

Eleven Graduate from ASU with Degrees in Early Education

The GRIN congratulates all Gila River students who graduated high school and college. A list of GRIC graduates is on page 9.

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A cohort of eleven Native American students received their Bachelor of Art degrees in Early Education last month at the Arizona State University American Indian Convocation on May 15.

"You are [our] future," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the convocation. "[You] will be the turning stone, and will decide where Indian Country goes in the future."

The educators attained their degrees



Christopher Lomahquahu/CPAO

Graduates of GRE²A^TE at the ASU American Indian Convocation. Back Row: Dustin Largo (Navajo Nation), Kimberlie Beeson (CRIT), Amanda Beeson (CRIT), Jennifer Parker (TO), Neva Felix (TO), Shalynn Lopez (TO) Front Row: Reynalda James (GRIC), Melodee Lewis (Navajo Nation), Anna Edwards (GRIC), Pamela Lucero (GRIC) Not pictured: Kristin Benally (Navajo Nation)

through the GRE²A^TE (Gila River Early Educators Attaining Teaching Excellence) program.

"It is the first project of its kind in Arizo-

na among Native American tribes," said ASU Project Director Deborah Chadwick, Ed.D., who oversaw the program, which is a collabo-

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George Webb Village Opens; Housing Construction Ramps Up in GRIC

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The George Webb Village has its first resident.

"I am extremely excited," said Trina Hart, great granddaughter of the neighborhood's namesake, "but I am very humbled. This is the land that my mom and my family played on, lived on, grew up on."

Hart has been on the tribal housing waiting list since 2003. She moved into her new house last month after a ribbon cutting ceremony, which took place on her new driveway, to open the new neighborhood. She thanked the Housing Owners Team and everyone involved in making her new home a reality.

Surrounding the ceremony, construction crews continued work on other houses around George Webb Village. Kautaq

Construction Services and Pimmex Contracting Corporation are working independently on the first 25 houses in the neighborhood, which will eventually reach 85.

Hart's home set two milestones for Kautaq Construction Services. Not only was it the first house finished in George Webb, but also it was the first house to be completed under the construction company's contract with the Gila River Indian Community. Kautaq has a contract to build 418 homes for Gila River, some in each of the seven districts.

Don Williamson, the company's General Manager, said by the end of next month they should be opening homes at a rate of about 30 per month and fulfill their contract by summer of 2016.

Both Kautaq and Pimmex

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Trina Hart (center) and the Webb family, along with Gov. Stephen Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, cut the ribbon on Hart's new house, the first to open in the George Webb Village housing subdivision.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

The Schimmel family poses with participants of the Gila River Fitness Fest in District 7, May 30.

District 7 Fitness Fest: Jude Schimmel, Waylon Pahona and Fun Indoor Workouts

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Community members are making a commitment to living fit.

Over 130 people attended Gila River Fitness Fest at the District 7 Service Center Saturday, May 30.

The event was held indoors and featured air-conditioned workshops on Zumba, yoga, tai chi and circuit training as well as info sessions about healthy eating and how to properly measure one's health.

Former University of Louisville women's basketball star Jude Schimmel and her parents Rick and Ceci talked about the importance of families working together to make healthy, active choices to live better lives – physically, mentally and spiritually.

Afterward, Community members took photos with Jude and bought signed copies of her book, "Dreamcatcher."

Keynote speaker Waylon Pahona, who is from D7 and is known as the creator of the Healthy Active Natives Facebook group, shared his story about turning his life around and focusing on wellness. He said what motivates him is being an example for his children and community.

Fitness Fest is an organization that brings health events to different communities. The event was sponsored by Gila River Health Care, Community Services Department and the Governor's Health Initiative. Classes were led by a combination of GRIC and GRHC employees and Fitness Fest staff.

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COMPSTAT Changing the Face of Police Work

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

With the implementation of COMPSTAT, pinpointing where crimes are the most prevalent in the Community is essential to conducting efficient police work.

Gila River Police Chief Kathleen Elliot and Commander Raymond Soto had a chance to discuss how COMPSTAT is being utilized to put the brakes on criminal activities on the reservation.

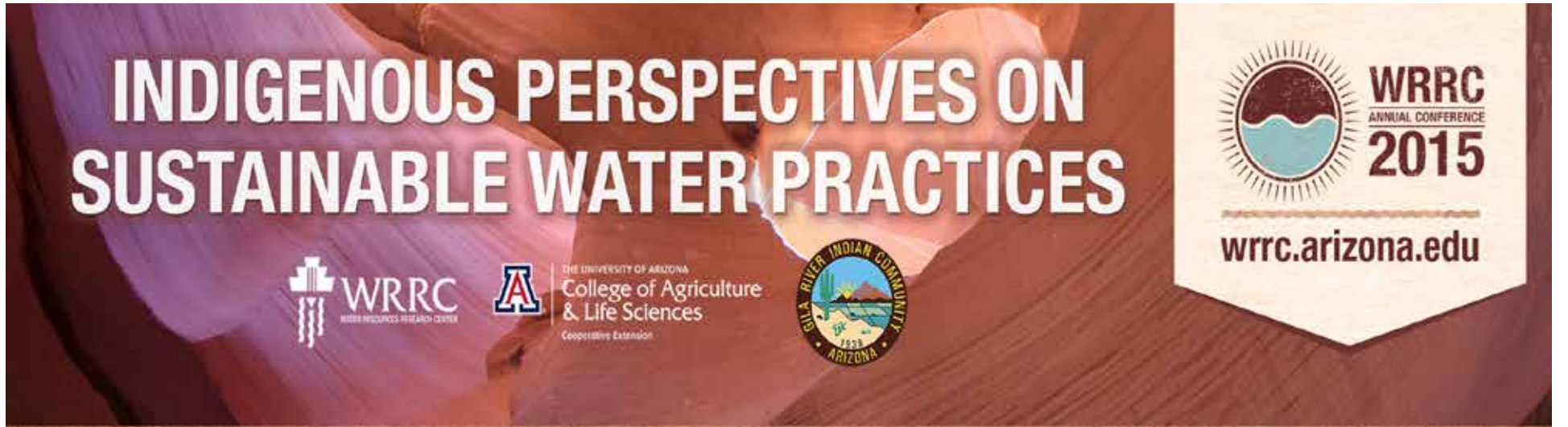
Chief Elliot said, "We're trying to build relationships in

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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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8 D3 SACATON (SOUTHWEST SIDE OF HOSPITAL CAMPUS) INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:00-3:00PM	9 AK-CHIN (MARICOPA) CLINIC INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:30-2:00 PM	10 D1 (BLACKWATER) NEW HOUSING 8:30-3:00 PM	11 D6 (KOMATKE) BY KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	12 NO CLINIC
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- 2. Begin early.** Introduce new foods to your child before the age of 2. Give him small bite size pieces. Allow him to try a little taste at first.

It may take introducing a vegetable 15 times to your child before he likes it, be patient. Let your child try different textures of food, such as green beans and mashed sweet potatoes. Giving your toddler a variety of foods is a key to success!

- 3. Make food fun!** Toddlers naturally want to help and be like you. Have your toddler help in the kitchen. He can help by pretending to mix ingredients or setting the table. Also, choose foods that can be fun. Make mini supreme pizza smiles, fruit smoothies, or try the dinosaur shaped chicken nuggets at your local grocery store. Whatever you try make eating fun and your toddler will be more willing to try new things!

Recipes to try!

Supreme Pizza Smiles:

- >Whole wheat English muffins
- >Pizza or spaghetti sauce
- >Lean ham or turkey cut into cubes
- >Sliced green peppers, carrots, or other vegetables
- >Shredded mozzarella cheese

Spread spaghetti sauce onto the English muffin halves and sprinkle with cheese. Use the veggies and meat to make faces on the mini pizzas. Broil or bake until the cheese is melted and bubbly. YUM!



Pick-Me-Up Smoothies:

- >2 containers (8 oz. each) of any fruit yogurt
- >1 cup of any frozen fruit (mangos, strawberries, or peaches)
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**** 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, June 23, 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, June 23, 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 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 certified copy of a death certificate is required to probate the decedent's estate.
- 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.

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

**** 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.

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17.1001. Findings, Purpose, and Applicability.**A. Authority.**

- 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.
- 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:

- A private residential swimming pool or spa;
- A swimming pool or spa used for medical treatment or physical therapy and supervised by licensed medical personnel;
- 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.

COMPSTAT

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the Community and you can't do that without communicating."

Monthly COMPSTAT meetings held at service centers in each of the districts have been beneficial to the Community because people are attending and sharing their concerns for what they see in their neighborhoods.

Chief Elliot welcomes Community members sharing their concerns after the meeting because, he said, "We don't want people to be victims or live in fear of crimes in [their] area."

Soto, talked about the allocation of officers to areas that show higher rates of crime. He said, "We mitigate where the high crimes are at such as 'hot spots' because it helps profile certain areas."

The plan isn't to simply patrol the area and see if something happens, but to be more proactive giving the patrol officers an extra sense of awareness about certain areas.

Soto said GRPD data analysts "look at all the data, look at calls for service and the reports written by officers and discuss how to approach certain areas of high crime."

Going beyond officer patrols, the motor team and traffic team have benefited from the COMPSTAT data on traffic stops and accidents stemming from a number of causes.

The goal is to bring down the number of fatalities and offenses related to driving under the influence and let people know that drunk driving isn't something to be taken lightly as the enforcement of laws gets stiffer.

GRPD expects arrests to go up, but Soto emphasized that it would be the result of effective police work at targeting higher and lower level crimes.

A part of that includes changing the perspectives of the Community about crimes, letting them know they have an involvement in fighting crime.

Soto described and in which the districts coordinated with the GRPD to remove rowdy residents from a home.

The result, Soto said, is people "like to see the numbers and also exchange information with the police department. A lot of people want to talk about [it]," because residents make the connections about suspicious activity in their neighborhood.

Ideas like a website that provides real-time information on what is going on throughout the reservation is something Chief Elliot said, "Is part of the flow of information back and forth to Community members."

The COMPSTAT meetings will continue throughout the year, cycling through the districts.

"The feedback has been positive and informational, because they are happy to hear what is going on and what [we] have been doing," said Chief Elliot.

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SACATON MAN SENTENCED TO 57 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PHOENIX – On May 26, 2015, Roberto Miguel Nanez, 31, of Sacaton, Ariz., a member of the Gila River Indian Tribe, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow to 57 months in prison. Nanez previously pleaded guilty to domestic assault by a habitual offender.

Over the course of 2 days, from Feb. 5-6, 2014, within the Gila River Indian Community, Nanez beat his girlfriend causing bruises over her entire body. Among other things, he choked her with an electrical cord. Prior to this assault, the defendant had been twice convicted of domestic violence.

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-14-00749-PHX-GMS

RELEASE NUMBER: 2015-041_ Nanez

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**Gila River Indian Community
Utility Authority****What's New at GRICUA?****GRIC Earth Day**

The GRIC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) held GRIC Earth Day on April 22nd at Ira H. Hayes Memorial Park. Earth Day is an annual event celebrated worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection and conservation. Various organizations educated the Community on sustainable practices and GRICUA provided information on energy conservation.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and GRICUA Customer Service Rep. Jaina Allen

Casa Blanca Community School Career Day

GRICUA was invited to participate in Casa Blanca Community School's Career Day held on April 24th. GRICUA Foreman Ed Todechine and Apprentice Lineman Mike Miguel represented GRICUA at the event. They informed the kids of what they do and showed them the type of tools they use and how they use the bucket trucks.



Mike Miguel and Ed Todechine with Casa Blanca Community School Students

GRICUA Budget Billing

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Summer Time Tips to Stay Cool

Triple-digit summertime temperatures are just around the corner. Heat can be a killer if you're not careful and play it cool. Here are things to remember when the temperatures start to soar. Most healthy adults can cope with heat; their bodies are able to maintain normal temperatures...up to a point. Here are five ideas to keep your house and yourself cool:

- If your area cools off in the evening, take advantage of the cool evenings to cool off your entire house. Open windows and doors with screens to bring the inside temperature down.
- Consider using a whole-house fan. It is a "natural evening air conditioner".
- In the morning, close up your house and draw blinds and drapes so the house stays darker and thus cooler.
- If you have blinds, close them or angle them upwards. That way, light is reflected up and into the room and direct rays of the sun are not let in.
- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees Fahrenheit when you are home and 85 degrees when you are away.

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: June 8, July 9, August 6, September 3, October 8, November 5, December 7

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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.

Tohono O'odham Nation Elects New Leader

Tohono O'odham Nation voters elected a new chairman and vice chairman in the nation's May 23 general election.

Edward D. Manuel will replace Dr. Ned Norris, Jr. as chairman of the Nation. Manuel and his running mate for vice chairman, Verlon Jose, received 1,838 votes to Norris and Vice Chairwoman Wavalene Romero's 1,625.

Fatal Collision in District 5

An unidentified 18-year-old man died after sustaining injuries from being struck by a marked Gila River Police Department vehicle May 21, according to an Arizona Department of Public Safety press release.

The collision happened at approximately 9:10 pm on Vah-Ki Road near Southern Road in District 5.

The patrol vehicle was reportedly headed southbound on Vah-Ki Road, responding to a call, when it struck the victim who was walking in the roadway.

The man was transported to Chandler Regional Medical Center, where he reportedly later died.

DPS is investigating.

Community Housing

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are Native American-owned companies that do a lot of construction work in Native communities. Pimmex is owned by Gila River Indian Community member Carlos Muñoz. Kautaq is owned by the Inupiat tribe and based out of Bar-

row, Alaska.

Williamson said, "The majority of our team has actually been involved in Native American construction before. ... Housing is one of the largest needs that we do see [in Indian Country]."

He added, "We appreciate the

opportunity...to help improve the Community and to give a little piece of ourselves. ... It's been a blessing to us to be able to do this."

As a sign of their appreciation, the Webb/Hart family gave Kautaq Construction an inscribed copy of George Webb's *A Pima Remem-*

bers, presented by the author's son, Melvin Webb.

"To come back home is a big change for me and my family," said Hart, who, until recently, lived in the Chandler/Gilbert area. "It's humbling that I'm coming home."

GRHC Keeping Your Health Records Safe

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

In the increasing age of information sharing through various sources, individuals need to be aware how their information is shared.

Gila River Health Care Director of Information Technology William Conati explained how important it is to safeguard information health care providers and patients have access to.

As the infrastructure at GRHC is expanded to meet the increases in staff and patients being served, Conati believes his department needs to stay ahead of curve.

Recently Conati had a chance to share his department's information on being aware of patient information privacy at the Elderly Concerns meeting on May 6.

Conati said the goal "is to bring awareness about security measures that [we] can apply in our lives."

He says a large part of how we can protect our information is to use common sense to keep sensitive information from people with

ulterior motives.

"[We] have to determine how we distribute [our] information," because there may be times when information is obtained through social media sites like Facebook or a patient taking off their wristband in public without disposing of it.

Conati advises people to consider what information individuals share on social media sites like Facebook and creating a combination password for personal computers.

These simple measures prevent a lot of inconvenience for the individual by adding one extra step to your privacy.

On a broader scale the responsibility rests on the IT department to perform similar functions. As Conati said, "We are always working to stop the risks and to make sure we are in compliance with policies."

He explained that a lot of data security safe-

guards are governed by policies the healthcare corporation mandates. One such privacy policy is HIPAA (the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act), which upholds the confidentiality of patient information.

"We conduct risk assessments and contingency plans and have safeguards in place," that make up the physical and technical layers of

protection for GRHC patient information.

He said, "It's great that [we] have all these modern conveniences, but all of [these] conveniences can come at a cost because [we] disclose information that probably shouldn't have been divulged."

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY ★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★

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

Board/Committee	Number of Vacancies	Deadline
Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors	One (1) (Unexpired Term)	July 6, 2015 12:00 noon

Community members interested in serving on the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). 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.

Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.C.A: 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, financial disclosure, and affidavit can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

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

Pursuant to GRIC 2010 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.G. Duties of Community Enterprise Boards: Community enterprise boards and their members shall follow a standard of care requiring that any decision of, or action taken by, the Community enterprise board members shall be one that would be made with the degree of care that would be exercised by a reasonably prudent and competent person seeking a reasonable return on investment and preservation of financial resources. A copy of the specified board position description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY ★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★

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

Board/Committee	Number of Vacancies	Deadline
Memorial Airfield Interim Owner's Team	Three (2) Landowner Representatives (Voluntary)	June 30, 2015 12:00 noon

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

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Community Events

Saturday, June 6

Gila River Trail Riders
Koli Equestrian Center
Registration Opens at 7:00 am
The purpose of trail riders club is to strengthen the cultural identity of youth in order to provide them with a feeling of security, sense of belonging and hope for the future.

Survivors of Suicide Workshop
District 7 Service Center
8:30am – 12:00pm
Our morning will be focused on hope & healing to those individuals throughout the Community who have lost a loved one to suicide.
Call 480-784-1514 for registration information.

Tuesday, June 9

Water Resources Research Center Annual Conference
Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino
Visit wrrc.arizona.edu for agenda and registration information.

Wednesday, June 10

Water Resources Research Center Annual Conference
Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino
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Friday, June 12

Father's Day Pool & Horseshoe Tournament
D5 Multipurpose Building and Ball Field
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Friday, June 19

Home Buyers Education Convention
D5 Service Center
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Please Call to RSVP!
520-562-3904 Ext. 3106
The Department of Community Housing is hosting a Convention for Gila River Community members looking for information and guidance in purchasing or building a home.
Come join us to meet our lenders and realtors.

Saturday, June 20

O'otham New Year Gathering
Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds Cultural Circle
5:30 pm to sunrise on Sunday, June 21
Welcome in the O'otham new year with an evening of traditional games, singing and dancing. Camping available. Evening meal and breakfast will be served.
Contact the Community Services Department at 520-562-9691 for more information.

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7. Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library is located in this District.

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Hello Kids,
Please have a wonderful summer break! Be sure to wear sunscreen and drink plenty of water.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first day of Summer is June 21.

DID YOU KNOW?

The O'odham New Year Gathering is on June 20 in District 3.

GRIC Early Education Center Achieves Four Star Rating



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

Early Education Child Care Center staff and students unveiled their new four-star rating from First Things First at the May 20 Council meeting.

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

Gila River's Early Education Child Care Center is shining brighter this year after receiving four stars from Arizona First Things First.

Five children from EECC, along with EECC program manager Melissa Madrid, and First Things First regional director, Cathy Brown presented the stars in front of tribal leadership at the May 20 Council meeting highlighting the program's big accomplishment.

In 2010, Gila River partnered with the First Things First program to improve the quality of childcare services for children ages 0 – 5 in the Community. EECC is the first children's center to receive a four star rating in the Community and

is one of two tribally run programs to receive four stars in Arizona. There are additional Quality First sites in the Community which include Blackwater Community Day School which received three stars, Sacaton Elementary, and D3 Head Start (not yet rated).

The First Things First program is a statewide organization that partners with childhood providers and funds early education and health programs to help children become successful once they enter kindergarten. The Quality First Star Rating identifies quality levels of early childhood care and education in young children. Programs are given ratings ranging from 1 – 5 based on an assessment which focuses on adult-child interactions, learning environments and staff qualifications.

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Sacaton School District Superintendent Dr. Christensen Retires After 10 Years

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

Dr. James Christensen, superintendent of Sacaton School District is retiring this school year, after serving 10 years in the Community.

Dr. Christensen, or as he likes to be called, "Dr. C", has been in the education field for 43 years and has worked with various school districts and communities throughout his career. The U.S. Army veteran began his time in Gila River in 2005 working diligently with teachers and staff to make Sacaton Schools a

wonderful place to learn and inspire students to further their education.

On May 22, family and friends of Dr. C held a surprise gathering for him in the Sacaton Middle School gymnasium to celebrate his retirement. Colleagues, past students and old friends had the opportunity to express gratitude toward Dr. C and shared memories of his time with the school.

A man of education, Dr. C earned his Associate of Arts degree from Mesa Community College and has earned 3 education degrees: a

Bachelor of Science from the University of Idaho, a Master of Arts at Arizona State University and a doctoral degree from Northern Arizona University. Throughout his career, Dr. C has worked 33 years in administration and 10 years as a teacher schooling students in the subjects of math, biology, history and physical education. His love of education has reflected to not only his children but students as well.

"Working out here has been good. The Community has been good to us and good to me," said Dr. C. "It's been


a great experience and [Sacaton Schools] is a wonderful place for children to learn. We have great staff members who enjoy what they do. It's been fun."

During retirement, Dr. C plans to spend time with his wife, nine children and 37 grandchildren. He also plans to stay busy with various hobbies and hopes of going on an 18-month service mission with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The new superintendent of Sacaton Schools will be Douglas Price. Dr. C's official exit date is June 30.



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN
Superintendent Dr. James Christiansen and his wife Susan at Sacaton Middle School. Dr. C. will retire this month after 10 years serving the district.



GRIC Summer Youth Camp's

Indian Youth of America Camp

SUNS BASKETBALL CAMP

Native Vision Sports & Life Skills


Camp Name	Dates/ Registration Deadline	Description	Age Category
18th Annual Native Vision Sports & Life Skills Camp Shiprock High School Shiprock, New Mexico	06/9-06/13/2015 MAY 29, 2015 30 spaces available	This camp provides Native youth an opportunity to play side-by-side with professional and collegiate athletes. The Native Visions camp promotes and celebrates all that is healthy and positive in the lives of Native youth. Offers sports clinics in basketball, football, volleyball, lacrosse, and running/track.	Boys & Girls ages 8-17 yrs old with a passion for sports: basketball, volleyball, football, soccer, lacrosse, and running
2015 Indian Youth of America Camp Whispering Pines Camp Prescott, AZ	06/17-06/26/2015 May 20, 2015 30 spaces available	This camp offers arts & crafts, cultural activities, campfires, hiking, volleyball, mush ball, basketball, swimming, canoeing, paddleboats, and mini workshops on Indian Culture, leadership, healthy living creative writing, storytelling, puppetry, hoop dancing & etc.	For boys & girls ages 10-14 yrs old
2015 Phoenix Suns Overnight Basketball Camp Pine Summit Camp-Prescott, AZ	06/28-07/2/2015 JUNE 19, 2015 70 spaces available	The Phoenix Suns Basketball Camp offers the finest one-on-one instruction in a safe, positive atmosphere for boys and girls. It's the perfect camp experience for every hoop-loving kid from beginners looking to learn about the game to advance players needing to hone their skills. **This is a physically demanding camp and full participation is REQUIRED**	Boys & Girls ages 6-17 yrs old w/an interest in Basketball.

Sign Up NOW!

ALL participants MUST be an enrolled member of Gila River Indian Community

For more information, please contact: Tribal Recreation Program
Merlena Calabaza, Recreation Coordinator Merlena.Calabaza@gric.nsn.us
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Congratulations GRIC Graduates



Graduate lists provided by Tribal Education Department

High School Graduates

Betty H. Fairfax High School

Anfernee Allison
 Alexandra Apkaw
 Tiffany Charles
 Lawrence Miller
 Sade Murgia
 Jonah Narcia
 Sabrina Sanchez
 Steven Save
 Devan Soke
 Shane Soza
 Aaron Whempner

Coolidge High School (cont.)

Amber Pablo
 Augustus Pablo
 Yasamine Quiroz
 Rolando Reyes
 Alana White
 Angela Yucupicio
 Breigh Yanez Brokeshoulder
 Lawrence Morales

Ira H. Hayes High School

Emilio Victor
 Gabriel Miguel
 Maria Lopez
 Gabrielle Compton
 Michael Nez
 Summer Lewis
 Anisa Brown
 Marcus Rivas
 Adriana White
 Devonne Allison
 Deke Morris
 Taele Vaifale
 Tyson Whitman
 Justin Chiago
 Isabel Baquetero
 Selena Lopez

Casa Grande Union High School

Timothy Antone Jr.
 Cassandra Barrios
 Thomas Etsitty
 Kayla Johns
 Victoria Johnson
 Christen Jones
 Adam Juan
 Roxie Myore
 Lendy Nez Jr.
 Drazen Pena
 Clinton Rivers
 Tristan Torres

Chandler High School

Richard Stone
 Clinton Harrison
 Emily Gressley
 Haley Joaquin
 Hebear Williams
 Nicholas Garcia
 Yasmine Notah
 Padgleyan Gonzales

Jones Academy

Ryan Myore

Metro Tech High School

Michael Moore

Riverside Indian School

Celeste Apkaw
 Patrick Blackwater
 Anabell Kisto
 Kalei Manuel

Chemawa Indian School

Kylie Thomas
 Kristie Ravalcaba
 Raquel Valdez
 Kevin Milda
 Cedric Charles
 Malorie French

Sherman Indian High School

Gabriel Francisco
 Cedeno Jackson
 Hanisi Murray
 Sara Stoneham
 Leanne Setoyant

Coolidge Alternative Program

Andrew Antone
 Chessa Chubick
 Ryan Jackson
 Cassie Johnson
 Cherish Kisto
 Brenna Yucupiso
 Jacob Martinez

Vista Grande High School

Blaine Lewis
 Jonathan Lewis
 John Flores

Coolidge High School

Kandie Anton
 Alaya Antone
 Anthony Antone
 Aron Brown
 James Brown
 Jayson Brown
 Jessy Cheater
 Sage Etsitty
 Anfernee Howard
 Darius Jackson
 Ashley Lewis
 Bailey Manuel

Vechij Himidag Maschamakud

Nicholas Ballard
 Geneva Blackwater
 Marketa Dawahoya
 Mariah Encinas
 Anissa Garcia
 Josephine Garcia
 Armondo Garza
 Siasek Lucero
 Angelina Makil
 Eric Paul
 Marco Rhodes
 Courtney Rodriguez
 Alayna Thomas
 Josiah Webb

ASU Graduates

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rative effort from ASU's Center for Indian Education and the Gila River Indian Community.

The eleven candidates chosen for the program are from GRIC, the Tohono O'odham Nation, Navajo Nation and the Colorado River Indian Tribes, but all work for Gila River in the field of early education. Chadwick, too, used to work in the Community as a kindergarten teacher at the Sacaton Elementary School during the mid-1990s.

The cohort of students met for classes on the Gila River reservation while also working as educators in early education classrooms over the past few years.

Graduate Amanda Beeson, a member of CRIT, said, "We learned about how to develop a curriculum and effectively apply classroom management skills."

The District 6 Head Start Teaching Assistant said the biggest benefit came from being in a classroom with co-workers and people they knew that worked in the Community.

For Community member Anna Edwards, the opportunity to get a college degree was too good to pass up.

"[It] was really good because there was always someone to help us along and that was one of the amazing things about the cohort. We

supported each other," she said. Edwards is a Mentor Teacher at GRIC Early Childcare.

She said at her job, "Now...I have a chance to share with them what I was able to learn from the program." She plans on possibly starting within a year to obtain her Masters Degree in Educational Leadership at Grand Canyon University.

Funding for the program comes from the U.S. Department of Education/Office of Indian Education 2012 Professional Development grant.

Congrats, Sherman Grads



Hanisi Murray from District 4 and Gabriel Francisco from District 5 graduated from Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, Calif. on May 7, 2015. All family, friends and Sherman alumni congratulate you both and wish you the very best for your future. Submitted by Rocky Whitman. Photo credits: Rocky and Kyra Whitman.

College Graduates alphabetical by school

May 2015 Graduates

Name	Area of Study	School
Anna Edwards	Interdisciplinary	Arizona State University
Christen Tave	Nursing	Arizona State University
Dorothy Rhodes	American Indian Studies	Arizona State University
Kevin Kochert	Biology	Arizona State University
Krystal Enas	English	Arizona State University
Sara Dillon	Theatre	Arizona State University
Sara Lucas	Art	Arizona State University
Pamela Lucero	Interdisciplinary	Arizona State University
Reynalda James	Interdisciplinary	Arizona State University
Victoria Hernandez	Communication	Arizona State University
Willard Antone III	Public Service & Public Policy	Arizona State University
Pauline Alvarez	Sociology	California State University - Northridge
Trevor Ledda	Kinesiology	California State University - Sacramento
Francisco Zamorano Jr.	Criminal Justice	Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Ivy Cheater	Early Learning & Development	Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Kenneth Ahmsaty	Psychology (MAPP)	Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Sache Foster	General Studies	Chandler-Gilbert Community College
James Martinez	General Studies	Fort Lewis College
Joanne Miles-Long	Business Administration	Grand Canyon University
William Wilson-Tewawina	Masters	Grand Canyon University
Tison Gill	Educational Leadership	Northern Arizona University
Regina Antone-Smith	Business Administration	Ottawa University
Raven Barehand	Associates	Phoenix College
Anthony Walker	Advance Behavioral Health	South Mountain Community College
Corina Harrison	Instructional Assistance	South Mountain Community College
Lilianna Trop	General Studies	Suffolk County Community College
Danielle Pagat	Psychology	University of Hawaii
Charity Bishop	Family Medicine	University of North Dakota
Denise Arpke	Business Management	University of Wisconsin - Stout
Vina Troost	Business Administration	Webster University

December 2014 Graduates

Jeremy Williams	Criminal Justice	Arizona State University
Leith Walden	Special Education	Arizona State University
Michelle Vallecillo	Family Studies & Human Dev.	Arizona State University
Michael Makil	Media Arts & Animation	Art Institute - Phoenix
DeWayne Newton III	Heavy Equipment Operator	Central Arizona College
Karen Brasier	Social Work	Crowder College
Ralph Morris	Christian Studies	Grand Canyon University
Anthony Tarin	Indigenous & AIS	Haskell Indian Nations University
Seth Russell	Anthropology	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Cody Lopez	Psychology	University of Idaho
Tiffany Apkaw	Business Administration	University of St. Mary
Ashley Nourse	Biology	University of Texas at San Antonio

A'AGA

Something to be told

By Billy Allen

In our not so distant past, this time of the year meant the end of the year and the arrival of a new one, official with the arrival of the summer rains. O'otham and Piipash hopes rose – soon there would be a lot of food! Ha:shan and its fruit would be ripe at the height of summer heat – it only needed to be gathered. Field crops which had been planted earlier would soon be ready. This abundance of food had to be shared, a time to come together and celebrate. Two Tohono O'odham women give their impressions of Ha:shan Baitag Mashat. Chona, who dictated her life story in the early 1930s said, "We counted the days. On the night before rain should come, there was lightening in the south. On the next day, came the dust storm, bearing the rain on its back. And then the rain!"

University of Arizona Regents' Professor, Dr. Ofelia Zepeda, captures an all too familiar summer moment with her poem Rain:

The Sun has moved down that way a bit.
And yet it is so hot.
All movement has almost stopped.
A fly goes by so slowly.
Everything has slowed down.
My father is sitting there.
His head is tilted back and he's asleep.
My sister is laying over there, asleep.
The dog passed by, he is looking for shade.
Everything has slowed down.
And yet the clouds have slowly settled in.
It's raining, it's raining!
My father jumps up
"Run and cover my grain!"
"Run and get the clothes off the line!"
Everything is now moving and alive.
My sister is up,
The dog is up,
Everything is now moving and alive.

You can sense the change of pace rain brings to desert dwellers. Keep in mind, without summer rain, the earth might burn up. I know first foot how hot the ground can be for us two legged.

Another food which appears with the arrival of the heat is viohog or mesquite beans. Viohog was and is an early convenience snack; all you had to do was pick the long yellowish pod off the tree or pick one off the ground. They have a sweet taste and could be ground into flour, a drink, gruel or pudding. As children, whenever we found ourselves walking to lu'lu'u's, a cousin's or to the closest swimming hole, we chewed on them. A word to the wise, this food does produce gas, which is probably why we ate and slept outdoors during the summer. Leaving for town on a late summer afternoon, we made sure bedding was inside the house. Always keep an eye on the sky.

Another food gathered from the desert was prickly pear or i:bhai. New growth leaves or pedals are sliced off the main body of the cactus. The thorns are carefully singed off, sliced and cooked, tasting like string beans. Seasoned with chilies, it is very tasty.

A true child of the desert is the tepary bean. The name comes from the Opata word tepar referring to the small white, brown or rust colored bean. The Tohono O'odham were once referred to as Papavi Kuadam or tepary bean eaters. This plant would give beans, in spite of the desert heat with little rain. Such a food would always be available.

In my early teen years, I helped my father in moving herds of cattle around District 5. He left me and another youngster to drive a small herd to a new field, while he drove over to the fresh field. Nearing the end of our trek, we let the herd take a short cut through a field full of brush – so I thought. The next thing I knew my father was yelling at us, frantically waving his hands, to get the cattle out of the weedy field. It was a field of tepary bean plants or bavī (buff). I hadn't taken the time to learn about the plant, I only like to eat the bean; to:tha (white), u'u's (speckled) and ba:vi (brown). So if the bean doesn't, don't pay too much attention to the temperature, keep an eye on the sky and make sure the clothes are off the line and your bedding is inside.

Some of the information is taken from Papago Woman by Ruth Underhill and Chona; Gathering the Desert by Gary Paul Nabhan; the poem is used with permission from Dr. Zepeda.

Cher Thomas Designs on Display at HHC

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

The Huhugam Heritage Center presented its second artist in the Community Artist Solo Exhibition Series on May 9.

Seamstress Cher Thomas, owner of Cher Thomas Designs, graced the HHC museum with her unique display of O'odham inspired attire. Her solo exhibition, entitled "From the Desert to the Runway," showcased two sets of her company's clothing: her fall collection "Homeland" and a set of modern traditional dresses, which she said, "represents first contact with the O'odham and the future of modern traditional attire."

Thirteen women modeled 13 dresses in a small fashion show in the center's ball court, followed by a reception in the museum hall. Five mannequins dressed in Thomas's handpicked designs were on display for viewing, including a white satin Piipaash wedding camp dress and a black graduation cap and gown with white water designs bordering the sleeves and bottom.

Along with her display of clothing, photos of her previous clients hung on a tack board showing three years of production including

her very first Singer sewing machine, which she retired years ago. A video of her making dresses, in which Thomas shows the public the process of making a traditional dress and the time it takes to complete a work of art played on loop during the reception.

"It's an incredible honor and huge privilege," said Thomas, D6, about having her work featured at the heritage center.

Thomas's work of traditional regalia and modern attire has traveled to communities all over the world. Her clientele ranges from tribal royalty and leadership to traditional dancers and average Community members.

Thomas is a third generation craftswoman who learned to sew



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

Cher Thomas stands with her fashion designs on display at the "From the Desert to the Runway" show at the Huhugam Heritage Center.

from her mother and grandmother. She has been sewing for over fifteen years but has done so professionally for three. She earned two degrees in both Native American Studies and Human Communications from Arizona State University and an Associate's Degree in Human Communications and General Studies from South Mountain Community College.

"From the Desert to the Runway" will be on display until July 24.

D6 LOW RIDER CAR SHOW

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The barbecue grills were smoking, burgers and hot dogs simmered, and a soundtrack of oldies filled the air on a Saturday afternoon on May 23.

At the Komatke Boys & Girls Club a low rider car show brought people out to promote cars and art, connecting friends and families.

District 6 Community member Aaron Lewis organized the event with the assistance of the Boys & Girls Club – Komatke Branch providing the location.

He said, "The whole idea behind the low rider car show was to bring out an interest I fell in love with as a young man. I wanted to show that [it] wasn't a gang oriented thing."



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

A row of low riders on display for spectators to observe and admire. The car show was organized by a Community members, who wants to promote the positive and artistic aspects of low rider culture.

Lewis said the negative image low rider cars and youth have is false.

He said, "You see these artistic kids here, we just need to show them how to express themselves in a positive way."

"As adults we need to guide them and show them what they can do to be involved in their community and have respect for each other."

GRPD Officers Honored at Banquet

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

Thirty of the Gila River Police Department's employees were recognized May 26, for their good deeds and services to the Community.

The GRPD held their quar-

terly awards ceremony at the D5 Multipurpose building to acknowledge officers and civilian staff in the categories of: Above and beyond, Certificate of Appreciation and the Lifesaving Award.

The highest award went to Officer Manuel Rios, who re-

ceived Employee of the First Quarter for his ambitious nature to go above and beyond on duty. The officer of two years is very active in the PD, regularly volunteering his time and taking on new responsibilities. His impressive work ethic was highlighted by Sergeant Ruben Salinas and Chief Kathleen Elliot who choose Rios for the award.

Award recipients received a plaque, medal and certificate detailing who nominated them and the incident for which they were commended.

Community members, civilians and other officials praised the individuals for their efforts and assistance through the GRPD's Commend an Officer/Civilian Employee program; brochures are located in the lobby of the Police Department as well as the District centers.



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The GRPD Power Squad received certificates of appreciation. From left to right: Sgt. Chris Marbell, Officers Jose Mendez, Duane Jensen, Manuel Rios, William Lewis and Chief Kathleen Elliot.

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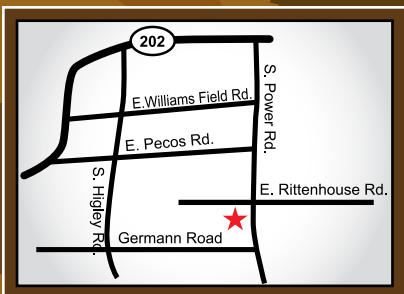
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Community Applicator Certification Training

This Community Applicator certification training is:

- Only applicable to employees of a Community governmental entity or a GRIC Community member.
• Required within the GRIC for those applicators that use or supervise the use of general use pesticides and are without other recognized pesticide applicator credentials.
• A great initial training if you are interested in becoming a professional pesticide applicator.

The (2) day certification training is comprised of twelve (12) training modules:

Day 1

- Intro & Pest Management
Pesticide Laws
Pesticide Labeling
Pesticide Formulations
Hazards & First Aid
Personal Protective Equipment

Day 2

- Pesticides & the Environment
Transportation & Storage of Pesticides
Response to Pesticide Emergencies
Planning Pesticide Applications
Pesticide Applications
Professional Conduct

At the successful completion of this course, the attendee will receive their Community Applicator certification card and meet the requirements of the Community's Pesticide Code for general use pesticide applicators within the Gila River Indian Community.

Registration:

Each attendee must submit a completed Community Applicator Certification application and attach a photocopy of a GRIC Government Department or Enterprise Employee ID, or GRIC tribal member ID. Priority registration will be given to those applicators who must attend to ensure compliance with GR-05-14.

Training Dates:

June 16th & 17th, 2015

Community Technology Center, District 3



Deadline for submitting applications to the Pesticide Control Office is:

June 5, 2015

To Native American Farmers or Ranchers or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999

Some funds paid in settlement of Keepseagle v. Vilsack remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the \$680 million paid to settle the case, approximately \$380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. There is no new claims process.

Who is included?

- The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:
• Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
• Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
• Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

- The class does not include individuals who:
• Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
• Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

Proposed use of the Funds

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

- First, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:
• \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit

groups to serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.

- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

Second, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

Third, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

Fourth, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

How can I share my views?

If you want to tell the Court of your support or of opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than June 15, 2015, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia 333 Constitution Avenue N.W. Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on June 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM EDT in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see www.IndianFarmClass.com

Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday May 6, 2015**

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday May 6, 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 9:08am

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (11:55am)

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Rodney Jackson; D4- Jennifer Allison, Angelia Allison, Christopher Mendoza; D5-,Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D3- Carolyn Williams; D4-Vacant; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Franklin Pablo, Sr.

APPROVAL OF A GENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. Introduction of SIE Consultant Review of Scope of Work

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela Aaron Allery

PATRICIA VALENZUELA INTRODUCED MR. AARON ALLERY WHO GAVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HIMSELF

2. JoEllen Kinnamon (Sacaton Middle) STEM Presentation and Robot Demo from Students

Presenter: J Kinnamon

AFTER WATCHING THE VIDEO PROVIDED, MS. KINNAMON WENT OVER THE PLACING OF THE STUDENTS IN THE COMPETITION THEY COMPETED IN. THE STUDENTS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AND SHARED WHAT THEY LIKED ABOUT THE ROBOTICS

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

3. The Future of Secondary Education on the Gila River Indian Community

Presenters: Ira Hayes High School, Crispin Zamudio

MR. CRISPIN ZAMUDIO THANKED THE DISTRICTS THAT SUPPORTED THEM. THERE WERE PARENTS AND STUDENTS THAT EXPRESSED THEIR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

(15-Minute Break for Robot Demonstration in the Lobby)

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE RECESS. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:21AM]

REPORTS

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

Presenter: Dale Gutenson

REPORT HEARD

2. FY 2015 Semi Annual Report (October 2014-March 2015)

Tribal Education Dept

Presenters: Pamela Thompson and Patricia Valenzuela

REPORT HEARD

3. District 5 School Campus Sites "Bomb Mass Evacuation" Functional Exercise

Presenters: Patricia Valenzuela and Robert DeLeon

REPORT HEARD

4. Gila River Indian Community District 5 School Drill After Action Report

Presenters: Patricia Valenzuela and Robert DeLeon

REPORT HEARD

5. Pee Posh Veterans Association – FY 2014 -2015 Second Quarter Report

Presenter: Dan Jenkins

Lt. Governor turned the meeting over to Governor Stephen R. Lewis

REPORT HEARD

6. Gila River Indian Urban Members - Expenditure Report October 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015

Presenter: Willetta Felder

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. Youth Council – FY 2015 Semi-Annual Report October 2014 – March 2015

Presenters: Michael Preston and Michelle Bowman

REPORT HEARD

8. Management Information Systems Department FY 2015 Semi-Annual Report October 2014 – March 2015

Presenters: Jocelyn Young and Michelle Bowman

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:05AM]

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED REPORT #11 AND #13 UP

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

11. Gila River Sand & Gravel 1st Quarter Report FY15 \

Presenters: Michael Morago and Robert Gazis

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Gila River Health Care Corporation – FY 2014 External Audit (Executive Session)

Presenters: Myron Schurz and REDW Representative

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Human Resources Department – FY 2015 Semi-Annual Report – October 2014 – March 2015

Presenters: Tomisita Woodie and Pamela Thompson

MOTION MADE SECOND AND DEFEATED TO

TABLE

REPORT HEARD

10. Casey Family Programs

Presenter: Anita Fineday

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE

REPORT HEARD

12. GRHC Dialysis Quarterly Update Report

Presenters: Myron Schurz and Jeff Borozky

DISPENSED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. – Monthly Report

– March 2015 (Executive Session) Presenters: Janice

Ponziani and GRGE Board Of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Gila River Gaming Commission – General Report March

2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin and Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

*1. 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; LSC forwards to Council with amendments)

Presenter: Linda Sauer

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2014 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Dorsey & Whitney, LLP (G&MSC

motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation Of approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling and Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment No. 1 To The October 1, 2014 Agreement (C5104) Between The Gila River Indian Community And Towers Watson Delaware, Inc (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Sharon Harvier-Lewis

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Negotiation Of A Final Agreement Based On The Term Sheet Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Salt River Agricultural Improvement And Power District For A 100 Year Term As Well As Approve The Easement Between The Community And SRP For The Price Road Corridor Transmission Line (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council for discussion and possible action, request to remove the section regarding Districts 6 and 7 on page 11; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling and Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty-Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 947 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year

Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 1273-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

7. 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: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 4011 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

9 A Resolution Approving the Petition for the Enrollment of Jason Adell Darrell into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson Jr.

APPROVED

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE RECESS. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:45PM]

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. GRIC Organizational Restructure(G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Pamela Thompson and Governor Stephen R. Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

AND TAKE TO THE DISTRICTS FOR COMMENTS AND REVIEW

2. Proposed South Mountain 202 Litigation (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC & CRSC concur)

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AUTHORIZE

OGC TO WORK WITH OSBORN MALEDON, THROUGH THE COMMUNITY'S LITIGATION TEAM, IN REVIEWING, AND ANALYZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD AND PREPARING A LAWSUIT; IN ADDITION TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY'S DEPARTMENTS, CRMP/THPO, DOT, AND DEQ, TO PROVIDE

COMMENTS/INPUT ON DESIGN ISSUES AND ON CULTURAL RESOURCES AND BIOLOGICAL MITIGATION MEASURES TO ADOT WITH THE EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COMMUNITY'S COMMENTS/INPUT ARE BEING PROVIDED UNDER PROTEST, DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE COMMUNITY CONCURS IN OR APPROVE OF THE PROJECT AND THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT WAIVE OUR RIGHT TO FILE A LEGAL CHALLENGE TO THE PROJECT

3. BIA Updates ICWA Guidelines State Court and Agencies (H&SSC motioned to forward letter to Council for approval)

Presenter: Julian Nava

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Office Of General Counsel – Request For A Special Community Council Work Session – Regarding A 5-Year Water Plan (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for a special Community Council meeting on May 21 & 22, 2015; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Linus Everling

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CALL A

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON

MAY 21 AND 22, 2015 AT THE SHERATON

WILD HORSE PASS

2. Wild Horse Pass Development Authority – Board Member Vacancy Notification (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation to declare a vacancy of (1) unexpired term in accordance with the Code of Conduct; in addition this position requires a preliminary background check)

Presenters: WHPDA Board Of Directors

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From Page 8

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE A VACANCY OF (1) UNEXPIRED TERM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT; IN ADDITION THIS POSITION REQUIRES A PRELIMINARY BACKGROUND CHECK

3. District Five Letter of Appointment for Pamela Vega to the Citizens Advisory Board (LSC to forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenter: Darren Pedro-Martinez
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINTMENT PAMELA VEGA

4. Declaration of Vacancies Community Council Standing Committee Positions
Presenters: Community Council
a. Legislative Standing Committee (2)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE TWO VACANCIES
b. Education Standing Committee (1)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE

ONE VACANCY
c. Government & Management Standing Committee (1)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE ONE VACANCY MINUTES

1. January 7, 2015 (Regular)
APPROVED

2. January 21, 2015 (Regular)
APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

3. February 4, 2015 (Regular)
APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

4. February 17, 2015 (Special)
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

>COUNCILWOMAN CAROL SCHURZ STATED JUST A REMINDER THE DEADLINE WAS 5:00 TO SIGN UP FOR THE RE-RUN OF THE MUL-CHU-THA WHICH IS GOING TO BE HELD IN MY DISTRICT.

>COUNCILWOMAN CAROL SCHURZ STATED THE MEMORIAL FOR THE MEMBERS THAT ARE INTERNED AT CANTON WILL BE HELD ON MAY 17, 2015

>COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER ALLISON STATED WE

HAVE REVIEWING COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS TOMORROW NOTING THAT THE FIRST ONE IS AT 9:00 AND WE ALSO HAVE A LITIGATION MEETING ON FRIDAY AT 2:00

>COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG STATED THAT THE EDUCATION AND G&M WILL BE HAVING A JOINT MEETING ON FRIDAY REGARDING THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED

>COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER MENDOZA STATED THAT THERE IS AN EL PASO NATURAL GAS MEETING TOMORROW AT 12:00

>COUNCILMAN RODNEY JACKSON STATED THAT AT 10:00 TREASURER KELLER IS REQUESTING MEMBERS OF THE MEMORIAL AIRFIELD MEET AT 10:00 TO MEET WITH DALE GUTENSON

>LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE STATED TO PLEASE KEEP COUNCILWOMAN STEWART IN PRAYER TODAY, SHE HAD A TRAGIC SITUATION IN HER FAMILY AND LEFT HERE. THAT IS WHY SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO BE HERE FOR THE REST OF THE MEETING

ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:32PM
* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Community Council Action Sheets Wednesday May 20, 2015

ACTION SHEET

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

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday May 20, 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 9:18am

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2- Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Angelia Allison; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Janice F. Stewart Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Vacant:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

REPORTS

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

1.8. First Things First – Quality First Report

Presenters: Cathy Brown, Melissa Madrid

REPORT HEARD

2.1. Gila River Indian Urban Members - Expenditure Report October 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015

Presenter: Willetta Felder

REPORT HEARD

3.2. Casa Blanca Community School Quarter 2 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Jacque Bradley

REPORT HEARD

4.3. Blackwater Community School Quarter 2 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE RECESS. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:22AM]

5.4. Ira H. Hayes High School Quarter 2 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Crispin Zamudio

REPORT HEARD

6.5. Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grant Awarded

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

REPORT HEARD

7.6. Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department Johnson O'Malley Program Quarter 2 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Marissa Yazzie

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:01PM]

8.7. Head Start March Monthly Report-2015

Presenter: Christa Caamano

REPORT HEARD

9. Maricopa Village Christian School Quarter 1 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Larisa Quijano

REPORT HEARD

10. Maricopa Village Christian School Quarter 2 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Larisa Quijano

REPORT HEARD

11. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. – 1st. Quarter Report (GRTI 1Q2015 Update)

Presenters: Bruce Holdridge, Daniel Thompson

REPORT HEARD

12. Department Of Community Housing - FY2015 Semi-Annual Report (October 2014 - March 2015)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Dale Enos

REPORT HEARD

13. Department Of Housing Development - FY2015 Semi-Annual Report

Presenter: Dale Enos

REPORT HEARD

14. Tribal Employment Rights Office - FY2015 Semi-Annual Report (October 2014 - March 2015)

Presenters: Lana Chanda, Pamela Thompson

REPORT HEARD

15. Lone Butte Development Corporation FY15 Semi-Annual Report

Presenters: Esther Manuel, John Roberts

REPORT HEARD

16. Office Of General Counsel 2014 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Linus Everling

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

17. Gaming Internal Audit - FY15 Second Quarter Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: William Tye

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. Monthly Financial Activity Report For The Seven Months Ending April 30, 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. Treasurer's 2nd Quarter Report Ended March 31, 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE RECESS. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:27PM]

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Water Banking Authority For The Purpose Of Arizona Meeting Its Firming Obligation To The Gila River Indian Community Pursuant To The Arizona Water Settlement Act Of 2004 (Public Law 108-451) (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Linus Everling

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement For Environmental Support Services, Cost Reimbursement And Limited Purpose Of Arbitration And Enforcement Of Any Arbitration Award Between The State Of Arizona, Acting By And Through Its Department Of Transportation And The Gila River Indian Community Through The Cultural Resources Management Program (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval; CRSC concurs)
Presenters: Sunshine Whitehair, Kyle Woodson
APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Title VI Implementation Plan For The Gila River Transit Program (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Sasha Pachito

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Transit Policies And Procedures For The Gila River Transit Program (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Sasha Pachito

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Amended Transit Service Agreement Contract NO.128-75-2016 Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Regional Public Transportation Authority Providing For Fixed-Route Transit Services (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Timothy Oliver, Pamela Thompson

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Authorizing The Tribal Health Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Community Living, Administration On Aging, PPHF-2015-Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Program Financed Solely By 2015 Prevention And Public Health Funds (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval; H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Janice Anderson

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Authorizing The Tribal Health Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Indian Health Service, Injury Prevention Program, New And Competing Continuation Cooperative Agreement (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval; H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Janice Anderson

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-163-14 For The Use And Distribution Of Monies From The Gila River Indian Community Water Settlement Fund For The Operations Of The Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District And For The Purchase Of Central Arizona Project Water In Fiscal Year 2015 (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

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Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
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9. A Resolution Amending The Membership Of Gila River Indian Community Transportation Technical Team And Reinstating The Authority And Responsibilities Of The TTT (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with changes; NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; CRSC motioned to table)
Presenters: Office Of General Counsel
APPROVED

10. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-02-07 And Approving The Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2014 For The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval; with additional information)
Presenter: Robert Deleon
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11. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2119 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

12. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2119 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

13. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 1918 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Two 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 1918 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Two Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez
APPROVED

15. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotted Trust Land In District Two Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez
APPROVED

16. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 163-B 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

17. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 543 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

18. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 1023 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

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

20. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2569 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

21. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2569 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

22. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2569 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

23. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 3872-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez
APPROVED

24. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 4091-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez
APPROVED

25. A Resolution Granting A Transportation And Utility Corridor Right Of Way Easement To The Gila River Health Care Corporation For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, And Maintaining Roadway Access And Utility Services For The Southeast Ambulatory Care Center, Located On Community Trust Land In District Four And Designated As Drawing No. 40415-0343-EA-01 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, to include the total amount of compensation)
Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Steven Green
APPROVED

26. A Resolution Consenting To And Approving A Transportation And Utility Corridor Right Of Way Easement For The Gila River Health Care Corporation Located Within Allotment 2430 And 2431 For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, And Maintaining Roadway Access And Utility Services For The Southeast Ambulatory Care Center (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Steven Green
APPROVED

ORDINANCES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Community Court of Appeals Judge Appointment(s) (2)
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT ANTHONY LITTLE II AND GEORGE JOHN TRAYLOR

2. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors Appointment (1)
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT BELINDA NELSON

3. Memorial Airfield Interim Board of Directors Appointment (1)
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT GINA M. THOMAS-ENOS

4. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Board of Directors Appointments (2)
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT LETHA LAMB AND JOHN B. LEWIS

5. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors Appointment (1- Unexpired Term)
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MICAEL BENNET
NEW BUSINESS

1. Certification Of The 2015 Community Council Election for Districts 1, 4, 5, and 6 (LSC moved to forward to Community Council for Certification of the 2015 Community Council Election)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY ARZIE HOGG FOR DISTRICT 1; NADA CELAYA FOR DISTRICT 4; FRANKLIN PABLO, SR. FOR DISTRICT 5; AND ANTHONY "CHRIS" VILLAREAL, SR. FOR DISTRICT 6

2. Follow-Up Audit Report DDHS-IHC Special Diabetes Program For Indian Grant – Genesis Program (Executive Session) (H&SSC motioned forward item to Council)

Presenter: William Tye
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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Revenue/Internal Audit - FY2015-2nd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Community Council)
Presenter: William Tye
ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Urban Members (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Community Council)
Presenter: Linus Everling
ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE GILA RIVER URBAN MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (UMA) AUDIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION TO UMA BY THE LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE TREASURER TO PLACE ON HOLD ANY DISTRIBUTION GILA RIVER URBAN MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (UMA); FURTHER DIRECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNITY AUDIT AND THE UMA FINANCIAL REPORT MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO INCLUDE IN THE CONDITIONS TO THE URBAN MEMBERS ASSOCIATION FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN JEOPARDIZING OF THE FUTURE FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

5. Report of Audit Health Resources Department IHS-Annual Funding Agreement (Executive Session) (H&SSC motioned forward item to Council)
Presenter: William Tye
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Code of Conduct – Request for Special Council Meeting
Presenter: Shannon White
MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 1, 2015, 9AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO ADDRESS THE TWO CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

7. NCAI Delegation Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO ANY COUNCIL INTERESTED IN ATTENDING MINUTES

1. February 17, 2015 (Special)
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
ANNOUNCEMENTS

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE JACKSON AND SHELDE FAMILIES
>PAUL ANTONE SR. FUNERAL SERVICE THURSDAY MAY 21, 2015 AT 6PM

>INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY MAY 21, 2015, 8AM IN THE FINANCE CONFERENCE ROOM
>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015 AND FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015

>DISTRICT 4 HEAD START PROMOTION THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015
>DISTRICT 5 HEAD START PROMOTION FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015

ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:53PM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

COURT DATE NOTICE

In the Court of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona
In the matter of Lois Jackson
Docket Number CV-2015-00116

This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR, your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party or jail time may be ordered.

Sacaton Judicial Center
Post Office Box 368
721 W. Seed Farm Road
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(520) 562-9860
Date: Monday, July 6, 2015
Time: 1:30 PM

The petitioner and respondent were issued Court Date Notice for the next hearing.
Issued by R. Luna, Court Clerk
Friday, May 22, 2015



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Gila River Health Care Human Resources Department is now located in the new

Viola L. Johnson Administration Building
534 W. Gu U KI Street, Sacaton, AZ 85147
(520) 562-3321

Seed Farm Road



GRHC
Human Resources Dept.
New Location



TOBACCO FREE FACILITY



Gila River Health Care is committed to providing a healthy environment for our patients, visitors and employees.

Ensuring safe and healthy facilities is important to us.

We invite and encourage everyone to respect our tobacco free facilities.

Thank You,
Gila River Health Care

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The Self-Care Behavior of the month is:

BEING ACTIVE

"Self-care behaviors" are behaviors that WE choose within our daily lives. These self-care behaviors help us manage our ABCS to stay healthy.

A - A1c less than 7%

B - Blood pressure range: 140/80

C - Cholesterol less than 200.

S - No Smoking.

Try these tips for being active:

Find a friend to exercise with to keep each other motivated!

- Be active throughout the day! Try for 30 minutes all at once OR 10 minutes 3 times a day!
- Take a family walk after dinner instead of watching TV.
- Being active doesn't just happen at the gym! It also includes gardening, yard work, chair exercises, & house work.

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

Patient Alerts

Summer Family Health Event

"Bringing Wellness to You in Your Community"

Adult and Child Immunizations • Well-Child Exams • Sports Physicals • Labs Blood Sugar Checks • Blood Pressure Checks • *Family Planning Services *STD Information and Education • *Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings Diabetes Risk Assessments

*Family planning, STD and cancer screenings on Tuesdays only.

District 1 Service Center	6/16 & 6/18
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

Patient Wristbands

To avoid a delay, please wear the wristband given to you during registration. All patients are required to have a wristband prior to receiving services at the Lab or Radiology.

Physical Exams

Schedule your child's physical exam for sports or school now.

For more information, call the GRHC Pediatric Department at: HHKM: (602) 528-1233 or Komatke Clinic: (520) 550-6000



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Laveen, Arizona 85339

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Ak-Chin Clinic

48203 W. Farrell Road
Maricopa, Arizona 85239

(520) 568-3881

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



SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY // JUNE 20, 2015



PRESENTED BY GILA RIVER CASINOS



FIRST PITCH 7:10PM

Join the Arizona Diamondbacks for Native American Recognition Day presented by Gila River Casinos. Enjoy entertainment throughout the game. Festivities begin at 5:10PM and include Native American drum groups, dancers, vocalists, royalty, and more.

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