

## Conference Looks at Water Use from Indigenous Perspectives

By GRIN staff  
Gila River Indian News

The University of Arizona partnered with the Gila River Indian Community to host the Water Resources Research Center annual conference, entitled Indigenous Perspectives on Sustainable Water Practices, at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino June 9 and 10.

GRIC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis opened the conference by expressing his community's goal to preserve the water rights it won in 2004. He addressed many of the struggles the Community and tribes across the state have endured for decades through famine and drought.

"We are at the important crossroads of building the future of our Community," said Lewis. "It is the story of bringing back our cultural resources of healing and self-preservation."

Throughout the conference a series of presentations and panels covered a spectrum of water-related topics from legal rights to scientific research to the importance of riparian areas

to the significance of water in Native American cultures and histories.

Arizona tribes discussed how their respective tribes use water, expressed struggles in their respective nations, talked about improving technology and ways they are preserving water through new resources while maintaining traditional ways.

Among the guest speakers were Rod Lewis and John Echohawk, Pawnee, who were among of the first wave of Native attorneys who took on court cases for tribes seeking their water rights. Rod Lewis is well known as the Gila River attorney who dedicated his career to winning the Community's water rights. Echohawk serves as the Executive Director for the Native American Rights Fund, which started in 1970 to provide legal services to American Indians across the country.

Both referred to the first case involving Native American water rights to go to the Su-

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Christopher Lomahquahu/CPAO  
Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis speaking at the WRRRC Conference at Wild Horse Pass Hotel June 9.

## Ramona Farms Grows Traditional O'otham Food



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Terry and Ramona Button stand in a field of White Sonoran wheat on their farmland. The Buttons operate Ramona Farms and use part of their land to grow crops of traditional, native foods.

By GRIN staff  
Gila River Indian News

Last week, the Gila River Indian News had the opportunity to go to Ramona Farms and take a closer look at how the company established, manages, and cares for its farmland to produce traditional foods that the ancestors of this land ate long ago.

Business owners Ramona and Terry Button have been in the farming business since 1974, when they married. Ramona is Tohono O'odham and Akimel O'otham from GRIC, District 3.

Their business started off small, growing only barley and wheat, before expanding on land leased by her family and other Community members.

Ramona's aunt was among

the first to give her land to grow crops. She told her niece to "Do something because I know you can," according to Ramona.

Today, Ramona Farms utilizes 4,000 acres of GRIC land in Districts 3, 4 and 5.

They grow cotton, alfalfa, garbanzo beans, different types of huuñ (corn) and wheat (pikan), and the famous bavi (tepar bean), which is a traditional staple of the O'otham diet.

Ramona Farms has a mission to restore traditional O'odham foods in our diet and introduce them to the younger generation.

"The young kids didn't have a taste for them," Ramona said. "They only want to buy them when grandma wants them, but

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## Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud Walks Last Class of Grads

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

The final graduating class of Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud walked across the stage of the D5 Multipurpose Building with heads held high and accomplishments to be proud of.

Fifteen seniors received their diplomas June 13, all accredited with a requirement of two years of O'odham studies. Several of VHM's students were recognized for their outstanding achievements throughout the school year. Among them were graduating seniors Siasek Lucero and Mariah Encinas, who received scholarships to attend Central Arizona College.

On behalf of Arizona U.S. House Representative Ann Kirkpatrick, Blanca Varela, District Deputy Director, awarded two certificates of Special Congressional Recognition to Encinas and eleventh grader Cy Rivers for their

terrific service to the Community. Both recipients accumulated over 100 hours of community service by volunteering with tribal and school programs.

Principal Kim Franklin said that this year's final graduating class is confident in what they want in the future with some students starting jobs and seeking higher

education in and out of state.

VHM, an independently operated school chartered through the state, is the second school to close down in the Community alongside Ira Hayes High School whose last batch of graduates walked May 29. The Arizona State Board of Charter Schools ruled to close down the D3 high school due to low atten-

dance and academic performance.

However, the VHM owners plan to provide supplementary services to students in the community such as tutoring.

After the school closes June 30, past and former student records can be requested at the ASBCS at P.O. Box 18328, Phoenix, Arizona 85009.



Annie Gutierrez/CPAO  
The last graduating class of Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud alternative school received their diplomas June 13.

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### Miss Indian Arizona: "An Evolving Journey"

Submitted by the Miss Indian Arizona Association

As we reach this point in our 54-year history the Miss Indian Arizona Association has continued to make positive changes in the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program. Each participant is given an opportunity to exhibit their culture through oral presentation and traditional dress. Participants also participate in interviews, perform a modern or traditional talent, and compete in evening wear. One of the major changes recently made allows two

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★ JULY 3, 2015 ★

### HU HU KAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Department	Closed Date(s)	Re-Open Date
Primary Care	Friday, July 3, 2015	Monday, July 6 @ 8:00 am
Pharmacy	Friday, July 3, 2015	Monday, July 6 @ 8:30 am
Physical Therapy	Friday, July 3, 2015	Monday, July 6 @ 7:00 am
Emergency Department	OPEN	
Dialysis East	OPEN	
Medical Imaging	OPEN	
Laboratory	OPEN	

### KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER

Department	Closed Date(s)	Re-Open Date
Primary Care	Friday, July 3, 2015	Monday, July 6 @ 8:00 am
Pharmacy	Friday, July 3, 2015	Monday, July 6 @ 8:00 am
Physical Therapy	Friday, July 3, 2015	Monday, July 6 @ 7:00 am
Imaging	Friday, July 3, 2015	Monday, July 6 @ 8:15 am
Laboratory	Friday, July 3, 2015	Monday, July 6 @ 8:00 am
Dialysis West	OPEN	

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Department	Closed Date(s)	Re-Open Date
Shelgoi	Friday, July 3, 2015	Monday, July 6 @ 8:00 am
OASIS / District 3	Friday, July 3, 2015	Monday, July 6 @ 8:00 am
OASIS / District 5	Friday, July 3, 2015	Monday, July 6 @ 8:00 am
Residential Treatment Center		OPEN

### AK-CHIN CLINIC

Department	Closed Date(s)	Re-Open Date
Ak-Chin Clinic	Friday, July 3, 2015	Monday, July 6 @ 8:00 am

For information call GRHC at:  
**(520) 562-3321**

#### Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

483 W. Seed Farm Road  
Sacaton, Arizona 85147

(520) 562-3321 · (602) 528-1240

#### Komatke Health Center

17487 S. Health Care Drive  
Laveen, Arizona 85339

(520) 550-6000

#### Ak-Chin Clinic

48203 W. Farrell Road  
Maricopa, Arizona 85239

(520) 568-3881

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Ak-Chin . . . . . 7/7 & 7/9

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**Coyotes in Gila River?**

Due to the complications between the Arizona Coyotes hockey team and the City of Glendale, I think our (the Gila River Indian Community's) investment in the naming rights of Gila River Arena is at stake. If the Coyotes move then it takes away from our name being publicized on national TV and our association with an NHL team. Where would the Coyotes play if the City of Glendale doesn't want the Coyotes in their city? The Gila River Indian Community should support them more than by just putting its name on the building they play in. Originally, the University of Phoenix Stadium, which is home to the Arizona Cardinals, was supposed to be built in Gila River but somehow, somehow, Glendale got it. Just saying, think about it. Let our councilmen and councilwomen look into it.

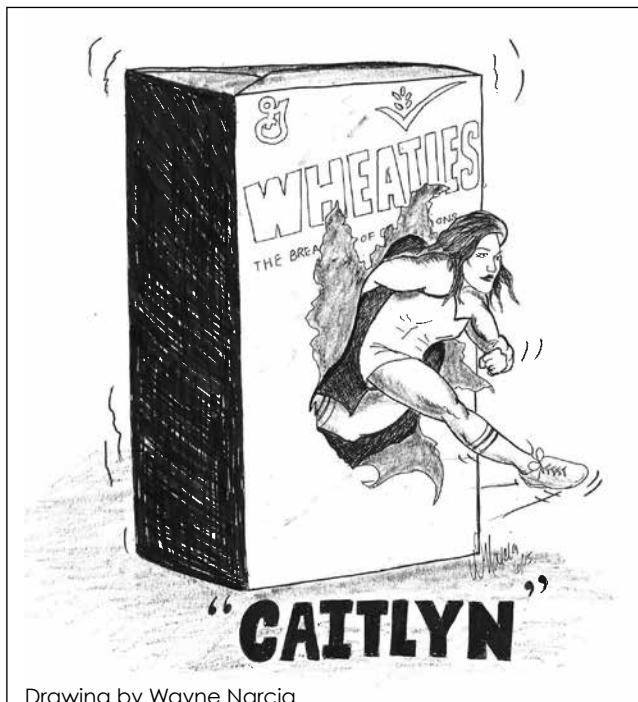
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*Alumni and Former Students*

**On or about June 30, 2015 all current and former student records for Vechij Himdag MashchamakuD Alternative High School will be transferred to The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools. To get copies of your records or to request records and transcripts for enrollment please contact:**

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools  
Address: P.O. Box 18328, Phoenix, Arizona 85009  
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Email Address: [charterschoolboard@asbcs.az.gov](mailto:charterschoolboard@asbcs.az.gov)



In Loving Memory of Reynold "Tony" Apodaca  
10-3-46 – 2-26-15

On March 9, 2015 we laid to rest Mr. Reynold "Tony" Apodaca. I believe without the guidance of my aunts and uncle I would've been lost. My big sis Sheryl, brothers Alex and Will, niece Jodi were there for support and comfort all the time. Thank you.



Also thanks to all his children, grandchildren, friends, and family for all their help thoughts and prayers. Tony appreciated you for it. Although he will be missed dearly, I know he was welcomed by his Heavenly Father.

We were all blessed by the choirs who shared the celebration of his life. Let him be that example of how we can overcome trials in life with laughter and a smile. Because through it all he knew there is only one way and through him we will see Tony again. Also his family at Casa Blanca Assembly of God, and his extended family at GRHCC. A special thanks to all the pallbearers/honorary pallbearers, who laid him down in his final resting place. Your help is greatly appreciated. So rest in peace My Luv, I'll see you again my PEGGLE King. With much love and respect, your wife, Elizabeth Apodaca.

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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.

## GRIC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis Applauds Navajo Nation's Support for Keep the Promise Act

Sacaton, AZ – On Thursday, June 11, 2015, the Navajo Nation unanimously passed by a vote of 18-0 a resolution expressing its support for the Keep the Promise Act, which is pending before the U.S. Congress. The Gila River Indian Community commends the Navajo Nation for its support of this critical legislation, which would preserve the current system of Indian Tribal gaming in Arizona through 2026. In 2002, Arizona voters approved the existing Tribal-State gaming compacts which provide Tribal governments with the exclusive right to conduct gaming in Arizona and ensure that both urban and rural Tribes receive critical revenue from that gaming.

“The Gila River Indian Community is grateful for the Navajo Nation’s support of the Keep the Promise Act and its commitment to upholding our promise among Arizona’s Tribes and the state and Arizona voters,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. “The existing system of Tribal gaming in Arizona benefits all Tribes and it’s important that we all work to protect that system and stick together in the face of adversity. We are proud to stand with the Navajo Nation to pursue enactment of this important legislation.”

The Keep the Promise Act, sponsored by Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake and Rep. Trent Franks and supported by virtually the entire state Congressional delegation, would prevent any additional casinos from being built in the Phoenix metropolitan area until after the expiration of the state’s voter-approved gaming compacts in 2026.

Such casino openings could pave the way to the Arizona Legislature allowing non-tribal commercial casinos, causing an explosion of tribal and non-tribal gaming statewide.

With the support of the Navajo Nation, the Keep the Promise Act is now supported by 17 Tribal Nations from around the country, as well as numerous municipalities in Arizona.

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## Community Events

### 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.

### Wednesday, June 24

- D4 Seniors FREE Quarterly Bingo
- D4 Service Center
- 9:00 am (Pickup at 8:00 am)
- GRIC enrolled Community members only.
- Must be 55 years and up, residing in D4.
- Call Agatha Apkaw for more information: 520-418-3661

### Saturday, June 27

- GRHC Job Fair
- District 5 Service Center
- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- For more information call: 602-528-1200
- grhc.org/careers

### \*\* 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. 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:



# 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.





## GRIC Students Earn Trip to Washington DC through GRICUA

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

Two GRIC students have been given the opportunity to participate in the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Washington D.C. youth tour.

A dinner was hosted in their honor to send them off with a traditional blessing provided by Barnaby Lewis and a chance for tribal leadership to provide encouragement before embarking to the nation's Capitol.

"It's great to have [our] young individuals go and represent our O'otham people," said GRICUA Board Chairman John Lewis.

Jesus Flores, an eleventh grader at Vista Grande High School in Casa Grande, said, "I normally don't do stuff like this, but I'm willing to give it a try."

In looking forward to the trip he said, "I could learn a lot from it. It will be good to know more about government and the history of our Nation."

Coolidge High School Senior Anita Jones said, "I am proud to be able to go on this trip, to meet new people along the way."

She said, "It's my first time visiting Washington D.C., so its an exciting time for me. It helps [you] work towards personal goals."

Gila River Gov. Stephen R. Lewis said, "You're going to be able to learn about how [we] as a sovereign nation fit into the federal government," magnifying the wealth of information the two traveling students will experience.

They will join hundreds of students from across the country on June 11 to June 18 for a week long trip to visit historic monuments and museums, meet with United States Representatives and Senators and participate in workshops with other students.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN  
**Students Jesus Flores and Anita Jones visited GRICUA, who is sending them to Washington, D.C., before they departed to the U.S. Capitol June 11.**

## Elderly Nutrition Manager Elaine Patrick Retires after 23 Years Serving Community



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

**Elaine Patrick, District 5, has retired after 23 years of working with elders in the Gila River Indian Community.**

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

After 23 years of serving the elders in the Community, Elaine Patrick, manager of the Elderly Nutrition Program retired June 5.

Patrick spent her last day at ENP celebrating with family, friends and co-workers.

The District 5 native started her career with Elderly Services in 1992 as a part-time secretary before moving up to the program's manager four years later. In her new role, Patrick learned to adapt and work with her staff to provide better quality meals to elders. The humble supervisor credits her staff

for the program's success.

"The staff I have is very dedicated. [They are] team players and hardworking. There's never a dull moment here [at ENP]," said Patrick.

Accustomed to the fast-paced work environment, Patrick hopes to stay busy traveling, spending time with family and tending to her garden she recently started.

On retiring from ENP she said, "It's been a great opportunity for me to learn and give to the Community. Looking back at myself in the past, I never thought I would be sitting here."

## Congratulations GRIC Graduates

Cesar Chavez High School

Imagine High School

Jonathan Cross

Jordan Notah

Isaac Terrazas-Talamantez

Ashley Lastra-Luezano

## GRIN Welcomes Summer Student Reporter

By Ashley Pasqual  
Gila River Indian News

S:keg Tash! My name is Ashley Sue Pasqual, I am nineteen years old and I come from District 3, Sacaton. Like my mother and father, Doreena White and Kimpton Pasqual, I am a member of the Gila River Indian Community. This summer I am currently working with the Gila River Indian News and finding, as a young individual, what it takes to be a journalist and getting experience in the workplace.

I have priorities of going to college, learning, and striving for success. In the fall, I plan to attend my second year of college at Central Arizona College in Coolidge, Arizona. I have a general idea of what I could possibly major in, Information Systems, and pursue a career in computers. My main goal is to be able to help my community continue to prosper in the future. Therefore, I want to take an interest in studying Hotel/Restaurant Management, which will prepare me to work at our resorts and casinos.

I tend to fall in love with anything and everything. I find computers intriguing and I like listening to movie scores when I am working. I spend time reading, not only what the Internet has to offer, but books as well. I also enjoy riding horses with my cousins and helping my vusk (grandfather), Leslie Pasqual. My greatest interests are Marvel Comics and Star Wars! [insert Wookiee call here].

In addition to what I admire doing, I like to experiment with cameras. I wouldn't say I'm a great photographer or a writer, but I think with dedication and guidance I could improve what I already know. Consequently, I am really excited and honored to be working with people from the Gila River Indian News and the Communications and Public Affairs Office! I think I will have a marvelous time as well as learn new skills along the way.



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**For more information contact: Langan Goforth**  
**Camp Coordinator**  
**(306)790-5950, ext. 3254**  
**Email: lgoforth@fnuniv.ca**

**Download the AYEC Application and Camp Registration Form:**  
**[entrepreneurcamp.ca](http://entrepreneurcamp.ca)**

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## Blackwater Student Chosen as Panelist for Leadership Event



Photo courtesy of Terry Willis/GRIC JOM

**Darius Jackson and Coolidge High School Staff at the Arizona School Board Association Leadership Strategies Event, April 9.**

**By Terry Willis**  
JOM Student Advisor,  
Coolidge High School

Graduating senior Darius Jackson of Coolidge High School was chosen from many students around the state to attend the Arizona School Board Association Leadership Strategies Event April 9, at the Hyatt Regency in Phoenix. Darius was one of four who was chosen to be on a panel discussion entitled "Student Voices."

The panel moderator was former 12 News anchor Kim Covington. Ms. Covington did an outstanding job engaging all four students with her friendly and personal style. She said talking with exceptional students is something she is very passionate about.

Panelist introduced themselves by grade and the school they attend. They were asked about programs in their school, the community they are from, and what challenges they have experienced along their learning journey. They also shared about the people or programs in their school or community that helped them overcome obstacles and advice or suggestions for their community leaders.

Darius spoke very highly of his community and the future goals for his life. Darius shared, "on my reservation I take a lot of pride in being a youth representative on my tribe's youth council." He stated his ambition in life is

to better himself and all of those around him by leading by example. His ultimate dream is to make a positive difference in the world and strive for greatness. One of his goals in life is to never drink. He shared that he has lost a lot of loved ones to drugs and alcohol. Darius has received a full ride scholarship from ASU. He will be majoring in Health and Wellness and has great hopes of becoming a Sports Medicine Doctor.

I had the opportunity to know Darius when he attended Hohokam Middle School and to work with him again this year as he did his senior year here at Coolidge High School. He is truly a leader, a very respectful young man with a positive personality. Darius stayed very involved in many activities here on campus such as the National Junior Honor Society and was in the Top Ten GPA for four years. His hobbies include playing basketball, playing the piano and listening to music. Darius was a positive role model here on campus and was truly liked by all staff, administration and peers.

It was a great honor for me to be able to attend this event. We were accompanied by GRIC JOM K-12 Coordinator Marissa Yazzie, Coolidge High School Principal Dawn Dee Hodge, and Coolidge Superintendent Charlie Wallace.

Congratulations Darius! You will be missed. Good luck in all you do!

## Miss Indian Arizona

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participants from each tribe to participate. Preference is given to the Tribal Royalty Title Holder but one other application is accepted on a first come first serve basis. It was hoped that this would open up the scholarships to others who have not held titles or tribes who do not have pageants. It is anticipated that this year we may have a larger than normal number of participants which will be a challenge and will make the program more exciting than ever.

The Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program is held the second week of October each year at the Chandler Center for the Arts in Chandler, AZ. This year that date is October 10, 2015. The program will start at 6:30 pm. A pre-program may be needed should we have an increased number of participants, which may mean two days of competition. Further notice will be provided regarding this possibility.

It takes a large number of volunteers to make the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program a success and to assure that the participants are well prepared. Although most assignments for this year's program have been made, the Miss Indian Arizona Association is constantly recruiting volunteers. But do not apply unless you are ready to work and depending on your assignment you won't have time to enjoy the program. But we can say that you will meet some very special young women who you will never forget!

Miss Indian Arizona has exhibited a program of high integrity during the many years of our existence and is always striving for improvement and growth. Our judge's selection is based on nominations from the members and lists are kept of previous judges and every effort is made to assure the diversity of their selection and that the judges understand the requirements for Miss Indian Arizona and her court.

The MIAA meets with parents/chaperones at both pre-orientation and orientation. Everything is explained and provided in writing and each participant and parents sign an agreement with MIAA to abide by all rules and regulations should their daughter be selected Miss Indian Arizona, First or Second Attendant. All rehearsals are closed to everyone except the MIAA /Volunteers and the participants. The Program Director is selected and appointed by the MIAA and has the full responsibility of the programs. The process has been developed over many years taking into consideration all the possible situations which can occur in a program of this type. Is it perfect? Not yet! It never fails when we think we have it all together a



Photo courtesy of Miss Indian Arizona Association

**From left to right: Martha Martinez, Miss Indian Arizona First Attendant, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Shasta Dazen, Miss Indian Arizona, White Mountain Apache Tribe; Shaandiin Parrish, Miss Indian Arizona Second Attendant, Navajo Nation.**

situation will arise! So we put our minds together and work to resolve it in the best interest of Miss Indian Arizona.

Time has flown by so quickly since last year when Shasta Dazen, White Mountain Apache and her court, Martha Martinez, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Shaandiin Parrish, Navajo, were selected as your Ambassadors representing Arizona. They have all had a whirlwind of activity and we couldn't have been represented by a more active and talented trio.

Applications for the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program are on line at [www.missindianarizona.com](http://www.missindianarizona.com). The first deadline for applications is June 26, 2015 and the final deadline for receipt of applications is July 31, 2015. We welcome applications from all young Indian women meeting the eligibility criteria. It will be a great experience and an enjoyable memory.

Join us as we continue the historical journey of Miss Indian Arizona.

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HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER



Ha:shañ Baithaj Mashath

The name for this month refers to the ripening of the baithaj (cactus fruit) atop the ha:shañ (saguaro cactus) and the associated harvesting events practiced by many families in our community. This represents the beginning of the annual cycle of life recognized by our Hekiu O’otham and is a time of renewal for our earth. Other natural events also occur to let us know another year has begun.

One is the emergence of kok’thpol (cicadas) and their buzzing drone from the trees reminds us that the hot season is here. Some O’otham may still remember eating these insects as a snack. Certain O’otham would catch a kok’thpol, put it on a stick, and roast it with a kitchen match or small fire before consuming.

The other is the approaching moisture on the distant horizon to the south that will soon bring much needed rain in the weeks ahead.

There are also the “little living-ones” that we often encounter in our daily routines. To most of us they are a nuisance, but still they are here to play their roles in our natural environment. We all employ our defenses against va:mug (mosquitoes) when we are out and about in the early mornings and evenings by applying mosquito repellent before going outdoors. We notice bulletins posted announcing mosquito fogging operations to counter the West Nile virus that has made its way into our lands.

We also experience an increase in thothoñ (ants) activity, as they make their way into our yards and homes. The village of S-thothoñig (Place of many ants) is named for the industriousness of the O’otham that live there. Thothoñ are most noticeable when they morph during the mating season. During this time they grow wings and mate while airborne and are most troublesome when they splatter on our windshields as we hurry to work or going home. In this state of reproduction they are called a’anam thothoñ (winged, or flying ants).

Another insect important to us are wi:mäl (velvet ant) there are several species that are colored differently, some are white, yellow and reddish. When we were young our Elders taught us to show respect to them when encountered and to say “Eñ Hajuñ!” (My Relation!), and we do not harm them in any way. They are most often seen scurrying about our yards and in the open desert looking for food and mates.

Anywhere in our yards and especially in our gardens we might encounter a gakimchul (praying mantis), these beneficial insects feed on other insects, especially those that eat the plants in our gardens.

This month’s word-match will focus on insects that we encounter during the summer months and we encourage you to learn their names and use them in your everyday lives. We also remind you to be careful around the insects that sting or bite, and teach your children about the harmful insects in our natural environment.

Match the O’otham Insect name with its Picture! Solution on Page 9

wi:mäl



thothoñ



va:mug



nakshel



gakimchul



a’anam thothoñ



Ramona Farms

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now they are starting to realize what they are.”

In the late 70’s, elders concerned about the tepary bean going extinct leased their lands to the Buttons, asking them to bring the traditional O’otham crop back and to grow “more traditional crops.” The Buttons now grow three types of tepary beans – white, brown and black – along with other traditional crops.

Around that time, the Buttons



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Left: Ramona Button shows off some ripe traditional Pima 60-Day Corn. Right: A display of Ramona Farms products.



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

also started to grow native corn in the traditional style.

Five varieties of corn are grown on the farm: Pima 60-Day Corn (a plant native to O’odham lands and formerly grown by O’otham ancestors), Havasupai Corn, pink and blue Hopi Corn from Moenkopi, and blue Santo Domingo Pueblo Corn.

All of the traditional corns are harvested by hand, open-pollinated and free of pesticides and genetically modified organisms because, as Terry said, they want to stick to “traditional crops and methods.”

The food they grow is organic and more healthful than commercialized products. The Buttons think that if everyone on the reservation ate the natural, native foods of the land, rather than processed foods, health problems in the Community would decrease drastically.

Ramona Farms products include whole tepary beans, wheat pinole, pilkan haak chu’i (fine ground parched Pima club wheat pinole), parched

Pima cornmeal, parched Pima corn flour, huuñ haak chu’i (Pima corn pinole), ga’ivsa (stone ground cob-roasted Pima corn) and huuñ ga’i (whole kernel cob roasted Pima corn).

They sell these products both in the reservation, as well as to restaurants and stores such, as Whole Foods, off the reservation.

The farm gives a 10% discount on products to any enrolled tribal member, but to receive the discount, you have to visit the Farms’ headquarters, from where the family operates its business and where workers package and label their products. It is on the north side of Highway 87, past St. Anne church heading west, just before Santan Baptist Church Road.

On the product labels there are suggestions on how to prepare and serve the package contents. There is also a little description on how the product was made and facts of how they were used in the past.

Ramona Farms products are available online at [www.ramona-farms.com](http://www.ramona-farms.com), where you can also find preparation tips and recipes.

Indigenous Perspectives Conference

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preme Court in 1908, Winters v. United States. There, the court ruled water in the west was on a first come first serve basis, and if tribes can prove they have existed in a certain area longer than American settlers, they have “senior rights” to the water.

Lewis based his arguments for GRIC water rights on this court decision and Echohawk began encouraging tribes to pursue water rights cases in the west in the 1970’s and 80’s.

Jason Hauter, Senior Council at Akin Gump, presented on water settlement implementation challenges and possible solutions to think about in the process of water settlements. Many problems include acquiring funding for the cost of delivering water to a desired place and mechanisms to keep future water use affordable. Possible solutions require striving for “max flexibility,” which means fewer restrictions on water and being able to use federal funds to further water settlement goals.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Rod Lewis presents on the history of the Gila River Water Rights legal battle.

Those goals include tribes turning water rights on paper into “wet water,” which allows them to pursue agriculture, riparian restoration or to market water on and off the reservation through leases. Tribes seek to restore riparian areas to bring back the natural habitats, vegetation and animals native to their communities. In the end, Gila River’s goal is to restore the tribe’s agricultural economy and bring back the river.

On the subject entitled “The Next Generation of Tribal Water Use: Our Youth Represent the Future,” Stetson Mendoza from Gila Crossing Community School shared about the school’s Garden Program and the types of work students perform to maintain vegetation utilizing traditional practices and crops. Mendoza said that he teaches children

O’otham history first so, “they are motivated, knowing they come from a long line of farmers.”

Also on the panel was 28 year old Janene Yazzie from Black Mesa, Arizona, who gave a moving presentation entitled “Our Shared Struggle and Shared Future: Creating a New Legacy.”

Yazzie shared with attendees some of the struggles the Navajo Nation faces when it comes to water usage and traditional practices. She reports the Navajo Nation lacks clean running water in homes and has a few active clean water wells, but the water in some other wells on the reservation are unsafe for human consumption.

Her message to the audience was to be more “responsible with water usage” because, while everyone in the Southwest shares and depends on the Colorado River, tribes suffer the most to support thriving Arizona cities.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

L to R: Karletta Chief of the University of Arizona, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and Sen. Carlyle Begay, (Ariz. Legis. Dist. 7) .



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# Casa Blanca Community School Second Semester Awards and Recognition Congratulations, Students!

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Reyna Isais  
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<u>2015 Deadlines</u>	<u>2015 Payment Dates</u>
June 15, Monday	July 31, Friday
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**REMINDER: IMPORTANT IRS W9 INFORMATION**

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27 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	28 <b>D4 (SAN TAN)</b> SERVICE CENTER 8:30-3:00 PM	29 <b>D7 (Maricopa Colony)</b> NEW HOUSING 9:00-2:00 PM	30 <b>D3 (SACATON)</b> BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:30-2:30 PM	<b>SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY!</b>

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Gila River Indian Community  
Pesticide Control Office  
**Bed Bug Survey**



2015 Mosquito Fogging Schedule for the Gila River Indian Community.

June 2015 through the end of October 2015, Environmental Health Service will be fogging in all seven districts to help control mosquitoes. The fogging will greatly reduce nuisance floodwater, mosquito biting and will decrease the chances of contracting mosquito transmitted diseases like West Nile Virus. The fogging operation is one part of an integrated mosquito control effort that includes larvaciding, the introduction of mosquito-larva-consuming fish into identified permanent standing bodies of water, and the education of the community regarding the use of personal insect repellent and the elimination of standing water outside of homes and businesses.

Fogging dates and district are subject to change based on weekly mosquito trapping and monsoon rains. Fogging in the districts will be conducted during the evening hours between 5:00PM and 10:00PM on the following dates:

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	July 30: Districts 3 & 4			

Governor's Employee of the Month  
**March** **April**



Corina stepped up to the plate in a difficult situation when both leaders of DRS were no longer present.

In order to be a true leader one must believe in the mission of the department and more importantly believe in those who carry out the mission. Corina truly believes in both.

I have seen Corina grow into her position as the acting chief administrator. We've had many conversations ranging from budgetary, staffing, safety, and security matters. She understands the issues, is open to suggestions, and if she didn't know the answer she would do her research and get back to me.

I would often tell Corina, "You are in charge. Be a leader." I would also say, "Take the high-road. Always be professional."

A good leader surrounds themselves with good people with specific knowledge, skills, and abilities. Thank you to those who have supported Corina and DRS through this transitional period.

I would like to leave you with this quote from President Kennedy who said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciations is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Submitted by Manuel Johnson.

With no doubt, Keith Harvey goes above and beyond usual duties in GRIC Insurance. His dedication to Community needs and members shows all of us he takes his job serious and is willing to help in any way possible.

Keith Harvey was nominated for the Governor's Employee of the Month award because he has shown that he is willing to take on additional duties – duties not normally assigned to his position. In 2010, the Leadership Learning Lab was opened to GRIC supervisor and management employees who were interested in learning employment law and managing people.

As the lab began to get busy, Keith noticed that EDP wasn't always available to cover the lab and assist those that came in. Keith not only volunteered to welcome those that came to the lab but he learned all the details of the Learning Management System to become a lab administrator.

Becoming a lab administrator allowed him to create accounts, add new participants, check grades and answer any questions participants may have concerning their experience in the lab.

As the first person many employees see, he represents the Community well as he displays his positive smile and can-do attitude. And when an employee needs help, he will go out of his way to do the best he can to assist.



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY  
Community Council Secretary's Office

FORMAL WRITTEN REPRIMAND

As a result of an external investigation by an outside law firm of allegations contained in a Code of Conduct complaint filed against former Governor Gregory Mendoza, and following a Special Meeting on June 1, 2015, the Community Council has found that while in office Mr. Mendoza violated the Code of Conduct in connection with his arrest by the Scottsdale Police Department on December 20, 2014 for driving under the influence of alcohol. At the time of the arrest, Mr. Mendoza was driving a Community vehicle for unauthorized and unofficial purposes. Mr. Mendoza's conduct violated the Code of Conduct, Section 1.403(H), which prohibits officials from using Community property "other than as authorized and approved for official purposes and activities." In addition, at the Special Meeting, the Council was advised that there were sufficient facts to find that Mr. Mendoza engaged in an act of "moral turpitude," as defined by Code of Conduct, Section 1.201(B), and that on May 13, 2015, Mr. Mendoza pled guilty in the Scottsdale City Court to one count of driving under the influence.

Although he received a copy of the Code of Conduct complaint and was offered the opportunity to respond to the findings of the Special Investigator, Mr. Mendoza declined to be a part of the investigation that resulted in these findings and failed to appear at the Special Meeting.

Section 1.502(A) of the Code of Conduct provides for various disciplinary sanctions for violations, including public reprimands.

**Mr. Mendoza is hereby publicly reprimanded for his conduct in violation of the Gila River Indian Community Code of Conduct.**

Section 1.403(H) of the Code of Conduct provides:

**Unauthorized Personal Use of Property or Funds of the Community.** No Official shall use any property of the Community or any other public property of any kind other than as authorized and approved for official purposes and activities. Such persons shall properly protect and conserve all such property, equipment and supplies that are so entrusted, assigned or issued to them.

Section 1.402 of the Code of Conduct provides:

**General Standards of Conduct.**

All Officials shall comply with the standards of Article XII § 2 of the Constitution as codified in GRIC Code Sections 1.201.A. and 1.201.C. Convictions for crime of moral turpitude under GRIC Code Section 1.201.B. will be handled separately by the Community Council and are not actionable under this Code of Conduct. The Community Council retains the power to move any matter to removal proceedings outside of the Code of Conduct at any time.





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## MONSOON AWARENESS SAFETY TIPS:

*Every year, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) is subject to a variety of severe weather threats in association with the annual Monsoon Storm. The period from June 15th through September 30th has been declared the Monsoon Season based on climatology. The Gila River Office of Emergency Management (OEM) would like to make some suggestions for being prepared Monsoon Season and for any emergency. In the past, dust storms, flash floods, wildfires, extreme heat and severe weather have threatened the Gila River Indian Community. Now also consider the possibility of home fires and brush fires that may impact your family.*

### Be Informed:

Learn what to do before and during an emergency. The Office of Emergency Management has distributed flyers and brochures throughout the Community to assist you and your family as to what you can do during different types of emergencies. During an emergency you can also call the OEM Hotline at (520)562-9595 to get the latest update.

### Make a Plan:

Create a disaster plan with your family so you all know what to do in the event of an emergency. This includes how your family will communicate in an emergency, how to find each other, where to exit from your home and neighborhood. It is important to take everyone's needs in to consideration including seniors, people with disabilities, children and pets.

### Power and Communications Outages Safety:

- Be extra cautious when you go outside to inspect for damage after a storm. Downed or hanging electrical wires can be hidden by trees or debris, and could be live. **DO NOT TOUCH.**
- Use cell phone, cordless phones do not work without electricity.
- During a thunderstorm, turn off the AC unit. Power surges from lightning can overload units.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed – food will stay fresh up to 8 hours.

### Flash Flood Safety:

- Most flash flood deaths occur in vehicles.
- Moving water 2-3 feet deep will carry away most vehicles.
- Keep children away from creeks and washes when heavy rain is in the area
- Be especially careful at night when water depth and road conditions are harder to see.
- If driving, and blocked by water over a roadway, wait for the water to subside or find an alternate route to your destination. Do not drive into the water.

**Are you prepared in the event of an emergency? for more information.**

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