

## O'otham Celebrate Traditional New Year with Games and Ceremonies

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

Many guests gathered at the Mul-Chu-Tha Cultural Circle to celebrate the start of the O'otham New Year June 20 – 21.

Historically in O'otham tradition, the New Year began during the summer solstice at the end of June when the hashan baithag (saguaro fruit) is ripening and the summer rains begin to fall. This is the second year the Community gathered to celebrate the event.

The gathering included women's toka and men's shongival (kickball) tournaments, plus singing and dancing. Approximately eighty basket dancers ranging from toddler to elders performed for guests in the cultural circle to four traditional songs: basket, swing,



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

A group of toka players battle it out on the field at sunset during the O'otham New Year Celebration June 20. The event also featured shongival, all-night singing and dancing and a run from the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds to Sivan Vahki, the Casa Grande Ruins.

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## D-Backs Host Native American Recognition Day



Roberto A. Jackson/CPAO

The Gila River Bears won the Diamondback's Inter-Tribal Youth Baseball Tournament and were featured on the diamond of Chase Field at the D-backs game June 19.

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Bears won the Single A Youth Division Championship at the Arizona Diamondbacks Inter-Tribal Youth Baseball and Softball Tournament.

The team is led by coaches Gordon "Shoni" June and Joe Cooper.

The Arizona Diamondbacks host the tournament and Native American Recognition Day event at Chase Field every year in collaboration with the Gila River Casinos to bring awareness to the American Indian heritage of Arizona, while promoting sports.

On June 19, it was no different as Native American cultural performances took over the ballpark. The annual event, now in its 17th year, is special in that no other Major League Baseball organization hosts an event of this kind.

A special recognition ceremony preceded the game as participating teams from reservations across the state of Arizona, were recognized for their spirited effort.

In total, six teams participated in this

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## Gila River Indian Community Files Lawsuit Against FHA, ADOT Over Path of South Mountain Freeway

### PRESS RELEASE

Sacaton, AZ – The Gila River Indian Community (the "Community") filed a lawsuit today challenging the recent decision by the Federal Highway Administration and the Arizona Department of Transportation to build the South Mountain Freeway along a path that borders the Community and that runs directly through the South Mountain, land that is sacred to Community members.

According to the lawsuit, filed in federal court in Phoenix, federal and state agencies violated the National Environmental Policy Act and the Department of Transportation Act by failing to consider adequately the significant harm the freeway would

inflict on the environment and on historical and cultural resources.

As Governor Stephen Roe Lewis explains: "South Mountain, or Muhadagi Doag, is one of the Community's most important and sacred natural resources. It is a prominent part of the Community's oral traditions and ceremonial activities, all of which are tied to the natural environment. The proposed freeway would destroy parts of three ridges of South Mountain and also would destroy or alter many trails, shrines, and archaeological sites that constitute significant cultural resources for the Community and its members."

The Community's lawsuit also al-

leges that the agencies ignored their obligations to avoid or mitigate harm to the environment and to the public health, safety, and welfare of its members. It further asserts that the agencies lacked authority to select the chosen route because that route trespasses over Community land, specifically three wells held in trust for the benefit of the Community by the United States.

The Community has filed a motion to transfer and consolidate its action with another lawsuit brought by local citizens and groups challenging the freeway on similar grounds. That case is currently pending in the District Court before Judge Diane Humetewa.

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### Casa Blanca Community School

#### Reminders

**Registration for grades K-4 is Monday - Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm** RETURNING students will need to complete an enrollment packet only.

NEW students will need to complete an enrollment packet AND provide a birth certificate; proof of tribal enrollment/certificate of Indian blood; proof of residency; and updated immunization records.

**MEET the Teacher Day** is on July 30th from 4pm-7pm.

**THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** is on Monday, August 3rd. Breakfast is served at 7:25 and classes begin at 8:00am.

**Dress Code Reminder:** We will begin enforcing the Casa Blanca Community School Dress Code starting day one, August 3, 2015. The dress code is a school shirt (T-shirt or Polo) and tan or black shorts/pants/skirts. Teachers will ask a student to change or wear a cover if they have other clothing items. We will contact parents to bring a change of clothes if the situation cannot be fixed here at school. School shirts may be purchased at the school. Cost of the shirts: T-Shirt-\$5.25; Polo Shirts-\$8.65.

**Transportation:** On the first day of school there may be some bus issues. We request your patience in dealing with bus concerns over the first week of school. Contact the CBCS Student Transportation Department at 520-315-2204, if you have concerns about your child's route or bus stop.



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6 <b>D6 (LAVEEN)</b> RTC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	7 <b>AK-CHIN</b> 8:30-2:30 PM	8 <b>D5 (BAPCHULE)</b> SACATE HOUSING 8:30-2:30 PM	9 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	10 <b>NO CLINIC</b>
13 <b>D3 SACATON (SOUTHWEST SIDE OF HOSPITAL CAMPUS)</b> INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:00-3:00 PM	14 <b>D5 (BAPCHULE)</b> MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-3:00 PM	15 <b>D4 (SAN TAN)</b> SERVICE CENTER 8:30-2:30 PM	16 <b>D1 (BLACKWATER)</b> NEW HOUSING 8:30-2:30 PM	17 <b>NO CLINIC</b>
20 <b>D3 (SACATON)</b> BY EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING (SKILL CENTER ROAD) 8:00-3:00 PM	21 <b>D7 (Maricopa Colony)</b> SERVICE CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	22 <b>SACATON</b> DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (DRS)	23 <b>D2</b> MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-2:00 PM	24 <b>NO CLINIC</b>
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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# COMMUNITY UPDATES

BY GRIN STAFF

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

## Phoenix Mayor Welcomes Native Business



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton said he would like to see Native American businesses and local cities work better together at the Arizona AICC luncheon June 26 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino.

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

The Arizona American Indian Chamber of Commerce hosted a luncheon at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino June 26 to bring representatives from tribes and cities together to discuss the city of Phoenix's vision of an inclusive economy.

Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton shared his vision with the Native business owners and representatives regarding his administration's plan to stimulate commerce.

He said, "I look at things from a regional perspective, including tribal communities."

Stanton believes the economic success does not end at the border of Phoenix, but extends to the neighboring tribal communities like Gila River and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

"As mayor, I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Gila River because of the wonderful grants that have been provided to our city," he said, referring to the shared gaming revenue funds that tribes donate to off-reservation organizations.

President and CEO of the AICC Loren Tapahe said, "Casinos are the third largest employer in the state of Arizona."

He spotlighted the positive influences of tribal communities giving back to the state and local municipalities through their many enterprises.

Even though casinos makeup the majority of business for tribes, Tapahe advocated for smaller businesses to develop ties with partners

like the city of Phoenix.

Stanton spoke of his openness to invite Native businesses into the city's procurement system, giving them a foot in the door to do business.

As part of his initiative, Stanton has a keen interest in local businesses and building relationships with partners like the Community.

Alia Hauter, marketing manager of the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority, said, "It is our job to move businesses forward in [WH-PDA's] 2,740 acre footprint," which houses several of the Community's major business assets.

Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board Chairman John Lewis talked about previous partnerships he has seen through Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., like partnering with Verizon Wireless to provide services to the Community.

Lewis is hopeful that more relationships will be developed with the City of Phoenix and other surrounding municipalities.

One of the points of the discussion was about Native businesses employing their own members to carry on the tradition of good business and relations with outside partners.

Subsidiary Manager at Native Technology Solutions, Darren White said, "We employ Community members and [we] help give them a career path by providing them with an apprentice position."

## DEQ Employee Retirement

Submitted by  
Department of Environmental Quality

Mr. Dan Blair, retired Compliance & Enforcement Manager for the Gila River Indian Community's Department of Environmental Quality (GRIC DEQ), received the 2015 Virgil Masayeva Excellence Award at the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality Management in May, which was hosted by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi in Battle Creek, Michigan. The award is given in honor of Virgil Masayeva.

Virgil Masayeva was the Director of the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at Northern Arizona University from its inception until his passing in 2005. Virgil is remembered for his leadership, dedication, innovation and commitment to the support of tribal air programs; their creation, development, advancement, and ultimate success in promoting tribal sovereignty, tribal culture, and tribal environmental protection. This award was developed to recognize and perpetuate continuing contributions to that legacy.



Photo courtesy of DEQ

L-R GRIC DEQ-Ondrea Barber, Willard Antone III, Dan Blair, Salish Kootenai-Randy Ashley, EPA- Laura McKelvey, Farshid Farsi

Dan was instrumental in developing the GRIC DEQ Air Quality Program (AQP), which is responsible for protecting the ambient air quality of the Community by regulating local air pollution sources and monitoring the ambient air across the Community. Once the AQMP was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), GRIC became the first Tribe in the country with a comprehensive set of air regulations. In addition, Dan served as a mentor to many DEQ staff over the years.

Ryan Eberle, GRIC DEQ Environmental Program Manager, who oversees the AQP said, "Dan was truly passionate about the advancement of the AQP and implementation of the AQMP that we worked tirelessly to develop. He was a talented and assertive inspector who loved to mentor staff. He never ceased to amaze staff with his ability to recall information about the contents of the AQMP or stories about how the AQMP was developed. His storytelling was unprecedented. His knowledge, insight, jovialness, kindness, and stories will be missed." GRIC DEQ Executive Director Ondrea Barber said, "It has been an honor and privilege to work with

Dan over the years. Dan has humbly shared his extensive knowledge of environmental programs and issues with the Community and with Tribes across the nation. Dan helped to establish GRIC DEQ and did so with integrity and professionalism. We will miss seeing Dan on a regular basis and wish him a long and enjoyable retirement."

Dan was nominated for this award by GRIC DEQ Executive Director Ondrea Barber for his outstanding efforts in tribal program development, as well as his excellence in policy development. Congratulations Mr. Dan Blair!

## Career Pathways Program Trains Members to Be Leaders

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

The Community is breeding its own leaders for tomorrow's workforce and one tribal department is taking on the task.

On June 25, the first and second cohort of participants in the Career Pathways program received their certificate of completion in front of a packed crowd at the Vah-Ki Multipurpose Center. The ceremony recognized forty-three students who completed hands on training and studies in the fields of: medical, small business, government, construction and hospitality.

Through Career Pathways, Community members of different ages were able to complete college courses and obtain basic skills training before interning with Community businesses in their field of interest.

During the ceremony, representatives and teachers highlighted student success and accomplishments. The nurses from Gila River Health Care Center praised the students in the medical sector for facing their fears and overcoming life's obstacles. They presented phlebotomy student, Jacqueline Marques with the outstanding student plaque. An Emotional Marques thanked her teachers and said, "It's been a journey. . . I wanted to give up but my classmates and [teachers] encouraged me to keep going forward and pushing me. I like the program because they worked with me and it was hands-on. I'm amazed at myself. I didn't think I could do it. . ."

In addition to the crop of awardees, nine students from Ira Hayes High School completed their course work from the culinary arts program at Central Arizona College. The group of high school students earned electives as well as college credit and a summer work experience placement with the Employment & Training Department.

Career Pathways coordinators, Melody Lewis and Lynette Clark couldn't be happier about the program's success. Lewis and Clark have been the brains behind the operation creating and structuring programs to meet student, employer and

college needs. Lewis and Clark worked with Gila River businesses such as Gila River Casinos, Pima Leasing, Gila River Healthcare, and Kowee Coffee among many others to obtain job placements for participants. They also worked with local community colleges and universities to create a course to help students succeed based on requirements and needs of selected in-demand occupations. The first few sector programs began in May 2014. The program slowly progressed adding more programs with seventy participants being trained and educated. By the end of the program, all seventy participants will be trained to occupy in-demand positions. After seeing the results of a program that started eight months ago, Lewis said, "When I see the numbers, the product and outcome, it's a success for us. It worked. It was successful and they liked it."

Career Pathways is a federally funded program through a grant called Workforce Innovation Funds (WIF) and is the first in Indian Country to be implemented into its workforce assistance program. From the program's brochure, the career program "connects job training, education, employers and other employment systems together with the sole purpose of meeting the needs of today's working learner." The Career Pathways program is extended until March 2016.



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

Career Pathways students, teachers, employers and coordinators after the awards ceremony.

# GILA RIVER TV - Program Guide: Sunday, July 5th - Saturday, July 11th, 2015\*

GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events @ 6am, 10:30am, 3:30pm & 7:30pm.

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6:00am	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY
6:30am	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health
7:00am	Wakanheja	Wakanheja	Wakanheja	Wakanheja	Wakanheja	Wakanheja	Wakanheja
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7:30am	Lakota Berenstain	Bizou	Bizou	Bizou	Bizou	Bizou	Lakota Berenstain
8:00am	Yamba's Playtime	Tansi Nehiyawetan	Tansi Nehiyawetan	Tansi Nehiyawetan	Tansi Nehiyawetan	Tansi Nehiyawetan	Yamba's Playtime
8:30am	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay There's No	Wapos Bay Journey	Wapos Bay They	Wapos Bay Something	Wapos Bay A Time to	Wapos Bay There's No
9:00am	Art Zone Creative Car!	Art Zone	Art Zone	Art Zone	Art Zone	Art Zone Puppet Fun	Art Zone
9:30am	Vitality Gardening The	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening
10:00am	Sharing Circle Stryker	Sharing Circle The Fur	Sharing Circle	Sharing Circle Home	Sharing Circle	Sharing Circle The	Sharing Circle The Fur
10:30am	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY
11:00am	Creative Native Walk A	Creative Native	Creative Native	Creative Native Quotes	Creative Native Cree	Creative Native The	Creative Native
11:30am	First Talk	First Talk Thriving Vs	First Talk	First Talk Balance	First Talk Model	First Talk On The Spot	First Talk Thriving Vs
12:00pm	The Hub Santa Fe	Lighting The 7th Fire	Native Planet United	Tales of Wonder 1	Chief Seattle	The Modoc War	Unshackled
12:30pm	Indian Market	Chippewa	States- Navajo				
1:00pm	Back in the Day	Ravens and Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles	Seasoned with Spirit
1:30pm	Untamed Gourmet	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Untamed Gourmet
2:00pm	Seasoned with Spirit	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Native Nation Building
2:30pm	On Native Ground:	Earth Voices Wayne	Earth Voices Maggie	Earth Voices Roy	Earth Voices George	Earth Voices Archie	People of the Pines
3:00pm	Dakota 38	Creative Native	Creative Native Quotes	Creative Native Cree	Creative Native The	Creative Native Baby	Making Regalia
3:30pm		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY
4:00pm		Working It Out	Indian Pride	On Native Ground:	Indian Pride Tribal	The Hub	Down The Mighty
4:30pm	Colorado Experience:	Back in the Day	Oskayak Down Under	Champions of the	Down The Mighty	On Native Ground:	Indians and Aliens
5:00pm	Sand Creek Massacre	First Talk	First Talk Balance	First Talk Model	First Talk On The Spot	First Talk Residential	Indigenous Focus
5:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	Northwest Indian News	People of the Pines	Making Regalia	People of the Pines	Make Prayers to the	Dabiyiyuu The Caribou
6:00pm	Native Voice TV	Native Planet United	Tales of Wonder 1	Sacred Steps:	The Modoc War	California Indian: A	Native Oklahoma
6:30pm	On Native Ground:	States		Remembering Sand		Private Story	Northwest Indian News
7:00pm	Wapos Bay The Wapos	Wapos Bay Journey	Wapos Bay They	Wapos Bay Something	Wapos Bay A Time to		Wapos Bay Journey
7:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY
8:00pm	The Aux	Cashing In The Eddie	Mixed Blessings Goin'	The Mix	Moose T.V. Technical	The Aux	Mixed Blessings Goin'
8:30pm	Moose T.V. Surviving	Oskayak Down Under	Back in the Day	Indigenous Focus	Rez Rides Pimping Out	Indians and Aliens	Cashing In The Eddie
9:00pm	Indigenous Always	Racing The Rez	Back In Time State of	Native Planet United	The Activist	Sing Bird	Behind The Blue Veil
9:30pm	The Legend of La Malinche	<i>For the Navajo and Hopi, running is much</i>	Native Oklahoma	States <i>Host Simon Baker</i>		<i>Bird songs are the traditional social songs</i>	<i>Beyond the mystical city of Timbuktu,</i>
10:00pm	Good Meat	Australia's Shame	Hand Game: The Native American	Long Journey Home		Regaining Food	Kanie'keha:Ka: Living
10:30pm					Ghost Riders	Sovereignty	The Language
11:00pm	Greetings from the Colony	Soundmix: Five Young Musicians	Unshackled	Birch Bark Canoe		A Bride for Barter	Kanie'keha:Ka: Living
11:30pm							The Language

## GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY



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### Mosquito Control Fogging Operations

July 2015

During the early part of June, GRIC Environmental Health Services conducted routine adult mosquito surveillance throughout the community and has identified an increase in mosquito populations which require mosquito fogging.

Fogging can only be conducted with calm winds and no rain. Weather permitting: the fogging truck will be in the following areas between dusk and dawn on:

**July 7 & 21, 2015**

**District 4: Sheraton, Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte Industrial Park, and Goodyear**  
**District 5: Entire District**

**July 14 & 28, 2015**

**District 6: Entire District**  
**District 7: Entire District**

This season, Environmental Health Service has NOT confirmed the presence of West Nile virus positive mosquitoes within the community. However, to reduce the population of mosquitoes in these areas, Environmental Health Services will be applying pesticide in the form of a fine mist or fog during evening or early morning hours.

The fogger is mounted on the back of a pick-up truck and identified by a yellow warning light on top. The EPA registered pesticide used is called "Biomist 4+4" and has been developed to control mosquitoes in residential areas. The fogger engine is loud and you may hear it as the truck passes by. For the safety of you and the driver, please do not approach the truck. The driver may not see you in time to turn off the fogger or to stop.

Since mosquitoes can complete their life cycle in water in as fast as four days it is important to empty standing water around your home every two to three days. Containers such as dog bowls, buckets, planters and wading pools are perfect mosquito breeding areas.

- Keep grasses cut low, remove old tires that can collect water, flowering pots and planters should have a drain hole, and avoid flood irrigation.
- When outside, wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants.
- On clothing and exposed skin use insect repellent containing DEET. Be sure to follow the instructions on the package.
- Provide window and door screens that are in good repair.

If you have concerns about the fogging, please call Environmental Health Services at 520-562-5100 and we will be glad to respond to your concern.



## Community Notice

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

LIHEAP Summer Assistance Program- Summer Intake will begin JULY 1, 2015

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# GRIN Kids Art Contest Winners



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone with art contest winners Amare Pratt, 7, and Caitlyn Benally, 9, displaying their artwork in front of the Governance Center.

**By Ashely Pasqual**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian News held a GRIN Kids Art Contest to honor the Year of Celebrating Gila River Water Rights.

The rules were to draw a photo of a favorite water activity or body of water, make it colorful, and most of all, be creative!

Fourteen drawings were entered and featured at the Water Resources Research Center Conference on June 10. Two winners were selected by the Community Executive Office.

The winners of the GRIN Kids Art Contest came into the Communications and Public Affairs Office, with a parent/guardian at their side, and told their story of how they use water. Being shy at first, the two also shared what inspired them to draw their colorful piece of artwork.

Amare Pratt, 7, is in second grade and loves to draw and garden. Gardening was introduced to her at school where she planted radishes, tomatoes, carrots, and lettuce with other students. She now plants by herself at home.

"I'm gardening flowers and chile for my grandma," she said.

Her mother didn't anticipate that she'd have trouble with the contest.

"She has markers, crayons, pencils... I'll go in [her bedroom] and she'll be sitting at her little desk area just coloring or drawing."

Amare's older brother is her inspiration and she dreams of becoming an artist in the future.

Caitlyn Benally, 9, is in the fourth grade at St. Peter Indian Mission School. Her drawing features a water balloon fight with her brother and sister.

"My favorite water activity is a water balloon fight! It is fun like awesome!" said Caitlyn.

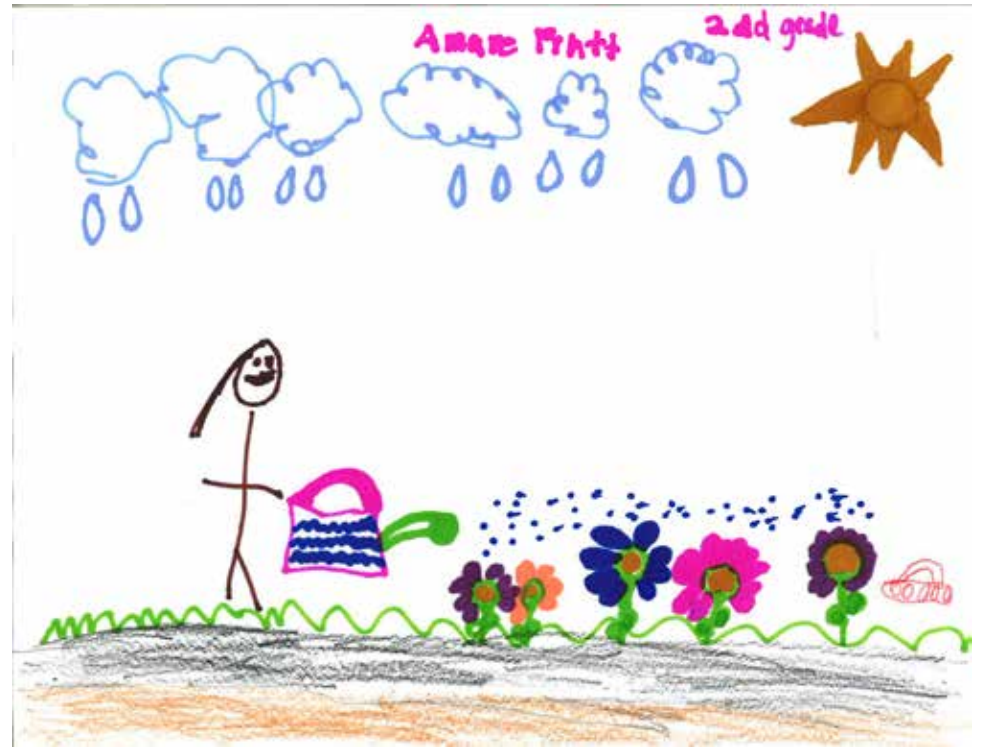
Not only does Caitlyn enjoy a good water balloon fight, she also likes to spray her siblings with the water hose and go swimming.

The girls were each given a duffle bag filled with prizes, including coloring books, a water rights blanket and a Harkins Theatre gift card.

The purpose of the contest was to emphasize water importance and usage to the young ones of the community.

The "GRIN kids" who entered in the contest expressed how much fun they have with water, especially on hot Arizona summer days.

Amare's artwork



Caitlyn's artwork



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GRPD Summer Cadets met with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in the governor's office. Left to right: Cadet Gabriel Makil, Cadet Skylar Jones, Officer Milano, Cadet Ayana Eddie, Officer Smith, Cadet Jordan Notah, Gov. Lewis, Cadet Cassidy Cook, Cadet Breanna Johnson, Sgt. Manuel, Cadet Roxy Myore, Officer Poolaw.

# GRIC Leadership Attends Tohono O'odham Nation Inauguration



Photo courtesy of the Ak-Chin O'odham Runner Newspaper

Above, from left: GRIC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Edward D. Manuel, GRIC Councilwoman Carolyn Williams (D3), GRIC Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and Vice Chairman Verlon Jose at the Nation's chairman's inauguration at Baboquivari High School on June 26.



Photo courtesy of the Ak-Chin O'odham Runner Newspaper

Right: Representatives from all four of the O'otham sister tribes visited the Tohono O'odham Nation celebrated the new Chairman and Vice Chairman's inauguration.

## O'otham New Year

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flower and the whirlwind.

Basket dancer Brianna Witherow led the dancers, who learned how to dance to the songs from elder and experienced dancers in the days leading up to the event. She said, "It was beautiful to see the participation . . . [there were] at least fifty ladies who wanted to learn about their tradition."

Although every dance group is different in performing the songs, the ladies were able to catch on quickly to the graceful dances. She said, "As a basket dancer you learn many things from what you were taught, but one thing that I took away from the practice is dancing with your heart – going the same

flow as the rattles in the gourd. The rattles will carry you through the song."

The highlight of the event was not only the good food, but the singing and dancing until sunrise. Many people stayed the whole night dancing or socializing with strangers, family and fellow Community members. At midnight, guests also had a good time dancing for gifts for themselves and the elders.

Four runners kept the New Year spirit going by finishing the event off with a run from the fairgrounds to Sivan Vahki, or the Casa Grande Ruins.

In years prior to the official

event, the small group of runners had attempted to revive the occasion and celebrate the traditional New Year by running from Maricopa Colony to Sivan Vahki. Community member Jiivik Siiki said that, "in the past they have had up to twenty runners and as low as four," who participated in the independent group.

He hopes the Community will acknowledge the event as a tribal holiday in the future alongside the other holidays.

The O'otham New Year Celebration was hosted by the Community Services Department.



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

People dance and sing to welcome the first light of the first day of the O'otham New Year.

# A'AGA

## Something to be told

By Billy Allen

Even the hardest GRICster knows too much sun is harmful. "Ba'a g s-toñ" means to swallow the sun (i.e. heat exhaustion). But we need the heat to bring the rain. Jukiabig Mashath is our name for July, the rainy month. People new to our land wonder how anyone could live here without air conditioning. As much as we like the rain, a lot of Community members head to California in July to escape the heat and humidity. So imagine the reverse -- how would you handle our hot summers if you were a California kid suddenly uprooted from cool ocean breezes and sent to live in our hot desert?

Seventy-three years ago, in reaction to the Pearl Harbor attack, Japanese Americans living in Hawaii and along the Pacific coast from California to Washington, were rounded up and imprisoned. (Even Arizona was impacted – Japanese Americans living southwest of Grand Avenue were relocated.) President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942, giving the military power to ban American citizens of Japanese ancestry and resident aliens. This included Nisei who were not "aliens" – they were born in America. (This also applied to residents of the United States of Italian or German descent, but it really wasn't enforced very stringently.) They were given six days to pack, sell their businesses and or homes—for pennies on the dollar.

The War Department would construct 10 centers to house the resident aliens. Indian Commissioner John Collier suggested our reservation because he thought the infrastructure built for the camps would benefit the GRIC when the war was over. Reservation farmland was used so that internees could grow some of their own food. It would take two years to complete the two Gila River camps, Canal Camp and Butte Camp.

Even though the GRIC government had authority to negotiate lease agreements, the first relocation internees arrived on July 20, 1942 – four months before the tribal council approved the camps' lease.

GRIC constitutional government, in operation since 1936, had authority to negotiate any lease arrangement but it wasn't until late April that Commissioner Collier asked the Agency Superintendent if the matter had been presented to the tribal council. It had not. On April 29, 1942, when the matter was finally presented to the council, it was voted down. A week later another meeting was held and the Superintendent explained about 9,000 acres would be cleared and approving a lease would bring in about \$165,000. The tribal council took no action. On July 20, 1942, the first Japanese internees arrived at Gila River. It wasn't until October 7, 1942 that the tribal council approved the lease by a 5-4 vote. The Superintendent informed the council the tribe was losing almost \$400 daily with no formal lease. One lease would be for 1,289 acres with provision to clear an additional 8,000 acres. In spite of the money acquired for the tribe and individuals, most of it went to the San Carlos Irrigation Project. No additional land was cleared and the tribe may have lost money. The Japanese American camp history is well documented. But our stories with the camp need more documentation.

Over 1,000 camp internees volunteered for military service when the draft was open for them. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team combined with the 100th Infantry Battalion of Hawaii National Guard became the most decorated unit in U.S. military history for its size and length of service. At Butte Camp a monument was dedicated to honor all who served in the military in 1944. It was rededicated with a plaque listing twenty-three individuals from the camp who were killed during the war in 1995. The Butte camp and the Gila River Internment Center were officially closed on November 16, 1945. Over 13,348 Japanese Americans were processed through the Gila River camps. "To undo a mistake is always harder than not to create one originally but we seldom have the foresight." Eleanor Roosevelt, 1943 upon visiting the Gila River, Arizona camp.

The Gila River Indian Community brought claims against the United States in 1971 for failure to comply with the terms of the permit agreed to in 1942. Damages were finally awarded to the Community in 1976. Because the camps are on tribal land, non-tribal members need permission from the Gila River Indian Community to visit the camps.

Much of the information was taken from Peoples of the Middle Gila by John Wilson.

# Community Graduates Honored at Banquet

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

As the graduation season comes to an end, many students start their summer break on a high note. For the Community's recent high school and college graduates, that high note was a banquet held at the District 2 Hashan Kehk Multipurpose building on June 19.

The evening was marked with laughter and success. Many of the

higher education students are first generation college graduates in their families, and several of the high school graduates have already made plans for college.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis congratulated the students for their educational success with a round of applause.

"There is so much to be thankful for tonight," he said, and praised the Tribal Education Department and the Johnson O'Malley student advisors for the work they commit to the Community's students.

With the

increase in Community members receiving their college degrees, Gov. Lewis is optimistic about the trend of individuals coming back to the tribe to work.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone was excited to see the large number of graduates and said the financial aid provided through Student Services is a blessing to the Community, because with it, students are able to obtain an education.

"We need people like engineers to manage our water resources and people in healthcare, social services, [and] behavioral health to connect with our own people," she said.

Graduates received a certificate of achievement, presented by

Lt. Gov. Antone, TED staff, and Education Standing Committee Chair and District 1 Councilman Arzie Hogg.

High school graduates Yasmine Quiroz (Coolidge High School), Victoria Johnson, and Thomas Etsitty (both from Casa Grande Union High School) were excited about the journey ahead.

Looking back on high school, Johnson gave this advice to incoming freshmen: "Try to find yourself and figure out what you want to do, because it's going to go by fast." She plans to attend Central Arizona College, but has not decided on what to study.

Etsitty said, "Its crazy, because some [of these] people I've

known since preschool and to see us graduate together, it pretty awesome."

He plans to attend Tulsa Welding School in Tulsa, Okla.

"It's pretty cool to finish school, but I'm excited to be doing something I like, and would like to work for my uncle who owns a welding business in Oklahoma."

Quiroz, said, "It makes me appreciate school a whole lot." It has encouraged her to be active in her academics and involved in extra curricular programs. She plans to attend CAC in the fall to get an Associates Degree in business.



Left: Darius Jackson, D1, shakes hands with Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. Below: Yasmine Quiroz, D1, shakes hands with Lt. Gov. Antone. Both graduated from Coolidge High School.

Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

## GRIC Hosts Four Tribes Meeting



Roberto A. Jackson/CPAO

GRIC was proud to host the 4 Tribes Meeting on June 20 at Rawhide. Leadership from the O'odham tribes shared ideas and updates from Ak-Chin, Tohono O'odham, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community and GRIC. The youth councils of the tribes gave informative presentations as well.

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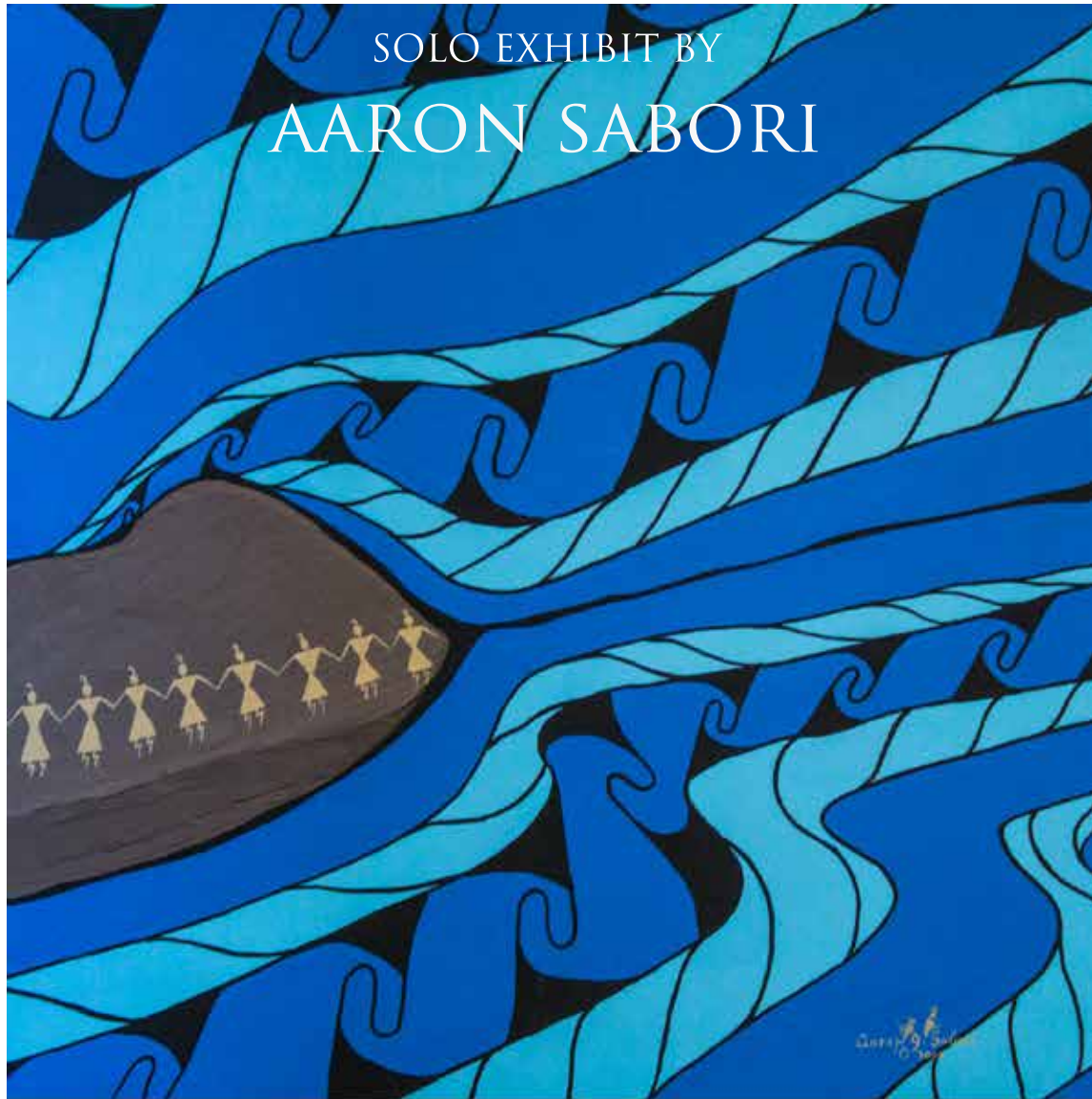
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Author: Laura Kesse  
Resource: Parents as Teachers

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# Salt River Artist Turns Graffiti into Fine Art – to be featured at Huhugam Heritage Center

By Mikhail Sundust  
Gila River Indian News

Dwayne Manuel breathes life into a ragged concrete wall with a can of electric green spray paint. He's in an abandoned building in the middle of nowhere throwing up his graffiti name in bright, erratic letters.

At six-foot-five with partially dreadlocked hair and a stoic scowl, Dwayne Manuel strikes an intimidating figure. But he's a nice guy, who smiles easy, jokes a lot and whose laugh fills the room.

Manuel is Onk Akimel O'otham of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. He got his start as an artist growing up and doing graffiti on the reservation, but now, at 30, he is an accomplished artist, a high school art teacher, holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Arizona and is well-known for his recent partnership with Nike in which he designed the sportswear company's Desert Journey Collection, earlier this year.

Dwayne will also be a featured artist at the Huhugam Heritage Center in August. The exhibit, entitled Piecing the Desert, will run August 7 through Nov. 6 and feature works from Dwayne, Breeze, Striker, and Gila River Indian Community member artists Lokey, Drempt One, TekNeik and others.

The grand opening is set for August 7 from 5 – 9 p.m. and will be emceed by Dakota artist/1491s member Bobby Wilson.

## Artistic Expression

Dwayne Manuel was destined to be an artist long before he started doing graffiti. It was his mother, Alice Manuel, a basket weaver, who inspired him.

"I remember when I was real little, she taught me how to draw a turtle one time and I really liked it. I drew it all over the place after that," he said.

The graffiti started in high school.

"What I liked about graffiti, what made me gravitate towards it [was] all the colors," he said, "and

seeing it on such a large scale, like on walls... It's in your face and it just pulled me in. I was like, I want to do that."

For a quiet teen growing up on the reservation, tagging was a means of expression.

"It gives you a voice," he said, "and for me – I was really shy growing up – it did empower me a little more. I think art, in general, empowers."

Manuel loved to sketch and draw. He spent his time at the former Desert Eagle High School on the Salt River reservation, developing his style as an artist and a graffiti writer. In graffiti, and in art, Manuel found his voice, but he had yet to discover what, exactly, he was trying to say. For that, he went to art school.

## Art School

Manuel attended The Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he got his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

Going to college was "the most positive thing I could do," said Manuel, "for myself and for my family and for my community."

While at school, he began to see the value of implementing his heritage into his artwork. He said in college, seeing the pride that his peers had in their culture and displayed through their artwork got him thinking about his heritage and how he might be able to incorporate O'otham designs into his work.

"[It] made me realize I could do the same thing with my work, because at the time, I wasn't really doing anything too tribal or traditional or Native American," he said.

After graduating from IAIA, Manuel returned home and took some time off from school. But after a stint working 12-hour night shifts at a local convenience store, he found himself physically and creatively drained.

"I didn't have any ideas. I wasn't drawing that much and...I get really depressed or irritable or emotional when I don't create or draw or whatever," he said. He quit

his job and applied for grad school.

## Grad School

"Very rarely do we get Native Americans, [especially] local Native Americans, to apply to this program, so this was a big thrill for us to have [Dwayne] here," said Alfred Quiroz, an art professor at the University of Arizona. Quiroz was a very special teacher to Manuel and eventually headed his Master's thesis committee.

"I didn't look at Dwayne so much as a student, [but] to me he was just another artist, who had a great talent," said Quiroz. "He's an incredible drawer, and a really fine artist. ... He wasn't trying to prove anything with anybody. He just made his work and knocked everybody's socks off."

Manuel has always aimed for a certain "shock value" in his work, he said. For example, he likes to draw pictures of things like death and human skulls with worms, bugs and parasites.

In the early months of his graduate program, he said, he did a large drawing full of dark imagery. But when his instructor asked him what it meant, Dwayne didn't have a clear answer. His instructor gave him some names of artists to research.

"He said, 'These are artists who went through real horror, real terror...war and stuff like that. So what's your horror, what's your terror, and what can you paint about?'"

Manuel realized the terror of his life, and the lives of many Native Americans, is life on the reservation. Here, he discovered what he wanted to say through his art and he started focusing on Native American issues.

Growing up on the reservation, he said, "I was so used to... all the negative stuff that happens." After returning home from IAIA, "I got to see everything from an outsider's point of view... That's when...my eyes opened up and I started seeing the issues that are going on, you know – [diabetes], deaths, alcoholism, all that stuff."

Working on these topics



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Dwayne Manuel, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member, with his graffiti name behind him.

forced him to research the history of oppression imposed upon Native Americans and the ill effects that are still evident today.

"It was very emotional having to read through this and seeing the damage and the wrongs that were done to our people," he said. "It was hard getting myself together and doing those pieces. It was a journey."

For his Master's thesis project, he created a surreal mural in beautiful, vibrant colors depicting scary, cartoonish scenes of pain and despair – a blue bird sick from cigarettes, a man crucified on a Saguaro, a beer can laughing, a video game controller with a sad face, a river dammed by a suited hand and after it, a Native man filling the void with a stream of waste and vomit.

"His work had this edge to it that just really excited me," said Quiroz. "He's thinking about certain politics [and] he's not afraid to speak out."

Quiroz expects Manuel to make an impact on the art world.

"I told him, 'Once you've graduated, now the real work begins. You've got to get out there, get your name out there,' and boom, he did it with the Nike thing."

## The Professional

While Manuel was still preparing for his Master's thesis he was already working on another major project that would not be revealed for another year.

Nike released the Desert Journey Collection in January just before the Super Bowl, when all eyes were on Arizona. The shoes, hats, jacket and jersey feature traditional O'otham designs drawing attention to the Native inhabitants of the Arizona desert.

"Manuel's design...interprets two traditional symbols," reads the Nike website, "the war shield and the whirlwind, which together reflect Manuel's heritage and illustrate the modern competitor's long, battle-filled journey to reach the final destination."

Manuel viewed this as an opportunity to show the world who his people are, and put O'otham people on the map. Over all, he said, it was a very positive and rewarding experience.

A lot of his artwork draws from traditional O'otham basket designs.

"It pretty much goes back to my mom," he said. His works based on basket designs are his way of honoring his mom and grandmothers, who weave.

As a male, he is not allowed to weave baskets – in his community, that is a woman's role. But, he said, "I always liked the designs. The designs are just amazing," especially the whirlwind and coyote tracks designs.

He started drawing and painting the designs and "I started having ideas when I was painting... Baskets are already abstract images anyway...so I pushed them to be more abstract."

Manuel and an artist friend of his, Breeze, hosted an art show in February called Jehgos at The Hive in central Phoenix. Manuel displayed a number of his paintings, which featured circular designs that started as O'otham baskets that became abstracted, blown apart and infused with color.

Manuel has a couple of upcoming shows later this year. He will host Neoglyphix again this year, which is a show for Native American graffiti artists.

"I know a lot of Native American graffiti artists...and I always wanted to get them together in one place to paint," said Manuel.

Manuel created the show last year with his friends Martina Dawley and Tohono O'odham artist Striker. The show takes place on the lawn of the Arizona State Museum on the U of A campus and will be on Oct. 24 this year.

He said hosting the show at the Arizona State Museum was a conscious decision because the museum has a largely anthropological focus and looks at Native culture through a historical lens, but Neoglyphix is all about modern Native American art.

ASM gives a voice to Native people, he said, but through it, Native people are saying "we WERE here. Neoglyphix is telling people that we ARE here."

With Neoglyphix, he wanted people to see "there are contemporary Native American graffiti artists doing work now... We're not just images trapped in time."

He also hopes for people to see that graffiti is not just based in gang and criminal activity – it's serious art. And at the same time, Native art isn't always just folk art, pottery and basket weaving.

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year's tournament from the across the Community: Blackwater, Outkast, Gila River Bears, Goodyear Warriors, and Casa Blanca Indians who played in the Single A Division (Little League).

The Gila River Outlaws played in the girls Triple A Softball Division (High School).

Before a crowd of 35,000-plus sports fans, the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 51 posted the colors as the

National Anthem ushered the start of America's pastime.

To start the evening match up between the D-backs and San Diego Padres, Gila River Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis threw out the first pitch, sending it over home plate.

Although the D-backs dropped their game against the Padres 8-1, the game still ended on high note with fireworks courtesy of the Gila River Casinos.



Clockwise from top right: Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis throws out the ceremonial first pitch at the Arizona Diamondbacks Native American Recognition Day game, June 19, against the San Diego Padres. Theodore Santos (center), GRIC District 5, won the Coach of the Year Award from the Diamondbacks for the Inter-Tribal Youth Baseball Tournament. His team is the Indians, who won one out of three games in the tournament. He is flanked by Virgilyn Talas (left) and son/assistant coach Alex Santos (right).

The entire GRIC royalty delegation: Jr. Miss Gila River Second Attendant Siasek Lucero, Jr. Miss Gila River First Attendant Ashley Thompson, Jr. Miss Gila River Charisma Quiroz, Miss Gila River First Attendant Cheyenne Jackson, and Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington.

The Outlaws showed their Gila River Indian Community Pride on Native American Recognition Day at Chase Field. Photos by Roberto A. Jackson.

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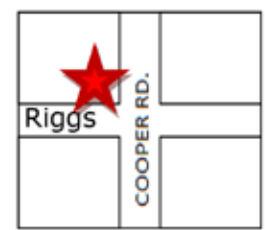
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### CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday June 3, 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 Carol Schurz

### ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Executive Officers Absent:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Jennifer Allison, Angelia Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Nada Celaya (10:16); D5-Brian Davis, Sr., Janice F. Stewart, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewyewa; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D5-Robert Stone

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

### SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nada Celaya, District 4 Representative

Presenter: Chief Judge Anthony Hill

Arzie Hogg, District 1 Representative

Franklin Pablo Sr., District 5 Representative

Anthony Villareal Sr., District 6 Representative

CHIEF JUDGE ANTHONY HILL DELIVERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO EACH OF NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

(15 minute reception to follow)

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE RECESS. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:16AM]

### REPORTS

1. Citizens Advisory Board Q1- Q2 Report October 2014-March 2015

Presenter: Darren Pedro-Martinez

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Gila River Sand & Gravel FY14 External Audit Report

Presenters: Michael Morago, Brian Hemmerlee

REPORT HEARD

3. Sacaton Middle School Quarter 2 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Philip Bonds

REPORT HEARD

4. St. Peters Indian Mission School Quarter 1 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Sister Martha

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. St. Peters Indian Mission School Quarter 2 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Sister Martha

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. School Resource Officer Program-Gila River Police Department

Presenters: Chief Kathleen Elliot, Sergeant Joaquin Manuel

REPORT HEARD

7. Coolidge Alternative Program (CAP)

Presenter: Patricia Jimenez

REPORT HEARD

\*8. Gaming Internal Audit - FY15 Second Quarter Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: William Tye

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### 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 of approval; NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Linus Everling

APPROVED

\*2. 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 of approval; with additional information, NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Robert Deleon

APPROVED

3. Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1201 Located In Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of the Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pam Pasqual

APPROVED

4. Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 3284 Located In Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of the Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pam Pasqual

APPROVED

5. Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2907 Located In Allotted Trust Land In District Seven Of the Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pam Pasqual

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 2 To The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2015 (G&MSC forwards to June 3, 2015 Community Council meeting with recommendation of approval; with additional information)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

### ORDINANCES

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Tentative Settlement in GRIC vs. Burwell (HSSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Linus Everling

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Community Council Secretary Appointment

Presenters: Community Council

SHANNON WHITE APPOINTED

3. Standing Committee Council Member Appointments

Presenters: Community Council

Government & Management Standing Committee (1)

CAROLYN WILLIAMS APPOINTED

Legislative Standing Committee (2)

ARZIE HOGG AND FRANKLIN PABLO, SR.

APPOINTED

Education Standing Committee (1)

ARZIE HOGG APPOINTED

4. Gila River Urban Members Association Follow Up

Presenters Office of General Counsel & Treasurer Robert Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO IMPOSE THE SEVEN (7) CONDITIONS FOR THE URBAN MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (UMA) TO FOLLOW MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE URBAN MEMBERS ASSOCIATION MET THE REQUIRED GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN THE APPROVED FY15 BUDGET RESOLUTION AND COUNCIL RELEASED THE REMAINING FY2015 FUNDS NEW BUSINESS

1. Follow-Up Audit Report DDHS-IHC Special Diabetes Program For Indian Grant – Genesis Program (H&SSC motioned forward item in the Internal Audit's 2nd Quarter Report to Council)

Presenter: William Tye

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Report of Audit Health Resources Department IHS-Annual Funding Agreement (Executive Session) (H&SSC motioned forward item in the Internal Audit's 2nd Quarter Report to Council)

Presenter: William Tye

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### MINUTES

1. February 17, 2015 (Special)

APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

2. February 18, 2015 (Regular)

APPROVED

3. March 2, 2015 (Special)

APPROVED

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR DEXTER LEWIS' FAMILY

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR LEROY JAMES' FAMILY

>EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH G&MSC, THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015

>EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING REGARDING CHILDREN'S CODE, FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR JANICE COOPER'S FAMILY

>WATER CONFERENCE AT WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL & CASINO THE WEEK OF JUNE 8, 2015

>REQUEST TO ENSURE ALL MEETINGS ARE PLACED ON THE SHARED CALENDAR

>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING, SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015, 9AM AT THE SHELDE BUILDING

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:24PM

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

# Community Council Action Sheets Wednesday June 17, 2015

## ACTION SHEET

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

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday June 17, 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 9:23am

### INVOCATION

Provided by Sister Martha Carpenter

### 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; D4- Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Angelia Allison; D5- Janice F. Stewart Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewyewa; D7- Devin Redbird

Presenters: Chief Kathleen Elliot, Sergeant Joaquin Manuel

Council Members Absent:

D3-Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya; D5- Brian Davis, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

### SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES (2)

Presenter: Chief Judge Anthony Hill

1. George J. Traylor

2. Anthony Little II

CHIEF JUDGE ANTHONY HILL DELIVERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO MR. GEORGE J. TRAYLOR AND MR. ANTHONY LITTLE II. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS, LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

WELCOMED THE NEWLY SWORN IN JUDGES.

### REPORTS

1. Legislative Education Report

Presenter: Arizona Senator Carlyle W. Begay LD-7

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. 2014 Indian Education Annual Report

Presenter: Arizona Senator Carlyle W. Begay LD-7

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. 2014 Native American Education Status Report

Presenter: Arizona Senator Carlyle W. Begay LD-7

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

\*4. Citizens Advisory Board Q1- Q2 Report October 2014-March 2015

Presenter: Darren Pedro-Martinez

REPORT HEARD

\*5. St. Peters Indian Mission School Quarter 1 Report SY

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2014-2015  
 Presenter: Sister Martha  
 REPORT HEARD  
 \*6. St. Peters Indian Mission School Quarter 2 Report SY 2014-2015  
 Presenter: Sister Martha  
 REPORT HEARD  
 7. Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51 – FY15 2nd Quarter Report  
 Presenters: Alison Anderson, Lois Thomas  
 REPORT HEARD  
 8. Gila River Farms Retirement Plan Conversion Presentation  
 Presenters: Gila River Farms Interim Board, Stephanie Saucedo  
 REPORT HEARD  
 9. Gila River Farms Operating Report  
 Presenters: Gila River Farms Interim Board  
 REPORT HEARD  
 [LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:30AM]  
 10. Gila River Farms Operational, Financial And Human Resources Plan  
 Presenters: Gila River Farms Interim Board  
 REPORT HEARD  
 11. Gila River Telecommunications - 2014 Independent Auditor's Report And Financial Statements With Supplementary Information As Of December 31, 2014 And 2013  
 Presenters: GRTI Board Of Directors, Bruce Holdridge, Peter Quam, Charley Albert  
 REPORT HEARD  
 12. Travel Report – 2nd Quarter – Fiscal Year 2015  
 Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller  
 REPORT HEARD  
 13. Finance Department – FY2014 Annual Report & FY2015 Semi Annual Report  
 Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Mike Jacobs  
 REPORT HEARD  
 [GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:25PM]  
 14. Sacaton Elementary School Quarter 2 Report SY 2014-2015  
 Presenter: Leslie Rychel  
 TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 15. Sovereignty In Education Research Grant Goals & Time Lines  
 Presenters: Patricia Valenzuela, Aaron Allery  
 REPORT HEARD  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 16. Memorandum Regarding Non-Disclosure Confidentiality Agreement (Executive Session)  
 Presenter: Linda Sauer  
 REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 17. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. – Monthly Report April 2015 (Executive Session)  
 Presenters: Janice Ponziani, GRGE Board Of Directors  
 TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 18. Gila River Gaming Commission – General Report April 2015 (Executive Session)  
 Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah  
 REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 19. Basic Financial Statement, Independent Auditor's Report And Single Audit Reporting Package Ending September 30, 2014 (Executive Session)  
 Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Corrine Wilson, Bruce Bleakman  
 REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 20. Monthly Financial Activity Report For The Month Ending May 31, 2015 (Executive Session)  
 Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller  
 REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 21. Outstanding Loans (Executive Session) Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller  
 REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 22. Litigation Report (Executive Session) Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy  
 REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 \*23. Gaming Internal Audit - FY15 Second Quarter Report (Executive Session)  
 Presenter: William Tye

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 [GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 5:43PM]  
 RESOLUTIONS  
 1. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community's Department Of Environmental Quality To Partner With The United States Environmental Protection Agency And Participate In The "Making A Visible Difference In Communities Initiative" For A Period Of Two Years (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)  
 Presenter: Ondrea Barber  
 APPROVED  
 2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Department Of Environmental Quality Of The Gila River Indian Community And Roger Ferland D/B/A Consulting Services by Roger Ferland L.L.C. (NRSC forwards to G&MSC with recommendation for approval, G&MSC concurs)  
 Presenter: Ondrea Barber  
 APPROVED  
 3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2014 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Osborn Maledon, P.A. (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)  
 Presenters: Office Of General Counsel  
 APPROVED  
 4. A Resolution Authorizing Gila River Telecommunication, Inc. To Enter Into A General Application And Agreement Of Indemnity For The Benefit Of Native Technology Solutions, Inc. (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, EDSC concurs)  
 Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors, Bruce Holdridge  
 APPROVED  
 5. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community Police Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Justice Bureau Of Justice Assistance Technology Innovation Pubic Safety (TIPS) For The FY 2015 Competitive Grant Announcement (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)  
 Presenter: Kathleen Elliott  
 APPROVED  
 6. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community Police Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Justice Bureau Of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program For The FY 2015 Local Solicitation (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)  
 Presenter: Kathleen Elliott  
 APPROVED  
 7. A Resolution Authorizing The Department Of Community Housing To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development, Public And Indian Housing, Community Development Block Grant Program For Indian Tribes And Alaska Native Villages-Mold Remediation And Prevention (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval with corrections)  
 Presenter: Laurie Thomas  
 APPROVED  
 8. A Resolution Granting 2.1382 Acres of Reservation Land In District 5 & 6 To The Gila River Telecommunications Incorporated For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing and Maintaining A Utility Easement As Shown In Job No. 2141 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)  
 Presenter: Barney Bigman  
 APPROVED  
 9. A Resolution Concurring With ADOT'S Relinquishment Of Right-Of-Way For Sundust Road (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)  
 Presenters: John Roberts, Esther Manuel  
 APPROVED  
 ORDINANCES  
 UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
 GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED UP UNFINISHED BUSINESS #2  
 [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 2. Coyotes Naming Rights (Executive Session)  
 Presenter: Linus Everling  
 ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED UP NEW BUSINESS #2

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]  
 NEW BUSINESS  
 2. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., - Connect American Fund (CAF) And Inter-Carrier Compensation (ICC) Data As Of April 3, 2015 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)  
 Presenters: GRTI Board Of Directors, Bruce Holdridge  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 1. Department Of Community Housing – Audit (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to release the DCH (Department of Community Housing)audit to the Community Council and to reconcile the discrepancies between the two budgets (Indian Housing and Amerind)  
 Presenters: Office Of General Counsel  
 ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 [GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 30-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:32PM]  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL AND THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER TO FACILITATE A RECONCILIATION OF THE AMERIND CLAIM ISSUE  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE INFORMATION REGARDING CHOLLA CONSTRUCTION AND DCH PERSONNEL TO THE GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR INVESTIGATION  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF DCH TO RE-ESTABLISH THE DISTRICT 4 ELDERLY COMPLEX AS A PROJECT TO BE CONSTRUCTED  
 2. Coyotes Naming Rights (Executive Session)  
 Presenter: Linus Everling  
 HEARD BEFORE UNFINISHED BUSINESS #1  
 NEW BUSINESS  
 1. Information On First Things First Summit 2015 (H&SSC forwards to Council)  
 Presenter: Melissa Madrid  
 TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 2. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., - Connect American Fund (CAF) And Inter-Carrier Compensation (ICC) Data As Of April 3, 2015 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)  
 Presenters: GRTI Board Of Directors, Bruce Holdridge  
 HEARD AFTER UNFINISHED BUSINESS #1  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 3. Employee Matter (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council, LSC concurs)  
 Presenters: Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Michelle Bowman  
 ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE GOVERNOR TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH MS. PLEVEL  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MR. MURDOCK HOLLOWAY AS ACTING CHIEF PROSECUTOR  
 4. Letter for Direction on Interim Gila River Farm Board (G&MSC motioned to forward the request for an extension for the Interim Board of Directors for Gila River Farms and to include the resignation letter from Councilwoman Carolyn Williams in regards to her seat on the Interim Board of Directors)  
 Presenters: Gila River Farms Interim Board  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXTEND THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GILA RIVER FARMS FOR 60-DAYS  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN WILLIAMS  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT NADA CELAYA TO THE INTERIM FARM BOARD  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 5. Tribal Education Department-SPECIAL AUDIT REPORT (Executive Session) (ESC moves to forward to Community Council)  
 Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller  
 ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE AUDIT REPORT AND TO DIRECT SEPARATE AUDITS OF EACH PROGRAM BE CONDUCTED IN FY 2016

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE TREASURER TO COMPLETE A SPECIAL AUDIT ON STUDENT SERVICES; INCLUDING THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, FOR THE PERIOD 2013, 2014, AND 2015

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE TREASURER TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL AUDIT SPECIFICALLY ON THE COHORT PROGRAMS AND THE HEAD START CONTINUED EDUCATION PROGRAM FOCUSING ON ANY FINANCIAL AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE IRREGULARITIES IN THE PROGRAM; AND REPORT BACK WITHIN 90-DAYS GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS SUSPENDED THE RULES TO ADD NEW BUSINESS #7 TREASURER MENTEE POSITION

6. Attendance of EDSC Committee Member (EDSC motions to forward to Council to remove Devin Redbird from EDSC)

Presenters: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE DEVIN REDBIRD FROM EDSC  
[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

7. Treasurer Mentee Position  
Presenter: Councilwoman Jennifer Allison  
MOTION MADE, SECOND AND WITHDRAWN TO OPEN THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR ANOTHER 60-DAYS MINUTES

1. March 4, 2015 (Regular)  
APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS
  2. March 18, 2015 (Regular)  
APPROVED
  3. April 1, 2015 (Regular)  
APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS  
>H&SSC WORK SESSION WITH TRIBAL SOCIAL SER-

- VICES, WILD HORSE PASS SHERATON, FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015, 9AM  
>RECOGNITION DINNER FOR HIGHER ED PROGRAM, DISTRICT 2, FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015, 4PM  
>LSC SPECIAL MEETING WITH GAMING COMMISSION, FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015, 9AM  
>GILA CROSSING SCHOOL BOARD COALITION MEETING, SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015, 9AM  
>FOUR TRIBES MEETING, RAWHIDE, SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015, 8AM  
>FIRST HOME TURNED OVER IN THE GEORGE WEBB SUBDIVISION LAST MONTH; DISTRICT 5 TO HAVE 3 HOMES TURNED OVER ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015; DISTRICT 1 TO HAVE ONE HOME TURNED UPCOMING NEXT WEEK  
ADJOURNMENT  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:11PM  
\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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:

**GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
SACATON, AZ 85247

Gila River Tribal Health Department  
5356 W. Pecos Rd. 488 W. Seed Farm Rd.  
Laveen, AZ 85339 Sacaton, AZ 85247  
(520) 550-8000 (520) 562-5100

JUNE 2015	JULY 2015	AUGUST 2015	SEPTEMBER 2015	OCTOBER 2015
June 4: Districts 4 & 5	July 2: Districts 3 & 4	August 4: Districts 6 & 7	September 1: Districts 6 & 7	October 1: Districts 6 & 7
June 11: Districts 1, 2, & 3	July 7: Districts 6 & 7	August 6: Districts 1 & 2	September 3: Districts 1 & 2	October 8: Districts 1 & 2
June 16: Districts 6 & 7	July 9: Districts 1 & 2	August 11: Districts 4 & 5	September 8: Districts 4 & 5	October 15: Districts 4 & 5
June 18: Districts 3 & 4	July 14: Districts 4 & 5	August 13: Districts 3 & 4	September 10: Districts 3 & 4	October 22: Districts 3 & 4
June 23: District 4 & 5	July 16: Districts 3 & 4	August 18: Districts 6 & 7	September 15: Districts 6 & 7	October 29: Districts 6 & 7
June 26: Districts 1 & 2	July 21: Districts 6 & 7	August 20: Districts 1 & 2	September 17: Districts 1 & 2	
June 30: Districts 4 & 5	July 23: Districts 1 & 2	August 25: Districts 4 & 5	September 22: Districts 4 & 5	
	July 28: Districts 4 & 5	August 27: Districts 3 & 4	September 24: Districts 3 & 4	
	July 30: Districts 3 & 4			

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



This survey is part of an effort to determine how common bed bug infestations are in the Community and what efforts are currently being conducted to address them. Take the survey at [www.gricdeq.org](http://www.gricdeq.org) and please email, mail or drop off your completed survey to the designated drop box at any of the GRIC service centers or the DEQ office.  
45 S. Church St., P.O. Box 2139 Sacaton, AZ 85147  
[gric.pesticide.office@gric.nsn.us](mailto:gric.pesticide.office@gric.nsn.us)

**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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**Public Notice**

IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN THE MATTER OF: S.O.W. D.O.B.: 08/14/2011 Case No.: JC-2015-0105

NOTICE OF INITIAL RESPONSE/ANSWER HEARING ON PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO: GLENDEN WAHPETA AND JOHN DOE  
Notice is hereby given that you are ordered to appear before the Honorable Jay Pedro on July 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gila River Indian Community Court located at 721 Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 for purposes of a continued Initial Response/ Answer Hearing on a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed on May 26, 2015 involving the Minor Child, S.O.W., date of birth August 14, 2011.

If you fail to appear at the above noted hearing, the hearing may go forward in your absence 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 imposed.

**Public Notice**

IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN THE MATTER OF: A.A.M D.O.B.: 03/23/2007 Case No.: JC-2015-0104

NOTICE OF INITIAL RESPONSE/ANSWER HEARING ON PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO: JOHN DOE  
Notice is hereby given that you are ordered to appear before the Honorable Jay Pedro on July 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gila River Indian Community Court located at 721 Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 for purposes of a continued Initial Response/ Answer Hearing on a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed on May 26, 2015 involving the Minor Child, A.A.M., date of birth March 23, 2007.

If you fail to appear at the above noted hearing, the hearing may go forward in your absence 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 imposed.

**COURT DATE NOTICES Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

Name of Person: Phillip I. Lewis  
c/o Evalee Narcia  
Type of Hearing: Probate Hearing  
Case Number: P-14-0022  
Court Date: August 11, 2015 @ 9:00 am  
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## 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 Medical Imaging.

## Elders Meeting

The Gila River Indian Community Elders Meeting is scheduled for:

July 8, 2015 - 9:00 am  
District 3 Service Center

Next GRHC Dr. Time presentation will be  
August 12, 2015 - 9:00 am  
District 2 Service Center

Topic: Advance Directives  
Presenter: Renee Manda, Chief Nursing officer

## Job Fair

Dear Gila River and Ak-Chin Indian Community Members:

We apologize for the postponement of the job fair. Details for the rescheduled Gila River Health Care Job Fair will be in the next issue of the Gila River Indian News.

Your friends at GRHC

For information call GRHC at:  
(520) 562-3321 ext. 1342

[grhc.org/careers](http://grhc.org/careers)



Gila River Health Care is committed to providing a healthy environment for our patients, visitors and employees. We invite and encourage everyone to respect our tobacco free facilities and parking lots.

Thank You,  
Gila River Health Care

# INDEPENDENCE DAY CLOSURES ★ JULY 3, 2015 ★

### HU HU KAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

<u>Department</u>	<u>Closed Date(s)</u>	<u>Re-Open Date</u>
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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Closed Date(s)</u>	<u>Re-Open Date</u>
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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Closed Date(s)</u>	<u>Re-Open Date</u>
Shgoi	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

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

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

**GRHC.ORG**

#### 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

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

# SUMMER MONTHS ARE HERE AND EVERYONE IS LOOKING TO STAY COOL.

ABOVE GROUND POOLS HAVE BECOME VERY POPULAR.  
NO MATTER THE SIZE, POOLS CAN BE DANGEROUS.

## **NEVER LEAVE A CHILD UNATTENDED NEAR WATER.**

It only takes a second for a small child to fall into a pool and slip underwater. When infants or toddlers are playing near a pool, an adult should be no more than an arm's length away, providing "reach supervision."

## **KNOW POOL RULES.**

Make sure your child understands that jumping or diving into water can result in injury and never try to rescue a pet, always call an adult.

## **KEEP TOYS AWAY FROM THE POOL AREA.**

Because toys can attract children, it is safest to keep them out of sight when the pool is not being used.

## **NEVER ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO SWIM ALONE.**

Never think or assume that someone is watching your child always have an adult present.

GRIC COMMUNITY HOUSING PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



In case of an emergency or drowning dial 911

For information regarding CPR call Gila River Fire Department (520) 796-5900

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