Day

July
4 Independence Day
8 Elders Concerns Group
District 3 Service Center

August
12 Elders Concerns Group
District 2 Hashan-Kehk
Multi Purpose Building

September
7 Labor Day
9 Elders Concerns Group
District 1 Multi purpose Gym
18 American Indian Day

October
14 Elders Concerns Group
District 7 Service Center

November
11 Veterans Day
18 Elders Concerns Group
District 6 Learning Center
26 Thanksgiving Day

December
10 Water Settlement Day
9 Elders Concerns Group
District 5 Service Center
25 Christmas Day

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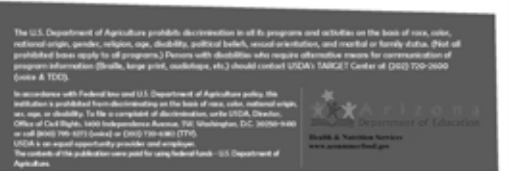
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“Keep the Promise Act” Moves Forward in U.S. Senate

Press Release

Sacaton, AZ. — The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs today on a voice vote passed S.152, the Keep The Promise Act of 2015, which would prevent Arizona’s Indian tribes from opening casinos on land newly put into trust until after the expiration of the state’s voter-approved gaming compacts in 2027. The Act, which will keep the promise agreed to in 2002 by tribes and hundreds of thousands of Arizona voters, will 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.

The bill, sponsored by U.S. Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake and supported by most of the Arizona Congressional delegation, next moves to a floor vote in the U.S. Senate, likely to be scheduled in the near future. In late March 2015, similar legislation sponsored by Rep. Trent Franks was passed by the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee. Both S.152 and H.R. 308 are in position to be voted on by the full U.S. House and Senate.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis hailed today’s vote by the committee. “Members of the United States Senate sent a strong message of support for not allowing one tribe to break the promise of balanced tribal gaming agreed to by all Arizona tribes and the state’s voters,” said Gov. Lewis. “Today’s vote in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs creates additional momentum for the Keep The Promise Act as it moves toward a final passage by Congress.

“The Gila River Indian Community very much appreciates the leadership shown on this issue by Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Representatives Trent Franks, Paul Gosar, Ann Kirkpatrick

and others. We look forward to the next steps of the legislative process.”

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Delbert Ray, Sr. also released a statement on the bill’s committee passage.

“The Salt River Community applauds the leadership of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake in approving S. 152, the Keep the Promise Act of 2015,” said President Ray. “Enactment of this bill will reaffirm the gaming policy approved by Arizona voters in 2002, that there will be no additional casinos in the Phoenix metropolitan area. We commend the bi-partisan leadership of the Arizona Congressional delegation in working towards swift passage of the Act.”

“The Community stands united with the Governor of Arizona, the Attorney General, many city leaders in the Phoenix area, and tribal leaders throughout the state, in confirming that voters never intended to have “casino reservations” created by a tribe in the middle of a city, more than 100 miles away from its reservation,” said Ray.

“Additionally, this legislation is consistent with the state’s position that principles of fraud and misrepresentation nullify any contention that the Tohono O’odham Nation may create a new casino reservation in the middle of Glendale, at a site across the street from a public high school.”

Without passage of the Keep The Promise Act, the Tohono O’odham Nation potentially could open not only a Glendale casino, but three more casinos on county islands around Maricopa County. Such openings could pave the way to the Arizona Legislature allowing off-reservation casinos, causing an explosion of tribal and non-tribal gaming statewide.

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A'AGA Something to be told

By Billy Allen

May – the original name was Kai Cu:klig Mashath – the seeds inside the saguaro are turning black. So, now’s not a good time to plan on savoring saguaro fruit. But our desert can still give us a taste of our heritage.

Wolf berries or kwavul ripen in early spring. When the bright scarlet berries are visibly plump, it is time to pick. I’m remembering the spring of 1976. I worked in Sacaton, lived in Tempe. One day while driving back home on I-10, I saw a car parked to the side. When I passed, and saw O’otham women off to the side. I backed up to see if it was car trouble. I walked over, and a lady dressed in the “old style”— monjel (scarf), ipud (dress), with a long sleeve kamis (shirt), sturdy su:sk (shoes) and holding an old lard pail—glanced towards me. I spotted her daughters and realized they were picking kwavul. The old lady shook my hand and invited me to come over later

to taste the kwavul. I regret I did not go for a taste. We also remember a couple of decades ago when some of our Tohono O’odham relatives came to visit just after we had made a fresh batch of kwavul. One of the cousins made himself a little too much at home with the amount he put away! Lately it seems the time to harvest kwavul comes earlier. Has climate change come to our desert?

I remember my ka:k oks – the wife of my grandmother’s brother — taking us kids out to gather wild foods. She would tell us the names of the plants in O’otham and Milga:n (American/English).

Ka:k oks would take us to pick hannam. Using tongs, she picked the buds from the cactus. Back home she made a small fire and carefully burned off the spines from the buds. She cooked some and placed the rest out in full sunshine to dry to store for later use. I was not fond of the taste, but the kekel (elders) savored it.

Another food we gathered was onk i:vak or spinach. We would go north towards the river, below the bank, but not in the river bed. She taught us to lift the plant from the root so the entire plant would come up. We filled big paper bags and were surprised, a little disappointed, to see how much it shrunk when it was cooked. I liked this salty

tasting i:vak.

In late May or early June it was time for chu’i or pinole. Wheat or pilkañ is not native to our area, but when it was introduced by the Spaniards, it quickly became a staple. Because of this new food, May got a new name, Pilkañ Baithag Mashath or wheat harvest month.

Ka:k oks toasted wheat seeds on a komal (comal). When the seeds cooled, they were ground into powdery flour using a hand-powered grinder anchored to the table. Turning the handle was my job. The flour or chu’i was mixed with water and depending on taste, salt or chili was added. Again, I did not care for it, but the kekel really enjoyed this filling drink. In the early days wheat was used as money. A full two pound lard can was worth ten cents, according to Stephen Jones of Salt River.

I treasure a photo of that va:to and fire pit where my ka:k oks spent hours preparing food. Even during the heat of the summer afternoon, she would make a fire, sit beside the fire and make tortillas for evening supper. Generations before prepared the same foods our rich desert has to offer.

Some of this information comes from the book *By the Prophet of the Earth* by L. S. M. Curtin, published in 1949. Copyright 1949 by Willard Houglund.

GRIC Family Raising Awareness about “Cri Du Chat” Syndrome

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Martinez family is a family like any other. They have three daughters and three sons. The youngest, Nisto, is 10-years-old and is in the 4th grade at Toltec Elementary School in Eloy, where the Martinez family lives. His father Dennis, a member of the Tohono O’odham Nation, and mother Michelle, a Gila River Indian Community member, are happy to see him grow up and attend school.

Nisto was diagnosed with Cri Du Chat at birth and since then his family has taken it upon themselves

to see that he lives a normal life.

Michelle said, “We took care of him like our older children. There wasn’t much of a change in how [he] was raised,” despite living with the syndrome.

Cri Du Chat (“cat’s cry,” also known as 5p- Syndrome) is a rare genetic syndrome that affects one out of every 20,000 to 50,000 newborns. It is caused by the deletion of a portion of the fifth chromosome during the early stages of development. It affects the body by delaying the development of muscles, restricting the person’s mobility and requiring them to use a wheel chair. It is characterized by a high-pitched,

cat-like cry in children.

The family said, to their knowledge, Nisto is the only member from the Community and TON with the syndrome. They said at first it was difficult to accommodate his condition. Nisto has gone through a couple of surgeries in his life to improve his health. Anthony said, “We feel we were lucky, because he doesn’t have severe disabilities.”

Both parents said, “Nisto is like any other kid.” At his school, there is an exceptional level of support staff and services that help Nisto in his education. Michelle said he is doing well in school and has reached the educational standards

set for someone with his disability.

The family hopes to continue raising awareness about Cri Du Chat. Every year in May, Michelle’s co-workers at GRIC’s Crime Victim Services collect mismatched socks in the “Stripy Sock” campaign. The stripped socks represent a pair of chromosomes, one being shorter than the other to represent the deletion of the fifth chromosome.

This year, the Martinez family hopes to travel to the 2015 5p- Society Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. in July to learn more about what they can do to give their son a better quality of life and to raise awareness about the syndrome.

There, families with a member with the syndrome come together to share stories and listen to medical experts and caregivers talk about how they are addressing Cri Du Chat.

Michelle and Dennis would like to get support to attend this year’s event from the Community, because the more they learn about their son’s syndrome, the more they can give him a greater chance at a successful life.

Michelle said, “We hope that the Community can be able to hear about Cri Du Chat, so that they can provide services that can help someone like Nisto.”

COMMUNITY UPDATES

BY GRIN STAFF

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

Honeywell

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cil at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. CGCC has programs that focus on airplane maintenance, engineering and power plant maintenance. Hertz says that CGCC has one of the “best programs in the state” for aviation engineering.

Hertz said that although college enrollment has tripled in the last ten years, there is still going to be a shortage of aviation skilled laborers in the Valley.

“Businesses are struggling to find qualified people to hire,” he said. Because of the lease between Gila River and Honeywell, the company has a hiring preference for Gila River Community members that are qualified and have an education in aviation.

“We are looking for some of you young kids to take over for us,” he said to the Sacaton students. “There is a lot of work to be done and it’s (the San Tan Facility) is in your backyard . . . This is one of the coolest places to be in the whole

world – right here on this reservation.”

The 40 billion dollar corporation is best known for their home thermostats, but the company also designs and manufactures products ranging from protective equipment and natural gas engines to other aviation products that are used on nearly every airplane today.

They build control systems, turbo chargers, turbine engines, military equipment and other mechanical systems. Hertz’s employees test and build equipment to make sure that their products are approved by the FAA before they go to market.

For example, when engineers test the safety of jet engines, they shield the motors in a soft paper-thin aluminum ring and perform various tests to prove the airplane won’t damage the airplane or fall off in mid-air when it breaks down. Aircraft engines are located on the side of the plane and when passengers are on board and the

plane is in-flight, engineers have to make sure nothing will go into the aircraft when the engine fails.

Aerospace is one of the company’s main focuses. Honeywell invented the auxiliary power units (APU) that provide electrical air power to an aircraft for starting the main engines, air conditioning, lighting and more.

A Honeywell APU system played a big role in a 2009 emergency plane landing on the Hudson River. U.S. Airways flight 1549 lost power to both engines after multiple birds struck the aircraft over New York. Honeywell’s APU system was able to give backup electrical power for Captain Chesley Sullenberger to land the plane safely on the river.

“Basically every airplane you get on has a Honeywell product on it . . . The APU [Capt. Sullenberger] had was a Honeywell,” said Hertz.

Crime Victim Services

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She said, “We need to take care of our Community members that are suffering from the threat of sexual assault. Our heart and souls go out to each and every one of the victims that seek the Community’s services.”

One of Antone’s recommendations was to have tribes across the nation start talking about doing something to lower the rate of sex crimes.

The Gila River Indian Community Council recently issued a proclamation that aims to draw attention about sexual assault and officially recognizes April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

It recognizes that Native American women are 3.5 times more likely to be sexually assaulted than women of other ethnicities and that 86 percent of the time sexual abuse is committed by someone known to the victim.

The event was funded by a grant awarded to CVS by

the Office on Violence Against Women of the U.S. Department of Justice. As a recipient of the grant, CVS plans to introduce more events like this to the Community. The goal is to bring families together, but rather than focusing on the negative aspects of sexual abuse, CVS wants to educate them about what they can do to report these crimes.

The Gila River Indian Community is one of six organizations across the U.S., and the only tribe, that was awarded this grant.

According to CVS Coordinator Robin Begay, the department has other plans to provide public outreach for Community members to learn more about what they can do to prevent or report cases of sexual assault.

“It shouldn’t be done one time of the year,” she said. “We want to bring trainings and information out to the Community.”

Community Events

Saturday, May 2

Legends Basketball Tourney
Sacaton, Wellness Center
Tournament ends this day

Swap Meet In The Park
Ira Hayes Memorial Park
7:00am – 12:00pm

Graffiti Interaction & Awareness
District 4 Service Center
4:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, May 3 Monday, May 4 Tuesday, May 5

Kids in Safety Seats (KISS)
District 3 Elderly Complex/Public
Health Nursing Office
2:00pm

She & Me – Girl Scouts Event
District 5 Service Center
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 6

Matter of Balance Class
District 1 Multipurpose Building
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Thursday, May 7

Matter of Balance Class
District 7 Service Center
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Friday, May 8

Car Wash – Ira Hayes High School
Senior Trip Fund Raiser
Ira Hayes Memorial Park
7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Gila Crossing Community School 4th
Grade Banquet
GCCS Gymnasium
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 9

The Unfinished Mul-Chu-Tha Footrace
District 2 Service Center
5:00 am

Casa Grande Union High School Powwow
CGUHS Gymnasium
11:00 am gourd dancing
1:00 pm grand entry

Sunday, May 10 Monday, May 11 Tuesday, May 12

She & Me – Girl Scouts Event
District 5 Service Center
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 13

Matter of Balance Class
District 1 Multipurpose Building
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Thursday, May 14

Matter of Balance Class
District 7 Service Center
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Friday, May 15

2015 Legends Men’s Basketball Tournament
Sacaton Wellness Center
Friday, May 1 – Saturday, May 2
For men ages 35+

Saturday, May 16

Gila River Fitness Fest
District 5 Service Center
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

** 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:



2015 - Council Elections

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

District 1 Candidates



Arzie Hogg



Joyce McAfee

District 4 Candidates



Sharon Lewis



Marlene Norris



Nada Celaya

District 5 Candidates



Gwendolyn Thomas



Franklin Pablo, Sr.



Duane Johns



Ronald Lewis



Vernon Sunna, Sr.

District 6 Candidates



Anthony "Chris" Villareal, Sr.



Joanne Miles-Long



Danelle Spring



Lisa D. Shelde

Polling sites open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

District #1 Polling Site: Elder Center, 1060 W. Blackwater School Road, Blackwater

District #4 Polling Site: Service Center, 1510 W. Santan Road, Santan

District #5 Polling Site: Veteran's Building, 3500 W. Casa Blanca Road, Casa Blanca

District #6 Polling Site: Learning Center, 5230 W. St. Johns Road, Komatke

District Judge's will be at your District service Center for absentee Voting, May 4th, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

District #1: Valerie Williams, (520) 709-4537

District #4: Sharon Miguel, (520) 418-2142

District #5: Gaynell Lopez, (520) 709-9835

District #6: Lorina Allison, (480) 532-7646

District #5: Gaynell Lopez, (520) 562-9735

GRIN KIDS ART CONTEST

To celebrate the year of Celebrating our Water Rights, we're holding an art contest for elementary school youth.

- Age: children in grades 1 – 6
- Draw a photo of your favorite water activity or body of water. It can be a picture of gardening, swimming, fishing, the beach or a river.
- Create your work of art on a regular 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper. Be sure to use lots of colors!
- Have fun and be creative! A group of the best entries will be featured at the Water Resources Research Center Conference July 10!
- Gov. Stephen Lewis will select two winners who will be featured in the newspaper and receive a special prize!

Send your creation to the Gila River Indian News via email at grin@gric.nsn.us or by post to P.O. Box 495 Sacaton, AZ 85147.

GRIC Celebrates Earth Day

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Every year, the earth is honored with festivities educating the public on ways to keep the planet green and evolving.

The Department of Environmental Quality hosted an Earth Day celebration at Ira H. Hayes Memorial Park on April 22.

Kids from Gila River schools got to learn about different ways they can take part in making a green Community.

This year was even bigger than last year. Several of the programs within DEQ and outside the Community brought out their information booths, showcasing some of the latest in Earth Day trends.

Schools such as Gila Crossing Community School and Ira Hayes High School brought out sample plants of kale and beans from their school gardens.

They also displayed literature and images of some of the work they perform in the garden such as composting and recycling.

A representative from the Sonora Audubon Society brought out their birds, snakes and tortoises to show attendees.

All of the animals like the Gila monster, red tail hawk and desert tortoise had their names displayed in O'otham.

DEQ staff gave presentations on using greener cleaners to reduce the amount of toxins released in the environment.

A demonstration of a solar oven showed how foods can be cooked by the power of the sun. In the oven a fresh batch of cookies was slowly baking.

There was even a chance for kids to use their creativity and make hats out of recycled paper.

University of Arizona's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences was also on site teaching children about plants, water quality and integrated pest management.

A group of educators had children test various liquids to determine which ones were acidic.

The event also hosted its annual fashion show in which models showed off their recycled outfit creations.

DEQ, the Gila River Health Clinic, GRIC Department of Transportation, GRIC Utility Authority and the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort also had booths on display showing people ways to go green and reduce energy.

Mr. Ted Huerta and the Roadrunners, a student band from Casa Blanca Community School, provided musical entertainment.

Gila River Earth Day was made possible through the sponsorship of GRICUA and Gila River Telecommunications.

Home Team is Chair Volleyball Champ at Elder Spring Picnic



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The home team from District 5, the Mustangs (right), won the chair volleyball tournament at the annual Elder Spring Picnic April 17 at the Vah-Ki Multipurpose Building.

Casa Blanca School Career Day



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

Gila River firefighters let students at the Casa Blanca Community School Career Day April 24 practice wearing bulky firefighter gear.

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

Casa Blanca Community School is helping students visualize a future. The elementary school hosted their 4th annual Career Day April 24.

Presenters from various departments and professions gave second to fourth grade students a small glimpse of their career fields to get young children to think about what they want to be when they get older.

Participants included Gila River Police K9 Unit, Gila River Fire Department, Gila River Dental, Intel Inc., and GRIC Utility Authority. The *GRIN* also participated. Engineers, authors, a U.S. Army recruiter and a representative from Humana Insurance presented as well. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and interact with presenters.

"It is always wonderful to see that so many are willing to open their schedules, their

minds, and their hearts to share the best parts of their jobs with our wonderful students. Saying thank you for what the presenters accomplish never seems adequate," said organizer Nancy Rollins.

Rollins, who teaches special and gifted class at the school, said seeing the children excited about their future is a goal that has been met since starting the event. Before Career Day was established, she said she asked her students what they wanted to do when they grow up and only one child out of 25 answered. "After our first Career Day, all of the sudden kids wanted to be firemen, wanted to be pilots, wanted to be doctors and that was a huge thrill," said Rollins.

"These children, especially with the educational support of the tribe, have the whole world in their hands and their dreams should be endless."



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

Above: Children wearing recycled paper hats. Below: Gila Crossing Community School agriculture teacher demonstrates the plants his students are growing.



Jessica Joaquin/CPAO

Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday April 1, 2015**

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147;
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CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday April 1, 2015, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Lt. Governor Monica L. Antone at 9:11am

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Sandra Nasewytewa

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

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 (9:16am), Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird (9:15am)

Council Members Absent:

D4-Vacant

APPROVAL OF A GENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council 16th Annual Gila River Close Up Event

Presenter: Michael Preston

MR. MICHAEL PRESTON INTRODUCED THE CLOSE UP PROGRAM. EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES. GOVERNOR PABLO AND LT. GOVERNOR COOPER PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE EXERCISES OF THE PROGRAM. LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE AND VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS PROVIDED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. Gila River Royalty Committee – Introduction Of The 2015 – 2016 Gila River Royalty Court

Presenters: Gila River Royalty Committee, 2015 Royalty Court

MISS GILA RIVER SIENNA WHITTINGTON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND PLATFORM. MISS GILA RIVER 1ST ATTENDANT CHEYENNE JACKSON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. JR. MISS GILA RIVER CHARISMA QUIROZ PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND PLATFORM. JR. MISS GILA RIVER 1ST ATTENDANT ASHLEY THOMPSON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. JR. MISS GILA RIVER 2ND ATTENDANT SIASEK LUCERO PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE AND VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS PROVIDED WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

(15 minute reception in the lobby to follow)

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:58AM]

REPORTS

* 1. Sacaton Elementary School SY 2014-2015 Qtr. 1 Report

Presenter: Leslie Rychel

REPORT HEARD

*2. Ira H. Hayes High School SY 2014-2015 Qtr. 1 Report

Presenter: Crispin Zamudio

REPORT HEARD

3. Gila River Indian Community Head Start & Early Head Start Annual Report 2013-2014

Presenter: Christa Caamano

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Head Start & Early Head Start December Monthly Report FY2015

Presenter: Christa Caamano

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Head Start & Early Head Start January Monthly Report FY2015

Presenter: Christa Caamano

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Head Start & Early Head Start February Monthly Report FY2015

Presenter: Christa Caamano

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. Blackwater Community School SY 2013-2014 Carry-over Funds

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

REPORT HEARD

8. Blackwater Community School SY 2014-2015 1st Quarter Report

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

REPORT HEARD

*9. Police Department 2014 Overview

Presenter: Kathleen Kirkham, Chief

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. Office Of The Prosecutor – Fiscal Year 2015 1st Quarter Report

Presenter: Rebecca Plevel

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11. Crisis Response Team Status Report

Presenters: Greg Mitchem, Leann Wander

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. Citizens Advisory Board FY2014 3&4 Quarter Report

Presenters: LECAB

REPORT HEARD

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 1 To The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2015 (G&MSC motioned to forward to the Community Council)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And RVK, Inc For Fiscal Year 2015 (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving Of The Gila River Indian Community And State Of Arizona Gaming Compact Amendments, Appendices And Agreements (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila A River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And The Casa Grande Union High School District To Identify And Define The Roles And Responsibilities Of Each Party Relating To The Disbursement Of Federal Funds Under The Johnson-O'Malley Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Homeland Security Staffing For A Adequate Fire And Emergency Response (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of support and approval)

Presenter: Chief Thomas Knapp

MOTION MADE, SECOND AND DEFEATED TO

TABLE AND HAVE CHIEF KNAPP COME TO

THE DISTRICT TO EXPLAIN

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2047 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

7. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 3493 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

8. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2557 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (L. Manuel) (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2557 Located On

Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (J. Allen) (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2557 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Lynford A.) (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2557 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (L. Allen) (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

12. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 1245 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

13. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 451 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

14. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 4595 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

15. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 348 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

16. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 316 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

17. A Resolution Approving Closure Plan For San Tan Industrial Park (EDSC motions to forward to Community Council; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: John Roberts, Esther Manuel

APPROVED

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:33PM]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO KEEP THE

COMMUNITY MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

REQUEST AND PUT IT BACK ON THE

AGENDA AND IT BE ITEM #3 UNDER NEW

BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Update On Gaming Compact/Off-Reservation Gaming Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council in Executive Session)

Presenter: Scot Butler, Eric Dahlstrom

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Employee Benefits Trust Team - Recent Activity (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council and to direct the Law Office to collapse the functions of EBT Committee into the HSSC policies within 30 days; H&SSC motioned to forward to Council)

Continued on Page 9

From Page 8

Presenters: Linus Everling, Robert Yoder
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
 FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
 [LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:38PM]
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL APPROVAL THAT WILL AMEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE POLICY AND PROCEDURE (GR-22-12) IN ORDER TO COLLAPSE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST (EBT) INTO THE DESIGNATED AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE (H&SSC); FURTHER, ONCE THE EBT IS TRANSFERRED TO THE H&SSC AND APPROVED BY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, THAT THE EBT POLICIES BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE TRANSFER OF EBT AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE H&SSC AS WELL AS ANY OTHER CHANGES THAT ARE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR COMMUNITY
 [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
 3. Declaration Treasurer Mentee Vacancies (3)
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE 3 VACANCIES AND WILL BE ADVERTISED AND APPOINTED ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT ORDINANCE
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD IN BEFORE THE

APPOINTMENTS, THE VERBAL RESIGNATION OF GARY WILLIAMS FROM THE WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
 [Addendum to Agenda]
 4. Verbal Resignation of Mr. Gary Williams from the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT GARY WILLIAMS' VERBAL RESIGNATION FROM THE WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
 5 4. Gila River Gaming Commission Appointments (2) Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE, SECOND AND WITHDRAWN TO CERTIFY THE TWO CANDIDATES WANDA J. MANUEL AND GARY WILLIAMS
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY WANDA J. MANUEL
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY GARY
 NEW BUSINESS
 1. District Seven – Appointment Of Jana Sunn To The Planning & Zoning Commission (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of appointment)
 Presenter: Sharon Lewis
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
 2 4. Certification of Qualifications of the 2015 Community Council Candidates (LSC forwards to Community Council with no recommendation under New Business)
 Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Council Secretary White
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR DISTRICT 1 ARZIE HOGG AND JOYCE MCAFFEE
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR DISTRICT 4 TO CERTIFY MARLENE NORRIS, SHARON LEWIS, AND NADA CELAYA
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR DISTRICT 5 TO CERTIFY DUANE JOHNS, RONALD LEWIS, SR., VERNON SUNNA, SR., FRANKLIN

PABLO, SR., AND GWENDOLYN L. THOMAS
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR DISTRICT 6 TO CERTIFY ANTHONY C. VILLAREAL, SR., LISA D. SHELDE, DANELLE SPRING AND JOANNE MILES-LONG
 [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
 3 2. Community Managers Memorandum Request (G&MSC motioned to forward the letter request to Community Council)
 Presenter: Pamela Thompson
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND DATES [FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING] WILL BE APRIL 21, 22, AND POSSIBLY THE 23
 4 3. Citizens Advisory Board Articles of Organization (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval under New Business)
 Presenter: Darren Pedro-Martinez
 TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA MINUTES
 1. November 19, 2014 (Regular)
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
 2. December 2, 2014 (Special)
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
 3. December 3, 2014 (Regular)
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS
 4. December 5, 2014 (Special)
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 >LITIGATION TEAM MEETING APRIL 2, 2015, 9AM
 >SPECIAL ESC MEETING APRIL 2, 2015, 9AM AT BLACK-WATER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
 >COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN WILLIAMS AND COUNCILWOMAN ANGELIA ALLISON ON TRAVEL
 >SPECIAL HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 2, 2015, 1PM
 >MEETING WITH SENATOR DON YOUNG, APRIL 2, 2015 AT SALT RIVER
 ADJOURNMENT
 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:39PM
 * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Community Council Action Sheets Wednesday April 15, 2015

ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday April 15, 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 9:13am

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone (1:52pm)

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman (11:58am), Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Angelia Allison; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa;

Council Members Absent:

D4-Vacant; D5- Janice F. Stewart; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.;

D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

REPORTS

*1. Gila River Indian Community Head Start & Early Head Start Annual Report 2013-2014

Presenter: Christa Caamano

REPORT HEARD

*2. Head Start & Early Head Start December Monthly Report FY2015

Presenter: Christa Caamano

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2 THRU #4

*3. Head Start & Early Head Start January Monthly Report FY2015

Presenter: Christa Caamano

REPORT ACCEPTED AT #2

*4. Head Start & Early Head Start February Monthly Report FY2015

Presenter: Christa Caamano

REPORT ACCEPTED AT #2

*5. Crisis Response Team Status Report

Presenters: Greg Mitchem, Leann Wander

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE RECESS. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:20AM]

6. Office Of The Prosecutor – Fiscal Year 2015 1st Quarter Report

Presenter: Rebecca Plevel

REPORT HEARD

7. Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post 51

Presenters: American Legion Posts 51

REPORT HEARD

8. Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park And Rawhide Western Town And Steakhouse Report

Presenter: Dale Gutenson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Update- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Consultation and Matters

Presenters: Tana Fitzpatrick, Barnaby Lewis, Ondrea Barber

REPORT HEARD

10. Gila River Indian Community Children in Crisis Coalition Update

Presenters: Judge Kami Hart, Cathy Brown

REPORT HEARD

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

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Gila River Gaming Enterprise, Inc. – Monthly Report For February 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Janice Ponziani, Board Of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Gila River Gaming Commission - Monthly Report For February 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending March 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORT ENDING MARCH 2015

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2014 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Franzoy Consulting, Inc. (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2014 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Hardee Consulting (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2014 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gookin Hydrology, PLC (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Connell Group LLC For Fiscal Year 2015 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An

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Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

What's New at GRICUA?

GRICUA Buries Time Capsule

On March 26, 2015 GRICUA buried a time capsule that will remain in place for 25 years. Here are some of the items that were included in the capsule: past GRIN articles, past GRICUA calendars, a GRICUA t-shirt signed by the entire staff and business cards. The time capsule will be opened on March 26, 2040.



Lineman Sam Jimenez places the time capsule.

Mul Chu Tha Parade

GRICUA participated in the 2015 Mul Chu Tha parade. Former Washington Youth Tour student Haley Joaquin, former intern Claudia Bandin and Elena Polingyowma (staff member Kurt Polingyowma's daughter) walked the parade route alongside GRICUA's truck.



Pictured L to R: Elena Polingyowma, Haley Joaquin, Claudia Bandin, Gianni Miguel (crew member Mike Miguel's son), Mike Miguel and Calvin Tullie.

GRICUA Budget Billing

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

What to Do to Get Energy Ready for Summer

Before it gets too warm, it's time to make sure you're ready for hot weather. This doesn't mean running out and buying the latest swim wear. It means checking your home's heat and air conditioning system.

- First, get a tune-up for your air conditioner and change the filter. Change them regularly as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Next, change your thermostat over to "cool" and test the system by turning the temperature down. If the air conditioner does not turn on, first check to make sure no breakers are tripped. If you can't figure out the problem, call your heating and air conditioning repair person. Calling early may keep you from making an "emergency" call when the temperatures are soaring and the repair people are too busy.
- Consider changing your old thermostat to a programmable one.
- Consider installing a whole-house fan that uses cool air in the evening to cool the entire house and push hot air out of the attic area. Courtesy of www.consumerenergycenter.org

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: 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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Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And DCI Group, LLC For Fiscal Year 2015 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel
APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An

Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Leibowitz Solo, LLC For Fiscal Year 2015 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel
APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2014

Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Public Policy Partners (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel
APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving The Revision Of The

Community Council Standing Committee Policies

And Procedures (G&MSC motioned to forward to

Community Council with recommendation of approval; H&SSC motioned to forward to Community Council)

Presenter: Linda Sauer

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

9. A Resolution Authorizing The Tribal Health Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of The Interior, Bureau Of Indian Affairs, FY 2016 BIA Indian Highway Safety Program, Child Passenger Safety Seat Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Janice Anderson

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation To Submit A Grant To The Arizona Department Of Transportation For Rural Transit Services, On Behalf Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Sasha Pachito

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 4559 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

12. A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Marshals Service For The Gang Research, Intelligence And Targeting Initiative (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a cover letter attached under Resolutions)

Presenter: Chief Kathleen Kirkham

APPROVED

13. A Resolution Authorizing Amendments To GR-105-12 In Part By Approving Revisions To The Articles Of Organization Of The Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board Of The Gila River Indian Community (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a cover letter attached under Resolutions)

Presenter: Darren Pedro-Martinez

APPROVED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

14. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The

Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And

Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries

Presenter Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

*1. Citizens Advisory Board Articles of

Organization (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval under New Business)

Presenter: Darren Pedro-Martinez

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. District Three – Housing Advisory Committee Nomination (G&MSC motioned to

forward to Community Council with recom-

mendation of affirming the nomination of

Ellen Allison)

Presenter: Dale Enos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AFFIRM

ELLEN ALLISON

3. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. –

Request For Community Council Members

Participation Of Washington, DC Hill Visits

(G&MSC motioned to forward to Community

Council with recommendation of approval in

nominate Brian Davis)

Presenters: Pamela Thomas, Belinda

Nelson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO

APPROVE NOMINATION OF MR. BRIAN

DAVIS, SR.

4. Mismatches – Tax Payer Identification

Number/Social Security Number/Names

(G&MSC motioned to forward to Community

Council with recommendation of Approval of

option #2)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Mike

Jacobs

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AP-

PROVE OPTION #2

5. Letter to Dr. Monty Roessel Grade Ex-

pansion Request (ESC forwards to Council

with recommendation that Governor submit

a letter to Dr. Monty Roessel in support

of Blackwater School regarding Grade

Expansion)

Presenters: BWCS Board and Administra-

tion

MOTION MADE AND SECOND WITH REC-

COMMENDATION OF APPROVAL

6. Letter to Secretary Jewell In Support of

FACE Program (ESC moved to forward to

Council with recommendation that Governor

write a letter in Support of Community's

FACE program)

Presenters: BWCS Board and Administra-

tion

MOTION MADE AND SECOND THAT GOV-

ERNOR WRITE A LETTER IN SUPPORT

OF COMMUNITY FACE PROGRAMS

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE

7. Off Reservation Gaming Meeting Dele-

gation

Presenter: Governor Stephen R. Lewis

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SES-

SION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE

MINUTES

1. November 17, 2014 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AP-

PROVE

WITH CORRECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>REVIEWING COMMITTEE CONCERNS

EXPRESSED

>HARRY CRUYE, JR. LIE IN STATE SER-

VICES THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015, 3PM

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5.35PM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Gila River Indian Community Department of Transportation ("GRICDOT") at the Community Council meeting of April 15, 2014 at the Governance Center in Sacaton, AZ. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a project for which financial assistance is being sought from the Federal Transit Administration through the Arizona Department of Transportation. Grant funds will be used to implement a Community public transportation system.

At the hearing, GRICDOT will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the project. Interested persons may submit oral or written evidence and recommendations with respect to said project.

A copy of grant proposal is currently available for public inspection at the Department of Transportation Administration Office located at the Executive Ke in Sacaton, AZ.

Other Public Meetings:

GRICDOT will be presenting the proposed transit service to the affected Districts in May and June 2015.

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION TO PROVIDERS

(Includes medical transportation providers such as Z-Best, Tri Care, Taxi companies, etc.)

This is to notify you that Gila River Indian Community Department of Transportation ("GRICDOT")

is applying for financial assistance under the ADOT Rural Public Transportation Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. Section 5311. This program provides for capital, administrative and operating assistance for public transportation programs in rural and small urban areas. GRICDOT proposes to provide the following service:

The proposed service will entail two separate deviated fixed routes/circulators. One will be in District 3 and the other will be in District 6/7. Both routes will not have a fare. Both routes will have anticipated operating hours of 6:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

The circulator route in District 3 will include stops at HuhuKam Memorial Hospital, PD/Courts, Governance Center, WIC/Post Office, BIA Pima Agency, and Boys and Girls Club.

The route in District 6/7 will include stops at Shell Station, Komatke Health Care Center, Boys and Girls Club, District Service Centers, and Vee Quiva Casino.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of our application and to insure that this proposal would not represent a duplication of your service. Therefore, we solicit your involvement in our proposed service.

I ask that you contact this office in writing within 10 days if you believe that you can provide all or a part of this service or if you have specific objections to the proposed project. In your letter you should state your specific objections or counter proposal. If you support the application, please complete the enclosed sign-off letter and return it to this address:

GRICDOT
291 W Casa Blanca Rd
PO Box 97
Sacaton, AZ 85147

Attention: Sasha Pachito, Transportation Planning Manager

In addition, please send a copy of your letter to the Arizona Department of Transportation, which is the funding agency for the Rural Public Transportation Program. Their address is:

Arizona Department of Transportation
206 South 17th Avenue, Room 340 B

Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3213

Attention: 5311 Program Manager

Should you desire any additional information on the proposed service, please contact me at:

Sasha Pachito, Transportation Planning Manager, GRICDOT at (520) 562-6110 or via email at sasha.pachito@gric.nsn.us



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District 2 Service Center 6/23 & 6/25
Ak-Chin Clinic 7/7 & 7/9
District 5 Service Center 7/14 & 7/16
District 4 Service Center 7/28 & 7/30

Tuesday and Thursday 10 am to 3 pm

For more information contact: **Robin Henry, FNP**
Community Outreach Mobile Unit (520) 610-2379

Dr. Song-Nichols



Dr. Joan Song-Nichols, has served the Gila River Indian Community since November 1997 and will be leaving Gila River Health Care on May 20, 2015.

She is a dedicated, hardworking doctor and has contributed her time and expertise to improve patient care for over 17 years. GRHC wishes Dr. Song-Nichols all the best in her endeavors.

ELDER'S CIRCLE

Viola L. Johnson
Administration Building
Points of Interest

- The new Viola L. Johnson Administration Building features a concrete wall that is among the tallest continuous curved concrete walls in Arizona. These continuous curved concrete-poured lobby walls are 36 feet in height.
- For efficiency, the Viola L. Johnson Administration Building has 321 solar panels on the roof. The Viola L. Johnson Administration Building has polished concrete floors throughout the building's hallways, reception area, and bridge.
- The Viola L. Johnson Administration Building has a large courtyard along the North side of the building and features an exterior sound system and sliding glass walls.

Monthly Elderly Concerns Meeting
Dr. Time Presentation: Protecting Your Healthcare Information

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



Respecting People and Culture

Call For Artists

Attention
Gila River Indian Community
Local artist are invited to submit artwork for display in the new Viola L. Johnson Administration Building.

Theme: The late Viola L. Johnson - Honoring the Person, her Vision and Leadership.

For more information, please contact:
Ginger Sunbird Martin
(520) 562-3321 Ext:1453
glmartin@grhc.org

2015 Day of Hope

Gila River Indian Community
Youth Day of Hope
May 8, 2015

For more information contact:
Juli Kelly, Director
Life Center
(520) 562-7940

2015 Memorial Day Closures

HU HU KAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Department	Closed Date(s)	Re-Open Date
Primary Care	Monday, May 25, 2015	Tuesday, May 26th @ 8:00 am
Pharmacy	Monday, May 25, 2015	Tuesday, May 26th @ 8:30 am
Physical Therapy	Monday, May 25, 2015	Tuesday, May 26th @ 7:00 am
Emergency Department	NO CLOSURE	
Dialysis East	NO CLOSURE	
Medical Imaging	NO CLOSURE - CALL FOR (520) 562-3321 FOR MORE INFORMATION	
Lab	NO CLOSURE - CALL FOR (520) 562-3321 FOR MORE INFORMATION	

KOMATKE HEALTH CLINIC

Primary Care	Monday, May 25, 2015	Tuesday, May 26th @ 8:00 am
Pharmacy	Monday, May 25, 2015	Tuesday, May 26th @ 8:00 am
Physical Therapy	Monday, May 25, 2015	Tuesday, May 26th @ 7:00 am
Imaging	Monday, May 25, 2015	Tuesday, May 26th @ 8:15 am
Dialysis West	NO CLOSURE	

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (BHS)

BHS Shegoi	Monday, May 25, 2015	Tuesday, May 26th @ 8:00 am
OASIS / District 3	Monday, May 25, 2015	Tuesday, May 26th @ 8:00 am
OASIS / District 5	Monday, May 25, 2015	Tuesday, May 26th @ 8:00 am
BHS Residential Treatment Center	NO CLOSURE	

AK-CHIN CLINIC

Ak-Chin Clinic	Monday, May 25, 2015	Tuesday, May 26th @ 8:00 am
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For information call GRHC at:
(520) 562-3321

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Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

483 W. Seed Farm Road
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(520) 562-3321
(602) 528-1240

Komatke Health Center

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

Ak-Chin Clinic

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

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



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