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## GRIC Accepts the Generation Indigenous White House Leaders Challenge

By the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council

Future leaders got an exercise in critical thinking and community development last weekend, thanks to Pres. Barack Obama's Generations Indigenous (Gen-I) Initiative.

The focus of the event on Saturday, May 9 was to create a positive program for the Community. The Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council hosted the event, which put GRIC youth and tribal leaders together for a two hour brainstorming session.

The session started off with some icebreakers to warm everyone up and get them ready for critical thinking. Once everyone was warmed up, the group did individual brainstorming, then paired people up to discuss their ideas. The pairs then joined groups to continue the discussion and select the best two ideas per group. The small groups were then combined and asked to pitch their idea to the other group and then the top two ideas were selected. Each medium sized group provided a presentation to the entire large group. After



Gov. Stephen Lewis (center) and other tribal leaders participated took the Gen-I challenge and met with the youth in their community to talk about positive ways to impact their future in Gila River.

the presentations, the groups then met again and added more detail to their proposed programs.

The entire process is being documented and will be put in a report, which will be submitted to the White House as a part of the Obama Administration's Gen-I Initiative.

The purpose of Gen-I is "to

focus on improving the lives of Native youth by removing the barriers that stand between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed," according to a Gen-I press release. It is about "addressing the issues facing Native youth and creating a platform through which Native youth can...have their voices and positive contributions

highlighted and elevated."

People in attendance at the GRIC meeting were Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica L. Antone, Council Representatives Arzie Hogg (D1), Joey Whitman (D1), Sandra Nasewytewa (D6), and approximately 50 youth from the districts and GRIC urban com-

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## Community Elects Three Incumbents, One New Rep. to Council

Hogg, Celaya, Pablo, Sr. and Villareal, Sr. win

By GRIN staff  
Gila River Indian News

According to the unofficial results, Arzie Hogg (District 1), Nada Celaya (District 4), Franklin Pablo Sr. (District 5) and Anthony "Chris" Villareal Sr. (District 6) emerged as the winners in the 2015 Community Council Election. Hogg, Pablo and Villareal maintain their seats, with Celaya, a former Community Manager, as the newcomer.

829 voters participated in the election held May 5.

Hogg captured 64.66 percent of District 1 votes over A. Joyce McAfee.

Celaya bested Marlene Norris and Sharon Lewis with 34.55 percent of the votes in District 4. Pablo stays on council for District 5 with 47.19 percent over candidates Duane Johns, Ronald Lewis Sr., Vernon Sunna, Sr. and Gwendolyn L. Thomas.

Villareal continues to serve on council for District 6 with his 45.86 percent victory over Lisa D. Shelde, Danelle Spring and Joanne Miles-Long.

Certification of the results will take place at the May 20 Community Council Regular Meeting under New Business.

## GRHC Opens New Admin. Building Named in Honor of Founding CEO Viola L. Johnson

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

The Community's healthcare has taken a step towards improving its operational capabilities, as progress in the form of development has recently shown.

Before an audience of tribal dignitaries and GRHC staff, the ribbon was cut on the new Viola L. Johnson Administration Build-

ing in Sacaton on April 30.

Known to those close to her as "Vi," she was member of the Community from District 3, Sacaton.

In 2003, Johnson lost her battle with cancer. Despite her passing, the values she left on the Community's healthcare helped influence the direction of GRHC.

She was GRHC's first CEO

after it went into a 638 compact with the federal government, securing the tribes control over its own healthcare.

Former District 6 Councilwomen Priscilla Antone, and healthcare employee, expressed her appreciation working along with Johnson.

"It was a vision that became a reality, I'm sure there will be

many more, I'm honored to be here this morning to see [this] building open," said Antone.

As they worked together for a number of years, she recalled how Johnson had a passion for the Community she served.

She said, "I really cherished working with her, she spear-headed a lot things that became a reality like we see today."

Gila River Health Care CEO Dr. Lorrie Henderson said, "All the staff, all of the Community and everybody that helped make this a reality, I want to say thank you."

"This building is a symbol of positive progress for GRIC as well as the healthcare organization. It's something that will last a long, long time into the future," he said.

The new building is a sign of expansion that will be occurring at the GRHC Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital campus. According to Henderson, they will utilize the vacated space as administrative staff moves to their new office space.

In the existing administration, plans are underway to remodel the vacated space to create clinical treatment areas to increase the availability of patient care.

Lt. Gov. Monica L. Antone talked about the time she spent

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Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Viola L. Johnson Administration Building for the Gila River Health Care Corp. is located across the street to the north of the Governance Center in Sacaton.

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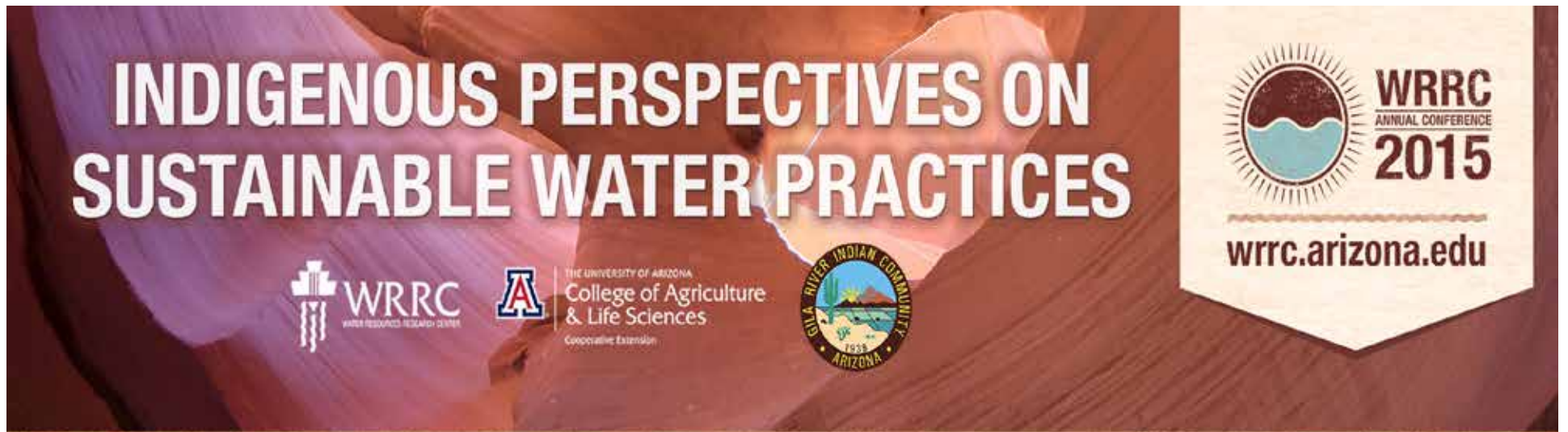
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**Keynote Speakers**



**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)**

A Historian of the Pima Culture and author of *Forced to Abandon our Fields: The 1914 Clay Southworth Gila River Pima Interviews*

**Water Resources Research Center Annual Conference Hosted in Partnership with the Gila River Indian Community**

**JUNE 9-10, 2015**

Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino  
5040 West Wild Horse Pass Road  
Chandler, AZ 85226

**PRICING**

Early Bird Regular	\$175.00
Regular (after Monday, May 11)	\$195.00
Early Bird Student	\$75.00
Student (after Monday, May 11)	\$95.00

**HOW TO REGISTER**

[wrrc.arizona.edu/WRRC-conference-2015/register](http://wrrc.arizona.edu/WRRC-conference-2015/register)

# 2015 Summer Family Health Event

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District 1 Service Center . . . . . 6/16 & 6/18  
 District 2 Service Center . . . . . 6/23 & 6/25  
 Ak-Chin . . . . . 7/7 & 7/9  
 District 5 Service Center . . . . . 7/14 & 7/16  
 District 4 Service Center . . . . . 7/28 & 7/30

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE EAST VALLEY Gila River Branch - Baseline

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 Youth Hours: 8am-5pm Teen Hours: 10am-6pm Serving 5-18 years old.

May 25 CLOSED Spirit Week	26 Miss Match Day	27 PJ Day	28 Backward Day	White Out (Wear all white) COLOR RUN
June 1 Decades Week	2 80's Day	3 Stuck in the 1950s	4 Future Day	AIKWORX
June 8 Culture Week	9 1st Tee Summer Golf Program	10 TEEN Field Trip: Hiking Devils Bridge (Sedona)	11 Popover Competition	12 Field Trip D1 Pool Swimmers Only
June 15 Sports Week	16 Dodge Ball	17 1st Tee Summer Golf Program	18 Wear your favorite SPORTS Jersey or T-shirt Day!	19 Field Trip DIAMOND BACKS
June 22 Gamer Week	23 Mario Monday	24 1st Tee Summer Golf Program	25 Wear your Gamer Shirt!	26 SUPER SMASH BROS
June 29 Water Week	30 1st Tee Summer Golf Program	1 Slip N' Slide Water Day	2 Water Balloon Relay	3 MUD RUN
July 6 Movie Week	7 Marvel Monday	8 1st Tee Summer Golf Program	9 Toy Story/Picar	10 Disney DAY
July 13 Giving Back Week	14 1st Tee Summer Golf Program	15 Park Clean Up	16 Caring House Field Trip	17 Field Trip Skateland
July 20 Holiday Week	21 Happy Birthdays	22 Happy Easter! Easter Egg Hunt	23 Happy Thanksgiving Potluck	24 Field Trip AMF Bowling
July 27 Music Week	28 Picture Day!!!	29 TALENT SHOW	30 Karaoke	31 LAST DAY! CARNIVAL IN THE GYM!

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**Stephen Roe Lewis**

Lt. Governor  
**Monica L. Antone**

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Joey Whitman

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Carol Schurz

**District #3**  
Carolyn Williams  
Rodney Jackson

**District #4**  
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Christopher Mendoza  
Angelia Allison

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21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center

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June 1 to 25, 2015



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*CBCS 2015-2016 student enrollment form must be completed to be considered for STEAM Camp. Enroll your students during ENROLLMENT NIGHT on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:30 pm.*

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June 9 STEAM Day	June 11 Core Condition, Theatre & Yoga
June 16 Health/Fitness Day	June 18 Core and Condition, Self-Defense & Dance
June 23 Water Field Day	June 25 Core Condition, Self-Defense, Ball Sports

**Questions?**  
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**Lunch** **11:30a-12:15p**

**CORRECTIONS**

In the May 1 edition, page 6 election notice, Council candidate Villareal's name "Chris" was misspelled. On the same page, St. John's Road was not properly capitalized. *The GRIN encourages comments and suggestions about content that warrants correction or clarification. To report an error call (520) 562-9719 or email [grin@gric.nsn.us](mailto:grin@gric.nsn.us)*



There are two available dates.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-2016 School Year

What to bring:

- CDIB
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- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Residency
- Any other legal documents (custody, etc.)

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.



To register for kindergarten, children must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2015.

If you have any additional questions please call Robin Settle @ 520.215.5859

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Children must be FIVE (5) years of age by September 1st.

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# 2015

Artwork by Community member Wayne Narcia

# Life Center Hosts 'Youth Day of Hope'

**By Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Youth are the rising generation of the Gila River Indian Community. They are the next wave of individuals that will change the landscape of health in the Community.

Students gathered from across the Community at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort at the Day of Hope event hosted by the GRHC Life Center on May 8.

The Life Center Director Juli Kelly explained this year's theme: Mind, Body and Selfie. "The focus was on physical and mental health. We really wanted it to be an influential day," she said.

She said, "Focusing on the importance they have and what they have to give back to their Community," were key points of the event.

Day of Hope started out to address diabetes providing inspirational messages and information on how to prevent or control diabetes.

"Initially it was about providing the message about hope for the kids, that they can prevent or beat diabetes," she said.

Tribal leadership and notable Community members like former governor Richard Narcia welcomed the hundreds of students that packed the Komatke Ballroom.

Rodney B. Lewis, an attorney and key figure in the settlement for the Community's water rights, talked about the importance of the



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Robert Johnston talks about the importance of self-worth and positive reinforcement to a room full of seventh graders at the Day of Hope for youth event at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort on May 8.**

youth building on the accomplishments of past leaders.

"One thing unites us...that is water, we need to use it wisely so that future generations have the water they need for the economy, for life and farming," he said.

Shortly after, a video was played showcasing how the Community is taking back its health through the implementation of its water rights.

According to Kelly, the video provides a sense of "cultural grounding" for the students about the resources important to the

Community.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis emphasized the importance of the Day of Hope event. He said, "You are our young leaders of the future."

"It was never easy being Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh people. We had to go through a lot survive," he said.

Part of the survival today Gov. Lewis emphasized is to take up the call to keep the Community healthy by getting an education and establishing a connection to the land through agriculture.

Lewis touched on the importance of being aware of suicide and talking to a trained professional about it.

"If you need to talk to someone, if you are worried about your friend, or a family member, there is someone to talk to," he said.

In addition, the event provides an opportunity for youth to learn about being healthy through interactive breakout sessions.

Kelly said, "We hope the variety of the workshops gave [them] exposure to different topics...the mental, the social health."

A presentation by Robert Johnston called "Think It, Feel It, Do It," Kelly said, "Was all about the power of positive thinking and how that positive thinking influences our behavior and our attitude."

Other presentations for the youth focused on the nutritional aspects of choosing good and bad foods.

A session called "Candy Crush...The Truths & Myths About Sugar," gave information on how to read nutrition labels and what to look for when picking out foods.

From a cultural approach Aaron Sabori used the traditional Talking Stick in his presentation, "Neokthum O:s...Him-dak, Through the Talking Stick," as a tool to help the youth discuss their goals and future plans.

It was elements such as this that put into perspective how important culture is a part of being a Community member in today's world.

The Life Center would like to make this an annual event, working in conjunction with the Governors health initiative to create a partnership with the Community Services Department.

"We like to recognize the partnership we have, because it wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for the grant," Kelly said.

Kelly would like to thank the Office of Special Funding for providing the funding through the Tobacco Tax Grant.

Carrington College is now regionally accredited. Community Members can visit Student Services to apply for scholarship funding if they meet the scholarship's eligibility requirements and application deadline.

Student Services Phone Number: 520.562.3316

Website: <http://www.mygilariver.com/gricted/studentservices.html>



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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.

## 2015 Council of Elders Regular Meeting Schedule

Council of Elders:  
Friday (s) 9:00am  
Location: O'Oham 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**

# Community Events

- Saturday, May 16**
- Gila River Fitness Fest  
District 5 Multipurpose Building  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Horseshoe Tournament  
Daniel Mejia's House  
34326 W. Grande Rd.  
Stanfield, AZ  
10:00 am registration  
12:00 pm start
- Sunday, May 17**
- Monday, May 18**
- Tuesday, May 19**
- Kids In Safety Seats (KISS)  
Car Seat Program  
D5 Veterans' Hall  
2:00 pm
- She & Me – Girl Scouts Event  
District 5 Service Center  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 20**
- Matter of Balance Class  
District 1 Multipurpose Building  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- Thursday, May 21**
- Matter of Balance Class  
District 7 Service Center  
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- Friday, May 22**
- Saturday, May 23**
- GRPD Awareness Day  
Sacaton Police Station Lawn  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Sunday, May 24**
- Monday, May 25**
- Memorial Day  
GRIC Offices Closed  
All Day
- Tuesday, May 26**
- Wednesday, May 27**
- Thursday, May 28**
- Friday, May 29**
- Nike N7 Basketball Clinic  
D2 Service Center  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Saturday, May 30**
- Gila River Fitness Fest  
District 7 Park  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Sunday, May 31**
- Monday, June 1**
- Tuesday, June 2**
- Wednesday, June 3**
- Kids In Safety Seats (KISS)  
Car Seat Program  
D4 Park Ramada  
2:00 pm
- Thursday, June 4**
- Friday, June 5**
- District Four Seniors  
Father's Day/Mother's Day  
Gathering  
D4 Service Center  
9:00 am
- Huhugam Heritage Center  
First Friday  
Arts and Crafts, Kids  
Zone, Entertainment and Food.  
Come and join the fun!  
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

## 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)	Deadline Extended May 18, 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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# D.A.R.E. Graduation

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

After 10 weeks of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) classes with Officer James Milano, fifth graders at Gila Crossing Community School graduated from the D.A.R.E. program May 4.

Students in Mr. Copenhaver's and Mr. Britton's classes attended 30-minute sessions with the school's resource officer where they learned the D.A.R.E. model, which teaches children to define, assess, respond and evaluate each decision before acting, as well as safe ways to report bullying and strategies on how to say 'No' to drugs when peer-pressured. Essay winners Rachelle Jackson and Alexis Lopez expressed to the graduating class what the D.A.R.E. Program means to them and received gifts for their participation.

GCCS is not the first school

on the reservation to graduate students from the D.A.R.E. program this year. A batch of fifth graders from Skyline Elementary School also graduated, now that the program has been re-introduced to Community schools. "A challenge we had was the police departments ... didn't have school resource officers that were consistently at the schools," said Officer Milano "But now we have four and we are at each school every day."

Officer Milano, along with Officers Rachelle Rodriguez, Clifton Smith and Ester Poolaw, are D.A.R.E. certified to teach the program in the Community. In conjunction with the D.A.R.E. program, D.A.R.E. officers are planning to implement the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) curriculum to educate students on gangs and prevent gangs and violence on school campuses.



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Gila Crossing Community School students hold up their D.A.R.E. Graduation Diplomas with pride.

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Department	Closed Date(s)	Re-Open Date
Primary Care	Monday, 5/25/2015	Tuesday, 5/26/2015 @ 8:00 am
Pharmacy	Monday, 5/25/2015	Tuesday, 5/26/2015 @ 8:30 am
Physical Therapy	Monday, 5/25/2015	Tuesday, 5/26/2015 @ 7:00 am
Emergency Department	OPEN	
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Lab	OPEN	

### KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER

Department	Closed Date(s)	Re-Open Date
Primary Care	Monday, 5/25/2015	Tuesday, 5/26/2015 @ 8:00 am
Pharmacy	Monday, 5/25/2015	Tuesday, 5/26/2015 @ 8:00 am
Physical Therapy	Monday, 5/25/2015	Tuesday, 5/26/2015 @ 7:00 am
Imaging	Monday, 5/25/2015	Tuesday, 5/26/2015 @ 8:15 am
Lab	Monday, 5/25/2015	Tuesday, 5/26/2015 @ 8:15 am
Dialysis West	OPEN	

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Department	Closed Date(s)	Re-Open Date
Shegoi	Monday, 5/25/2015	Tuesday, 5/26/2015 @ 8:00 am
OASIS / District 3	Monday, 5/25/2015	Tuesday, 5/26/2015 @ 8:00 am
OASIS / District 5	Monday, 5/25/2015	Tuesday, 5/26/2015 @ 8:00 am
Residential Treatment Center		OPEN

### AK-CHIN CLINIC

Department	Closed Date(s)	Re-Open Date
Ak-Chin Clinic	Monday, 5/25/2015	Tuesday, 5/26/2015 @ 8:00 am

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# Sacaton Family Night: Finding the link between the ancient Hohokam and modern O'otham

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

They say one man's trash is another man's treasure. For the archaeologist at the Cultural Resources Management Program, the objects left behind from O'otham ancestors are just another clue, uncovering the link between the prehistoric Hohokam to the historic Akimel O'otham.

"In this Community, there are archaeological remains everywhere," said archaeologist Chris Loendorf. "If you live in the Community, there's a good chance you're going to find an artifact."

Loendorf along with Assistant Crew Chief Archaeologist Brett Coochyouma presented on the archaeological records of the Hohokam and Akimel O'otham at Sacaton Elementary School's monthly family meeting May 7.

Historically, the area in which the Gila River Indian Community resides is the Phoenix basin which is the core area of the Hohokam. In 1993, GRIC created CRMP as a sub-division of the federally funded Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project to excavate the large canal area before construction. Today, CRMP is its own department in the community and continues to protect, study and perform "data recovery" in culturally sensitive sites.

Loendorf explained that the only time CRMP unearths any-

thing is in incidents where the Community is going to build a house, road or canal. And although there are laws that protect sacred sites, there are no laws saying that objects can't be removed. When an artifact is found in archaeological sites it is recovered for reburial. He also notes that CRMP makes it a goal not to dig, "one foot or one inch outside the area of potential" unless they have too.

"Our first goal is to avoid archaeological sites," said Loendorf. "We don't want to see this stuff disturbed because once it's gone, it's gone forever. We don't get new 1,000-year-old sites."

The two men brought examples such as pottery shards, shells and grinding tools to give attendees a visual of artifacts found around the Community.

Archaeologists use x-ray technology and methods such as radio carbon dating and diagnostics to tell the age of an artifact and provide clues on who made them. Items such as pottery, 'pasquel' (pounding tool for mesquite), mano (grinding tool), metate (used to grind against), and lithics (stone tools) are all inorganic and were preserved for a long time. An item such as a woven basket, which is made of plants, is organic and can decompose overtime.

The "Prehistoric Trash" termed by Coochyouma, has aspects and compositions that date

back to when the Hohokam thrived in the region. Around the reservation, they have unearthed obsidian (volcanic rock) dating 1150 B.C., a rare 50 Caliber rim fire bullet used during the civil war, pottery vessels made by the Hohokam and other items locally and non-locally made. The items found in the Community help archaeologist bridge the time gap before 1694, for the only written records of contact with the Hohokam were from European explorer Father Eusebio Kino.

One of the main items that archaeologists use to define the Hohokam is pottery. Red-on-buff ceramics have a distinctive look and design that has changed over time. By analyzing the pottery designs and formation, archaeologists can tell whether it's of Hohokam origin or not. In addition to



A spread of desert artifacts sits before archaeologist Brett Coochyouma, who presented at the Sacaton Family Night May 7.

Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

pottery, archaeologists are able to connect the prehistoric tribe to today's Akimel O'otham. The techniques, ceramic and designs used in today's pottery resemble that of the Hohokam.

Other close connections are the pit houses and irrigation canals. The Hohokam lived in pit houses which are identical to the "olas ki" (round house) the Akimel O'otham used. The O'otham irrigation canals have the same traits as the Hohokam, who engineered large irrigation canals long ago. The patterns from 1,000 years ago continued over time and are evi-

dent that the Akimel O'otham are descendants of the Hohokam.

Loendorf said it is important for non-Community members to know about the O'otham connection to the Hohokam because it helps the Community with "cultural patrimony and how non-members perceive" the Community.

"If the O'otham were recent migrants of this area, we wouldn't see consistency over time," said Loendorf. "It is overwhelming evidence that this area is home to the exact same people."

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# HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER



## Kai Chuk'lig Mashath

The name for this month translates to Black Seed Month and refers to the dwindling food supply of former years, in which all that was left of last year's bounty was the black seeds of the Saguaro cactus.

This is the time of year when wildlife are in the process of raising their young. Some wildlife we don't encounter very often due to their shy nature and some because they only come out at night when most of us are asleep. When we were young we camped everywhere including up in the nearby mountain ranges. We were always excited to visit Komadk (Sierra Estrella) and followed the game trails to the upper summit. On the upper slopes in tree lined washes if you're lucky you might catch a glimpse of a Che:shoñ (Desert Bighorn). They are extremely shy animals and wary of humans and will quickly climb upslope to get away. Another animal rarely seen but heard up on the mountain is Che:kol (Rock squirrel). They like to sit up high on the boulders and observe their surroundings. Their high-pitched calls can be heard a long way off and sometimes all you see is their bushy tails as they scurry for cover.

In the mesquite thickets along the foothills and river bottoms many rare wildlife can also be observed. Ka:v (North American Badger) can be observed in isolated areas away from humans. One year our neighbor's dog tangled with a Hoho'i (North American Porcupine), and it was a chore to remove the many quills that were embedded in its face. On our fishing trips in the riverine habitats and ponds a rare Vav'vok (Raccoon) can be occasionally observed foraging near the water's edge. More often it's easier to find its tracks embedded in the mud. When we see the trunks of trees chewed and de-barked, it's a clear indicator that Ko:v (North American Beaver) is in the area. Recently they have made their presence known in the western part of our community.

This month's word match will feature rarely seen animals of our community. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives. And remember, if you see a rare animal it may not be the so-called Chupacabra, but only a shy animal trying to get away from you.

Solution on Page 9

Match the O'otham Animal name with its picture!

*che:kol*



*ko:v*



*vav'vok*



*cheshoñ*



*ka:v*



*hoho'i*



# A Day of Health & Wellness for the Community

May 16th D-5 Service Center  
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- 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!
- Include a paragraph describing your drawing and why water is important to you.

Contest ends June 5, 2015

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

## Gila River Students Recognized at Annual Governor's Scholars Award Banquet

Full list of winners on page 12

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

It has been an annual tradition recognizing the hard work of students from across the Community.

Parents, educators and tribal leadership came out to honor the achievements of their sons and daughters at the Governor's Scholars Awards Banquet at Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino on May 1.

Hosted in collaboration with the Tribal Education Department and Executive Office, the event awards the top three students in grades 4 – 12 and includes college graduates.

A total of 30 students were awarded as Governor's Scholars and seven were given the Citizenship Award.

Lt. Gov. Monica L. Antone opened the evening of events by speaking to the students about the importance of getting a higher education.

She said, "It was such an honor to sign these awards, because we really cherish a lot of the hard work [these] students have accomplished

this past year."

Antone spoke about how the recipient's grades are indicative of the academic performance that makes them stand-out students.

It was the teachers, she said, that were part of their academic achievements, "[You] have embedded good values in [them] to become stronger as an individual."

Antone also encouraged the students to take advantage of the college funding that is available for them.

"We have to encourage each other and support one another as a whole to be successful. We have a lot of resources the Community has that can support you," she said.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "It's an honor to be able to speak to you. ... Each and everyone one of you should take this achievement as one part of the journey to being successful."

A large part of the success of the students is their willingness to demonstrate their potential while representing the Community in their school.

Lewis noted the Community has a tradition of leaders and role models who have paved the way for younger generations to follow.

He applauded the advisors at

the local high schools GRIC students attend.

"You do so much for [our] students who are here. You are part of the reason we have successful graduation of students from high school," he said.

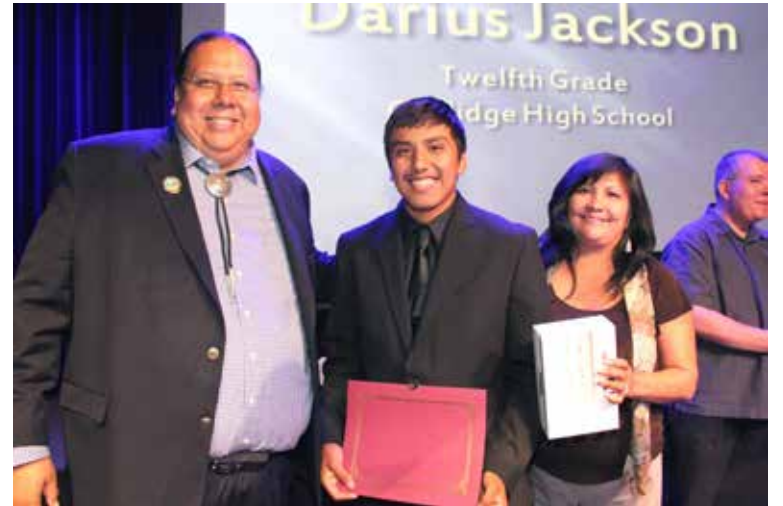
As an incentive for the citizenship award recipients, they will have the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. in June to tour the Capitol and meet with Arizona representatives.

In concluding his remarks he said, "[You] are going to decide the future survival of our Community within the next fifteen years, twenty years, with the education you will receive."

With the assistance of TED and their advisors, all Community students have the chance to obtain a college degree.

A Governor's scholar and citizenship award recipient, Aaron Whempner, a twelfth grader at Betty-Fairfax High School, talked about the added responsibility of being a role model.

He said, "A lot of people look up to you. You try to be your best." As part of the opportunity to visit Washington D.C., he said, "I'm looking forward to it, because it is a good opportunity to see what is



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Coolidge High School senior Darius Jackson and 29 other students received awards at the 2015 Governor's Scholars Awards Banquet May 1.

out [there]."

After high school Aaron plans to study mathematical statistics at ASU having already been accepted to attend school there.

Reflecting on his success thus far he said, "My family really supported me through school. You have to try hard, because it takes a lot of work."

Junior Miss Gila River and Governor's Scholar award recipient Charisma Quiroz said "It's a blessing to me, because it is one step in my chapter."

She encouraged other students who have the potential to be a Governor's scholar next year, "Stay focused no matter what and to know there are people out there that support [you]."

Daniella Whempner, Aaron's younger sister and an eleventh grade student at Betty-Fairfax High School, said, "It's an honor to get this award especially to show recognition for the hard work we go through"

She said, "Never give up always keep striving for the best, at least at [your] best you can never really go wrong."

In closing out the banquet District 1 Councilman Arzie Hogg, Chair of the Education Standing Committee, left this message for the students, "The most important thing is that [you] are here tonight," speaking on the heels of their achievements.

## Sacaton Science Students Rally at RoboRave Contest



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

Sacaton students prepare their robot to take on the fire fighting challenge at the RoboRave Competition.

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

Thirty of the community's future engineers and mathematicians were recognized before the Community Council May 6, after returning from Albuquerque, New Mexico from an impressive show at the 2015 National RoboRave Competition.

Fourteen teams from Sacaton Middle School's Robotics Club represented the Gila River Indian Community as well as the state of Arizona at the national competition May 1 – 3. Twelve out of the 14 teams qualified for the final round of the tournament where they competed against 120 international teams in the maze competition, triathlon, and jousting.

Before Council, each student had the opportunity to share with the audience their experiences with the Robotics Club and RoboRave. Each student expressed how much fun they had during the tournament, meeting new friends from different countries, and the opportunity to create and program their own robot with help from Honeywell engineers.

David Bluestein and Tammy Wolfe from Honeywell, Inc. also thanked tribal council including the students, teachers and volunteers for allowing them to work with the school and make the program possible in the Community. Following the meeting, the students setup their mazes in the Council Chambers hallway and performed a small demonstration of their robots for the public.

This year is not the first time the Robotics Club competed in the RoboRave competition. Last year at the tournament, the Robotics Club had eight out of nine robots qualify but fell short of placing. Robotics teacher JoEllen Kinnamon said this year the students made adjustments to their robots and "came back with a vengeance" with six teams placing this year.

Seventh grader Isaiah Francisco was very proud of his group Team 7 for placing at RoboRave.

"The competition was hard," said Francisco, 13. "There is a bunch of teams and a lot of people want to get first place."

Francisco along with his teammates Tyrell Cruye and JaQuar Elwin competed in two

events of the triathlon and placed fourth in the tournament. They also ranked 14th in the maze and 11th in jousting. Team 7 was also very pleased to have knocked the China team out of a higher ranking in the jousting tournament. China beat the Sacaton students last year in the competition.

Kinnamon expressed joy and gratitude toward students for the knowledge they have gained by participating in the club. The students, and Kinnamon, had to learn new science that involve Newton's laws, geometry and mathematics to be able to build the robots and program it.

"With these skills our kids can work for the police department, the fire department or anywhere these skills [can be applied]," said Kinnamon. "I had a bunch of support [with the program]. The people that help make it successful are the parents, the kids, the staff, and Honeywell. It makes a difference."

Official results will be released May 18 on the RoboRave website: [www.roboquerque.org/](http://www.roboquerque.org/)



## Pee Posh Wetlands

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

Protecting the sovereignty of the Community means also preserving the wildlife within the boundaries of the reservation.

The Department of Environmental Quality is moving forward in the direction of wildlife management to protect the natural habitat of places in the Community not often seen by people.

Tudor Montague a Senior Planner and Policy Analyst from DEQ explained that a lot of work has gone into restoring the area.

“Council recognized there was a gap in wildlife management and supported the need to improve the wetlands. [They] have contributed resources from the Community and through the U.S. EPA grant,” he said.

According to Ondrea Barber, the Executive Director of DEQ, “The wetlands area is a component of [our] wildlife management strategies. Due to the vastness of the Community we will be developing our plan in a phased approach.”

In District 7, the Pee Posh Wetlands has undergone recent

restoration. DEQ staff member Charles Enos, an aquatic scientist with the Water Quality Program, oversees enhancement and revegetation work in the wetlands.

Other Water Quality Program staff play significant roles in managing the wetlands including, water quality monitoring, permit and grant development, and advising and assisting with projects.

Current wetland work largely consists of removing invasive non-native salt cedar and revegetating with native plant species, such as, willow, cottonwood, bullrush, wolfberry, and screwbean mesquite.

Management objectives for the Pee Posh Wetlands include recreational and cultural uses and habitat restoration and protection for fish and wildlife.

The number of individuals working in the area has grown over the past year, with the hiring of two interns through the Employment & Training AmeriCorps program.

A full time wildlife biologist has been hired to help in the identification and management of animal species in the Community.

Montague said, “The biolo-

gist will go out and conduct an assessment to obtain baseline data on culturally significant and endangered species, while making recommendations for habitat improvement activities.”

Both interns Darius Enos and La’Meisha Pratt have been steadily working with Charles and other DEQ staff to rejuvenate the native species in the area.

Barber said, “We are working very closely with Barnaby Lewis and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office to give special attention to those species that have cultural importance or significance to the [people].”

With all the recent restoration activity, the wetland’s pair of nesting bald eagles has managed to raise two juvenile offspring.

Currently, the juvenile bald eagles are stretching their wings and preparing to make their summer journey to cooler environ-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**The Pee Posh Wetlands in District 7 is the home to native species plants and animals that is being managed by the Department of Environmental Quality.**

ments up north.

Young Arizona eagles are known to fly as far north as Washington and Oregon for salmon runs. To help ensure that the bald eagles are protected, the DEQ Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program was established two years ago.

This year’s nestwatchers include several Community Members mainly from District 6 & 7. If there is any danger to the bald eagles, the nestwatchers notify the

Gila River Police Department and Rangers who reinforce the security of the breeding area.

The goals of the program are to protect and collect data on the nesting bald eagles and to educate people on the importance of not disturbing the eagles.

For anyone interested in visiting the area, they should contact DEQ before venturing out to the wetlands.

## Viola Johnson Building

From Page 1



Chris Lomahquahu/GRIN

**GRHC Board of Directors, CEO, tribal leadership and family members of the late Viola Johnson cut the ribbon April 30.**

working with Johnson back in 1997.

Antone said, “She had a uniqueness about her, traveling and working on behalf of the Community to advocate for the federal funding for the hospital.”

Johnson, throughout her career in healthcare, established relationships with the many individuals she worked with.

According to Antone, she advocated on a number of health issues affecting the Community and establishing a relationship with the late former governor Mary Thomas to address health issues.

“Viola has a special place in our minds and thoughts, and because of the legacy she has left us. I thank her for all that she has done for us,” she said.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, despite her passing, “There are plenty of memories of her as many may recall, because she brought people together for a common purpose – to provide healthcare.”

“She was a leader in her own right as one of the few nurses that was a Community member caring for her people,” he said.

He compared the work of Johnson to the achievements of GRHC today. “It’s only fitting now that the GRHC is moving into this new era of development, that a name such as hers should

grace [this] building.”

Johnson was a pioneer in her time, going from district to district making connections with Community members.

“Johnson helped provide health care to those that needed it the most while providing comfort to families who have lost a loved one,” he said.

The new administration building offers a host of amenities like new offices, meeting rooms and views of the surrounding mountains ranges.

This is a look at the planned expansion that will be happening over the next two years.

According to the Orcutt-Winslow architect Neil Terry, this is not the first building project in the Community.

His architecture firm has been part of the designing process of two previous projects like the new residential program for youth home and the Hashen Kehk District 2 Multipurpose Building.

“It’s been really wonderful,” he said. They are “a great group of people who have a lot of vision.”

In looking to the future of their partnership with GRHC, he said, “We are involved in helping the healthcare corporation looking at their long term plans and seeing how this new building fits into their plans.”

## Gen-I Meeting

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community.

There were many great ideas submitted by the youth. The top six were selected to move forward for GRIC youth to decide which program they would like to see implemented. The top ideas will be put on the AOP-PYC Facebook for feedback and further discussion and then will go back to the Executive Office for implementation.

Here are some of the top ideas discussed among the youth and leaders, in no particular or-

der:

- A GRIC MVD
- To utilize Bondurant to teach young people basic defensive driving skills
- A music festival
- Learning language along side activities
- Cultural Night
- Revolutions Music Festival / Technology
- Make your own music, short films
- Journey to the ocean to retrace ancient routes

- Men’s and women’s gathering; male/ female roles
- Community water balloon fight
- Community cooking with emphasis on traditional and healthy foods
- Have a community garden or teaching how to garden
- Classes regarding indigenous foods and foods across the world
- Teach traditional food with modern culinary techniques.

## GRPD Torch Run



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

The Gila River Police Department and Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision took part in the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run May 7.

The state-wide Torch Run is a week long campaign involving outside and bordering Law Enforcement agencies to fund-raise and spread awareness for the Arizona Special Olympic Summer Games. This year the games were held at Raymond S. Kellis High School in Glendale, AZ May 7–9. The run is host-

ed every year by the Special Olympics Arizona.

The two departments gathered for the annual run to receive the torch from AZ highway patrol at the Southern GRIC boundary and carry it 18-miles through Sacaton to the Northern boundary where they passed the torch on to the Chandler Police Department for a final leg to the opening ceremonies at Gila River Arena.





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**2015 Governor's Scholar & Citizenship Award Winners**

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4th Grade	Gabriel Lewis Octavia Lyons Esalena Culver	Blackwater Community School Gila Crossing Community School Mirada	1st 2nd 3rd
5th Grade	Castor Nish Aaliyah Castro Emma Kyyitan	Blackwater Skyline Skyline	1st 2nd 3rd
6th Grade	Kayla Thompson Iyanna Chavarria Franciso Antone	Gila Crossing Community School Salt River Elementary Skyline Gila River D5	1st 2nd 3rd
7th Grade	Gloria Horton Rachael Whempner Amaya Duran	Akimel Aal Middle School Vista Del Sur Traditional Coolidge High School	1st 2nd 3rd
8th Grade	Paige Kyyitan Carmelita Webb Francisco Castro	Skyline Gila Crossing Skyline	1st 2nd 3rd
9th Grade	Desiree Apk Tristyn Johns Angelo Garcia	Ira Hayes High School Coolidge High School Betty Fairfax High School	1st 2nd 3rd
10th Grade	Charisma Quiroz Jolyce Armenta Kayla Lewis	Coolidge High School Chemawa Indian High School Chemawa Indian High School	1st 2nd 3rd
11th Grade	Daniella Whempner Gabriel Madrid Makayla Roman	Betty Fairfax High School Coolidge High School Betty Fairfax High School	1st 2nd 3rd
12th Grade	Aaron Whempner Darius Jackson Kandie Anton	Betty H. Farifax High School Coolidge High School Coolidge High School	1st 2nd 3rd
College	Nina Allison Pauline Alvarez Francisco Zamorano Jr.	Arizona State University California State University- Northridge Chandler-Gilbert Comm. College	1st 2nd 3rd

Citizenship Awards (12th grade)

1st place	Aaron Whempner	Betty H. Fairfax
2nd place	Darius Jackson	Coolidge High School
3rd place	Kandie Anton	Coolidge High School
	Maria Lopez	Ira H. Hayes High School
	Lendy Nez Jr.	Casa Grande Union High School
	Victoria Johnson	Casa Grande Union High School
	Isabel Baquetero	Ira H. Hayes High School

**PER CAPITA CORNER**

Per Capita Schedule	
<u>2015 Deadlines</u>	<u>2015 Payment Dates</u>
June 15, Monday	July 31, Friday
September 15, Tues.	November 2, Monday

Trust Schedule	
<u>2015 Deadlines</u>	<u>2015 Payment Dates</u>
June 30, Tuesday	July 15, Wednesday
September 30, Wed.	October 15, Thursday

**IMPORTANT IRS W9 INFORMATION**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has notified the Per Capita Office twice within three years that the combination of the name and taxpayer identification number (TIN) we used to report the payment(s) of several Per Capita distributions are incorrect.

The Per Capita office has been unable to successfully contact a few members via phone or mail regarding a mismatched SSN/Name on their W-9. These members have been notified via certified mail of the need to update their information. This notice is to officially inform those who have been contacted but have not responded, that we will hold 100% of any future distributions until a corrected W-9 and Social Security Card are provided to the Per Capita Office. This hold will become effective on the April 30, 2015 Per Capita Payout.

If you are affected by this, your Per Capita payment will not be issued until an updated W-9 and Social Security Card is received by the Per Capita Office. Upon receipt of an updated Social Security Card, your Per Capita distribution will be released to you in a form of a check.

If you have questions or need further assistance about this notice, please contact the Per Capita Office at (520) 562-5222, (866) 416-2618 or go to [www.mygilariver.com/percapita](http://www.mygilariver.com/percapita)

**ATTENTION - PAY CARDS WILL CHANGE**

Effective July 31, 2015, the Chase Pay Cards will no longer be ordered or updated and this date will be the FINAL deposit made to the pay card account. After that date, Chase Pay Card will continue to work until the balance is zero.

The PCO is currently in the process of selecting another pay card service provider. Once selected, all Chase Pay Card users will be sent a new pay card with new instructions and new information for users.

As usual, between now and then any current pay card user may change a payment method with a Payment Method Change form as long as the form is received by the deadline date.

Stay tuned for further updates.

**CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY**

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

**PER CAPITA MINOR TRUST ACCOUNTS:**

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

**PER CAPITA OFFICE INFO:**

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

**2014 Annual Water Quality Report  
Gila River Indian Community  
Department of Public Works**

The 2014 Annual Water Quality Report is available for viewing and download at the following websites:

[www.mygilariver.com](http://www.mygilariver.com)  
[www.gricdeq.org/](http://www.gricdeq.org/)

A hard copy of the 2014 Annual Water Quality Report is available for pick up at the following locations:

**Department of Public Works and the District 1 - 7 Service Centers**


For more information please contact, Department of Public Works at:  
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 **Gila River Health Care**  
**Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic**  
(Title X Funded)  
**JUNE 2015** **520 371-0132 Program Cell**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <b>D6 (LAVEEN)</b> RTC <b>BY APPOINTMENT ONLY</b>	2 <b>VHM HIGH SCHOOL TEEN CLINIC</b> <b>BY APPOINTMENT ONLY</b> 8:30-2:00 PM	3 <b>D5 (BAPCHULE)</b> MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-2:30 PM	4 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	5 <b>NO CLINIC</b>
8 <b>D3 SACATON (SOUTHWEST SIDE OF HOSPITAL CAMPUS)</b> INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:00-2:00PM	9 <b>AK-CHIN (MARI COPA) CLINIC</b> INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:30-2:00 PM	10 <b>D1 (BLACKWATER)</b> NEW HOUSING 8:30-2:30 PM	11 <b>D6 (KOMATKE)</b> BY KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	12 <b>NO CLINIC</b>
15 <b>D3 (SACATON)</b> BY EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING (SKILL CENTER ROAD) 8:30-2:30 PM	16 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	17 <b>D4 (SAN TAN)</b> GILA BUTTE HOUSING 8:30-2:30 PM	18 <b>SACATON</b> DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES	19 <b>NO CLINIC</b>
22 <b>D3 (SACATON)</b> BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:30-2:30 PM	23 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	24 <b>D7 (Maricopa Colony)</b> SERVICE CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	25 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	26 <b>NO CLINIC</b>
29 <b>D3 SACATON (SOUTHWEST SIDE OF HOSPITAL CAMPUS)</b> INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:00-2:00PM	30 <b>NO CLINIC</b>			<b>SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY!</b>

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**Public Notice**

May 05, 2015  
 Public Notice on Exceptional Events within the Gila River Indian Community boundary  
 In 2005, Congress identified a need to account for events that result in exceedances of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) that are exceptional in nature (e.g., not expected to reoccur but caused by acts of nature beyond man-made controls.) In response, EPA promulgated the Exceptional Events Rule (EER) to address exceptional events in 40 CFR Parts 50 and 51 on March 22, 2007. The EER allows for states and tribes to "flag" air quality monitoring data as an exceptional event. If flagged, these data can be excluded from consideration in air quality planning if EPA concurs with the demonstration submitted by the flagging agency documenting that all procedural and technical requirements have been met. Pursuant to 40 CFR 50.14(c)(3)(i), the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on these recorded events that have caused elevated concentrations of PM10 within the Gila River Indian Community boundary on April 26; May 11; July 3; July 25; July 26; July 27; August 17; September 4; and October 19, 2014. GRIC DEQ has decided to flag these episodes based on EER criteria. Interested parties can submit written comments to GRIC DEQ no later than June 15, 2015. Any comments received will be responded to and forwarded to EPA. Written comments should be addressed, faxed, or e-mailed to: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality ATTN: Ryan Eberle PO Box 97 Sacaton, AZ 85147 PHONE: (520) 562-2234 FAX: (520) 562-2245 E-mail: air@gric.nsn.us.

**Public Notice**

May 05, 2015  
 PUBLIC NOTICE OF AMBIENT AIR MONITORING NETWORK REVIEW  
 Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §58.10, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Quality Program (AQP) will make its annual monitoring network plan available for public inspection prior to submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Annual Ambient Monitoring Network Review and Data Summary present changes to and data collected from the air quality monitoring network during calendar year 2014. This document will also be available for review at the GRIC DEQ office located at 35 Pima Street, Sacaton, AZ 85147, and on the AQP website at <http://www.gricdeq.org/documents.html>. Additionally, presentations will be provided at all GRIC district monthly meetings from May thru June 2015. Public comments may be submitted in writing to GRIC DEQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona, 85147, or by email to [air@gric.nsn.us](mailto:air@gric.nsn.us), or comments may be given orally at the scheduled community meetings. Additional information is available from GRIC DEQ Air Quality, 35 Pima Street, Sacaton, Arizona, the AQP website [http://www.gricdeq.org/air\\_quality\\_program.html](http://www.gricdeq.org/air_quality_program.html), or by calling 520-562-2234.

**Media Release**

Arizona Facts of Life announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children. Meals will be provided to all children, ages 18 and under, without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follow:

Gila River Indian Community Center  
 District 5 3456 W. Casa Blanca Bapchule, Az. 85121  
 Starting June 1, 2015 - July 30, 2015  
 Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm

Any questions call:  
 Mary Kyles  
 Arizona Facts of Life  
 Program Director  
[mkyles@azfactsoflife.org](mailto:mkyles@azfactsoflife.org)

**Public Notice**

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality is announcing that the 30-day public comment period for Lone Butte Trade Center #2, located at 1280 S. Kyrene Rd., Chandler, AZ 85226, air quality operating permit officially begins on May 15, 2015. The gas station is being permitted for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). Public comments will be accepted in writing until June 15, 2015, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received. Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the Department to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and request shall be received by the Department within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the Gila River Indian Community Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Department offices. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:  
 Gila River Indian Community  
 Department of Environmental Quality  
 Attn: Ryan Eberle  
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147  
 Physical Address: 1576A S. Nelson Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226  
 For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520)796-3781 or visit our offices located at 1576A S. Nelson Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Public Notice**

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality is announcing that the 30-day public comment period for Stericycle, Inc., located at 1251 S. Nelson Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226, air quality operating permit officially begins on May 15, 2015. The facility is being permitted for Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Sulfur Oxides (Sox), Particulate Matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM10), Particulate Matter (PM), Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). Public comments will be accepted in writing until June 15, 2015, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received. Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the Department to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and request shall be received by the Department within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the Gila River Indian Community Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Department offices. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:  
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**Public Notice**

Office of the United States Attorney, John S. Leonardo District of Arizona Public Affairs COSME LOPEZ Telephone: 602.514.7694 Mobile: 602.686-8614 [cosme.lopez@usdoj.gov](mailto:cosme.lopez@usdoj.gov) WWW.JUSTICE.GOV/USAO/AZ  
**GILA RIVER MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON**  
 PHOENIX – Today, Manuel Ybarra Garcia, 41, of Sacaton, Ariz., a member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Douglas L. Rayes to 180 months in prison followed by lifetime supervised release. Garcia pleaded guilty on Dec. 9, 2014, to abusive sexual contact of a minor. The crime occurred on the Gila River Indian Reservation. This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov). The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Raynette Logan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.  
 CASE NUMBER: CR-14-00888-PHX-DLR  
 RELEASE NUMBER: 2015-033\_Garcia  
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 For more information on the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, visit <http://www.justice.gov/usao/az/>

**Attention  
 GRIC DOT Landowner Listing**

Department of Transportation Realty Division assists Community members in acquiring legal access to their home sites located on tribal or allotted land by the most feasible route possible. We are trying to locate landowners for several projects please see list and contact us as soon as possible. Please Contact: Talia Apkaw Gila River Indian Community | Department of Transportation 64 E. Pima St Sacaton, AZ 85147 (520) 562-5060 [talia.apkaw@gric.nsn.us](mailto:talia.apkaw@gric.nsn.us)

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 Bernice Nelson  
 Gaylord Redbird  
 Darin Redbird  
 Valberta Redbird-Manuel  
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**Commodity Food Distribution  
 Program  
 Community Services Dept.  
 Nutritional Assistance**

You can mail, fax, email or bring your application to the office. We are located at 300 Ocotillo Road (between Sacaton Supermart and the Laundromat). P.O. Box 1539 Sacaton, AZ 85147 Phone: 520-562-9233 Fax: 520-562-3573 If you are eligible, we can help. We deduct 20% of earned income, adult/child dependent care costs (total monthly cost), Medicare Part B, Medicare Part D, and child support paid and shelter/utility expenses. Here are the Monthly Income Guidelines for the Commodity Food Distribution Program: \*\*Amounts listed are after 20% is deducted.

Household Size	Income Limit
1	1128
2	1466
3	1805
4	2153
5	2519
6	2886
7	3224
8	3562

- Additional Information Needed:
- All income for household such as Social Security, SSI, employment check stubs, etc for the last 30 days
  - Tribal identification from a member in the household
  - Proof of Residency



## Governor's Employee of the Month January & February



A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart.....

This recipient demonstrates teamwork-always willing to cover for her co-workers and does so with a smile and without complaining, if she recognizes that things are out of order-she takes care of it, she misses little work-even when she's not feeling well, she's a kind person-one who would literally give you the shirt off her back and no matter how she's feeling, she never lets it affect her interaction with the work that she does with the children.

Mrs. Rose is loved, respected and inspiring.

Congratulations to being awarded January Governor's Employee of the Month!



It gives us great pleasure to announce DRS's own Officer Haynes as the February 2015 Governor's Employee of the Month.

In his 14 years of employment, Officer Jody Haynes has proven to be a valuable asset to the Department. He is a committed, professional and knowledgeable team player with a great attitude.

In his tenure, he has developed great programs within the Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision that are still going strong today. Recognizing his professionalism, the Department has assigned him with critical responsibilities that promote and ensure the safety and security of the staff, inmates, contractors and vendors. He serves as a vital link in coordinating with the police department in ensuring that all DRS Officers are utilizing the radio communication tool and that all officers are properly equipped with resources and tools to perform and fulfill their daily role and responsibilities. Officer Haynes is always there for any key related matters even on his days off.

These are just some of the examples that support Jody Haynes' nomination for GEM, let's give Officer Jody Haynes a round of applause for his contribution to the workplace.

## May is Mental Health Awareness Month

### Submitted by GRHC Behavioral Health Care

Gila River Health Care (GRHC) Behavioral Health Services (BHS) - Prevention Program took time to interview one of the BHS therapists, Paul Gibson. As a result of this interview, Gila River Indian Community will become more aware of the services offered through Behavioral Health Services.

1) Who are you and what are your credentials, how long have you been a therapist?

My name is Paul Gibson. I have a Master of Counseling and I am also a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. I have been working in Gila River Healthcare since 2011. My position is an Intake and Enrollment manager for Behavioral Health Services as well as helping to coordinate schedules so people can get the services they need and get enrolled quickly and easily.

2) What made you decide to get into the Behavioral Health profession?

Becoming a therapist was the only profession I ever felt peaceful about, like it was a calling.

3) Explain the different services available through BHS.

BHS offers outpatient counseling for individuals, couples, families, group therapy, art therapy, substance abuse groups, residential inpatient treatment at RTC, and case management services.

4) What does a person have to do in order to receive services from BHS and how long will it take to be seen?

Anyone who is registered with a federally recognized tribe is eligible for services. If someone is not registered with a tribe, but they live in the Community and have AHC-CCS they can get services as well. All they need to do is come into one of our offices and complete a simple form and an appointment is scheduled for them to come back and get started. Initial appointments are offered no more than 7 days out. This is a state mandate, which we are able to meet.

5) Is transportation provided?

The hospital provides transportation for community members and people who live in the community who are receiving services at Gila River Health Care.

6) What age groups of people in the community are eligible for services?

BHS tries to make services available to everyone if they have a need.

7) What are the most common mental health issues you experience in the Community?

A lot of people seek help for substance abuse treatment and they are applauded for that. There is also a lot of grief and loss over family members and/or loved ones. Depression and trauma are also very common.

8) Is everything confidential?  
Yes, people in treatment need to sign a written permission form to allow any person providing treatment to talk about a case with another entity.

9) Do all patients need medi-

cation?

No. Medication cannot solve all problems. However, for some people medication can assist them with their treatment.

10) Are BHS available in all seven districts?

There are home based services and counselors that can come out to meet with individual seeking services in all seven districts. However, this will be dependent upon whether or not the person has AH-CCCS. The GRHC-BHS facility in Sacaton is able to provide services to everyone.

11) When should a person seek help?

A person should seek help when they feel like the stresses and difficulties in life are too much for them to handle on their own. At times, life stressors can be too difficult for a person to make changes on their own.

In closing, the BHS Prevention Program also sponsors the trainings on mental health wellness for both youth and adults. These trainings are scheduled at least once per month in various locations within the Community and everyone is encouraged to attend. The Gila River Health Care BHS-Prevention Program desires to see more community involvement and will provide opportunities for the Community to attend workshops and trainings to further promote mental health, substance and suicide awareness. For more information, please contact the BHS: Prevention Program at 520-562-3321 x7157.

### \*\* NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION\*\* PUBLIC and SEMI-PUBLIC POOL and SPA CODE

The Legislative Standing Committee ("LSC") will be considering the Public and Semi-Public Pool and Spa Code at their regular meeting on **June 09, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**, located in Conference Room B of the Community Council Secretary's Office. A copy of the Public and Semi-Public Pool and Spa Code in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office.

If you are interested in providing comments to the Public and Semi-Public Pool and Spa Code, please attend the scheduled LSC meeting, or you may also contact your Council representative, and/or the LSC's Chairperson at (520) 562-9720.

#### Page 1 Sample of the Revised Pool and Spa Code

##### 17.1001. Findings, Purpose, and Applicability.

###### A. Authority.

1. The Gila River Indian Community has inherent sovereignty to exercise civil authority and jurisdiction over the conduct of Community members and all other persons on all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation to maintain the environment, natural resources, public health, safety, welfare, political integrity, and economic security of the Community.

2. The intent of this chapter is to exercise the Community's civil jurisdiction to the maximum extent permitted under *Montana v. United States*, 450 U.S. 544 (1981) to regulate activities of Indians and non-Indians on matters that threaten or affect the health, safety and welfare of the Community, its people, its property and its environment.

B. This chapter is created to provide minimum standards for the protection of the health and welfare of the people of the Gila River Indian Community and non-members, and to prevent the creation or maintenance of unhealthful, unsanitary conditions or public health nuisances, and shall be liberally construed to accomplish these purposes.

C. This chapter applies to all public and semi-public bathing places which reside within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Gila River Indian Community.

D. Section 17.1028 of this Code applies to natural and semi-artificial bathing places and artificial bathing lakes.

E. This chapter does not apply to any of the following:

1. A private residential swimming pool or spa;
2. A swimming pool or spa used for medical treatment or physical therapy and supervised by licensed medical personnel;
3. A Splash Pad that utilizes potable water and does not have a recirculation system.

##### 17.1002. Preservation of Sovereign Immunity.

Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted or construed as consent by the Gila River Indian Reservation, its sub-organizations, or any agent thereof to be sued in any court. This chapter is not a waiver of the Gila River Indian Community's sovereign immunity or consent to be sued for any purpose.

### \*\* 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:



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