

## 27th Annual Gila River Youth Conference Held at Ak-Chin Ultra-Star Center

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

It was another good year for the 27th Annual Gila River Youth Conference hosted by the Akimel O'otham/Pee Posh Youth Council on July 17 to 18.

Adding to the diverse line up of activities, this year's conference was held at the Ak-Chin UltraStar Multi-tainment Center.

Youth Council President Alex Pablo greeted the youth, "I want you guys to have fun, but I encourage you all to learn from the workshops today," said Pablo.

He emphasized that it takes a lot to help organize the conference, but that it is worth while because it will benefit the Community.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis spoke in front of the audience of 365 participants.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis speaking at the 27th Annual Gila River Youth Conference. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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## Back to School Backpack Giveaway



Christopher Lomahquahu/CPAO

Dozens of K-12 students received free backpacks from the Gila River Indian Community and American Federation for Children at the GRIC Boys & Girls Clubs July 25.

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It was Christmas in July for many students as the new school year is around the corner.

The Gila River Tribal Education Department and the non-profit organization American Federation for Children teamed up to hand out backpacks to students at the Boys & Girls Club in Sacaton and Komatke on July 25.

The AFC has a history of partnering with originations to help bring much needed school supplies to children grades K-12 before starting the school year.

In Saturday's event a total of 190 backpacks were given to children, which were stuffed with school supplies like pens, notebooks and other assorted items.

Among these much needed supplies the AFC is promoting a scholarship opportunity funded through the Arizona Department of Education Empowerment Scholarship Account program.

A communications associate for AFC, Kim Martinez, says the program is open to children

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## Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Extension, A Community Member's Perspective

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

Recently the Gila River Indian Community filed a lawsuit challenging the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) decision to build the proposed Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway on land sacred to community members.

Protect Arizona's Resources and Children (PARC) and eight other environmental and community organizations, filed an injunction to block construction of the Loop 202 Extension, South Mountain Freeway in June. The Community's lawsuit was combined with the lawsuits of PARC and the other environmental and community organizations.

U.S. District Judge Diane Humetewa denied the request July 28, saying the coalition failed to show "the freeway would

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Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

In this file photo from 2013 "No 202" is spray-painted on a brick wall outside of Komatke with South Mountain in the background. The proposed freeway would loop around the mountain's south side, connecting the southern East Valley to the West Valley. It will cut through a portion of the mountain on its southwest corner, just beyond the Gila River Indian Reservation border.

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## Special Mass

Join us for a special one year anniversary mass in memory of former

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**at St. Anthony's Catholic Church**

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## Happy Birthday Flaviano!

I would like to wish my son Flaviano Francis Guzman a very Happy 10th Birthday! August 23rd, 2005 you came into my life and brought with you lots of memorable memories since you were born. From singing country songs at age 3, then at age 4-years-old you started dancing the Popkoala, carrying on the Makil dancing tradition. Auntie Brenda was your big supporter!

This year you start a new chapter in your life by starting 5th grade. Life has many challenges that we must overcome. With the recent loss of your Godfather Elgin not being here to help celebrate your birthday with all his candy. Just understand he is up above watching over you. Son, always know I am very proud of you and reach for the stars! You are my blessing and remind me so much of your uncle Possum. We love you Flavi!

Love  
Mom, Dad, Grandma Karen and Uncle Mykey

## In Loving Memory of Elgin Jackson

Elgin Jackson – 47 years old from Goodyear Village, passed away at his home on July 9th, 2015. Siblings are Lyndell Jackson, Justino Balderama, Edwina Apkaw, and Alaynia Macias all from Goodyear Village. Elgin helped raise niece and nephews, Kiko, Daniel, Alexander, Darien and cared for a step-father Kerby Johnson. Elgin is proceeded in death by his mother Linda Jackson.

Elgin was a former employee for the Gila River Casinos in slots, Cage and Vault and Security. He also was very active in his community, serving on District Four Executive, Housing and Election Board Committee. Elgin was a very hard worker that provided for his family to the very end. He loved traveling with his family when his health would allow him to, he enjoyed spending time with his friends very much.

The Jackson Family would like to thank those that came to show their support for the family in this difficult time. Also a special thank you to District Four Service Center, Gila River Farms, Delvin Catha, Reverend Irving Terry, Mr. Anthony Thomas, All groups that rendered songs for the wake, Goodyear Presbyterian Church, Verona & Chavella Makil, Jana Quimayosie-Blanket, Kenny Manuel-Interim CEO GRGE, Terrance Evans-former Councilmen Dist. 6, Makil Family & Angel Trujillo-Friends Flower Sprays, Suzette Lewis-Ribbons and silk flowers, Bernella Lewis-Trifold memory cards & memory video and to Elgin's niece, Darien, known to Elgin as Hunny or Dubby and godson Flaviano Guzman for their dedication country songs they both sang for their beloved Elgin! To all Elgins relatives that worked and cooked every day. . Anyone we forgot to mention thank you and God Bless you all. We will miss Elgin and his laughter forever..

## CORRECTIONS

In the July 2 edition, Salt River Artist article, Bobby Wilson was misidentified as a member of the Lakota tribe; he is Dakota. Similarly, artist Striker was identified as a member of the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe, he is not. We apologize for the errors in reporting.

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## Community Events

### Friday, August 7

- Piecing the Desert
- Huhugam Heritage Center
- 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Graffiti in Southern Arizona
- Artists: Lokey, Strike One, Dway-no Insano, Drempt One, Breeze, Matt, TekNeik

District Six Kalka Park  
8:00 pm  
FREE EVENT  
Glow recklessness, glow batons, and glow paint provided. Zumba shirts available for the first 150 Gila River enrolled members (sizes are limited).  
Call 520-550-3805 for more information.

### Saturday, August 15

- District Four Senior Citizens Bingo
- 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
- District Four Service Center
- Food sale and raffle
- Men/Women Bikes and 32" flat screen TV
- Everyone welcome!
- Contact Agatha Apkaw at 520-418-3661 for more information.

Back to School Bash  
Kid-friendly event. Enjoy snacks, waterslides, raffles, and music!  
Also, backpack giveaway!  
Backpack sign up begins on July 27, 2015  
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- Glow in the Dark ZUMBA Party

## Come Grow with F.A.C.E. (Family and Children Education)

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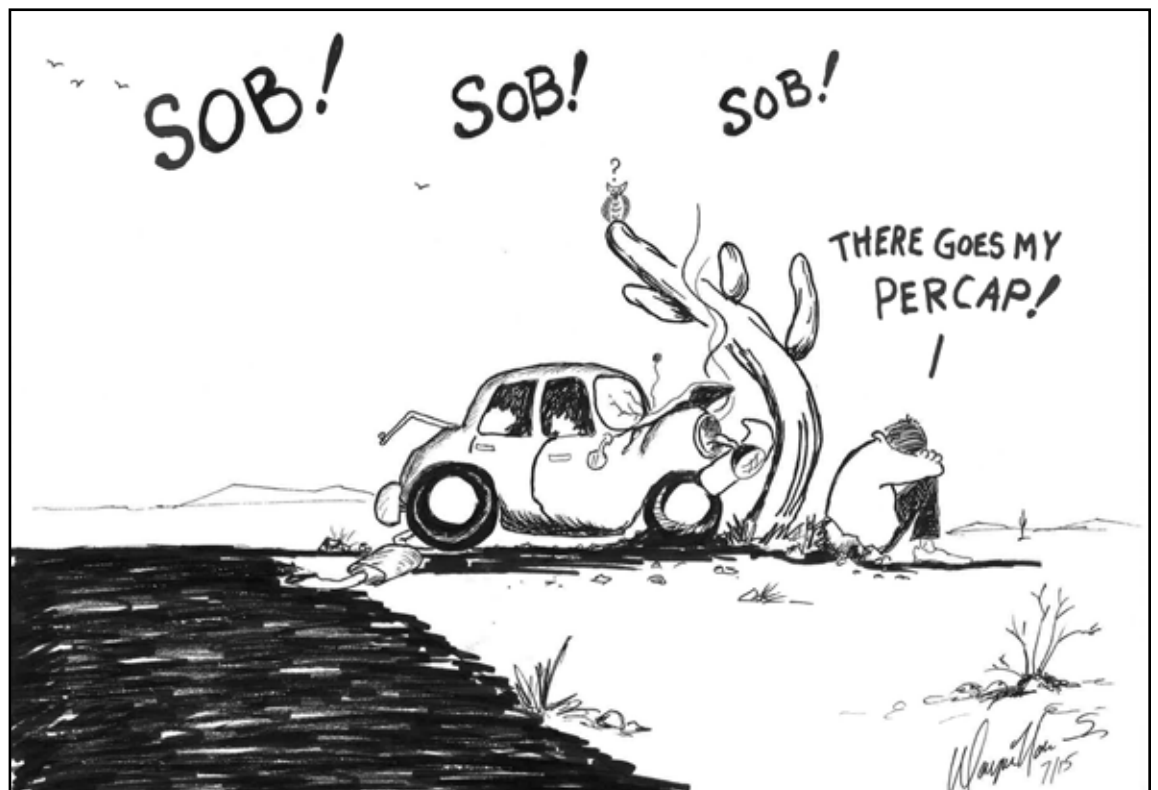
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# COMMUNITY UPDATES BY GRIN STAFF

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

## Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway

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cause imminent and irreparable environmental harm,” according to azcentral.com and the Arizona Republic.

The litigation will move forward. Meanwhile, ADOT has been cleared to proceed with its work while the lawsuit is pending. ADOT hopes to begin construction in May of 2016.

In a statement released June 30, the Community’s lawsuit claims federal and state agencies violated the National Environmental Policy Act and the Department of Transportation Act by failing to consider the environmental harm it would inflict on members and residents and “on historical and cultural resources.” It also adds that the chosen route trespasses over Community land, “specifically three wells held in trust for the benefit of the Community by the United States,” said Governor Stephen Lewis in the press release.

The Community’s lawsuit comes after the FHWA approved ADOT to begin construction on the 8-lane- 22-mile long freeway earlier this year. The proposed freeway will travel east/west along Pecos Road and curve north between 55th and 63rd Avenues connecting to Interstate 10 at 59th Avenue.

According to the FHWA’s Final Environmental Impact Statement and Section Evaluation, the chosen route has remained unchanged since it was introduced by the Maricopa Association of Government’s proposed 232-mile Regional Freeway and Highway System in the 1980’s and was approved by Maricopa County voters in 2004. The South Mountain Freeway expansion project underwent many evaluations of alternative routes before selecting the proposed sight. The freeway is predicted to reduce future traffic congestion on Interstate 10 completing the loop 202 highway infrastructure.

Although ADOT studied the 1.9 billion dollar project thoroughly according to its Volume 1 FEIS & Section Evaluation, the Community and its members think differently.

“As an indigenous person, protecting sacred sites is number one,” said Andrew Pedro, 21, District 3 resident and member of the Akimel O’otham Youth Collective (AOYC). “People argue that Moahdak Do’ag (“Greasy Mountain” in O’otham, but formally known as “South Mountain”) is not on reservation land but this is all O’otham territory... The economic impact [of the freeway] is the greatest importance to them [ADOT and

FHWA]... For us it’s a sacred place.”

Pedro is one of many Community members who oppose the South Mountain Freeway since the tribe voted “no build” in 2012. He also is the main spokesperson for the AOYC – a collective of people comprised of Community members doing outreach and educating others on issues occurring in O’otham communities. Their focus now is to prevent freeway construction.

In the past, Pedro has volunteered his time by learning of the issue and attending forums on the proposed freeway. The AOYC along with other Community groups, such as Gila River Against 202, utilize Facebook and their websites to inform and update its followers on new details. AOYC has also organized shows and meetings to discuss the Loop 202 and openly protested at events.

“By doing these demonstrations we are actively challenging these ADOT and highway officials,” said Pedro. Through oral history passed on to him by his grandmother, Pedro learned much about the cultural side of the mountain.

“There are many songs and stories about South Mountain,” he said. “What O’otham hold sacred is the ‘Man in the Maze.’

That’s Se-eh-ha, our creator’s ki (home).”

In the book Pima Indian Legends by Anna Moore Shaw, Moahdak Do’ag (South Mountain) was the home of the creator in the Man in the Maze legend. It depicts how the mountain was used as a labyrinth for se-eh-ha to escape from enemies.

This cultural fact was acknowledged in the lawsuit. Gov. Lewis said in the press release, “South Mountain, or Moahdak Do’ag, 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.”

With the legal action by GRIC, Community members and the AYOY are remaining optimistic about the lawsuit. Pedro believes with the Community openly having a stance on the freeway, more Community members will get involved to protect the sacred land. “It’s a good challenge for them [ADOT and FHWA]. If it wins – that’s great. If worst comes to worst and they start building, that builds a greater power for people to actually actively resist this project. We are still not going to let it be built.”

## Backpacks

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living on the reservation, which is part of the programs target population.

“It is good to see the kind of support we see today through the scholarship program, it allows parents to have leverage over their children’s’ education and gives them options,” said Martinez.

The ESA program assists families with children who would like to attend private school, but are unable to pay for tuition costs.

“They are the best resource to advocate for their child’s funding, they know what they need to get a quality education,” said Martinez on the options parents should have when choosing a school.

She says it breaks the cycle of parents without options, who are forced to send their child to school that isn’t a good fit for them.

Also, the program helps pay for education for children with special needs that are offered outside of a traditional public school.

In looking at the families that made it out to the backpack giveaway Martinez said, “It’s so rewarding that the kids will be getting a backpack and the work that goes into is worth it.”

Arizona Department of Education will start accepting new applications on January 1, 2016. For more information call (480) 246-9745.

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### GILA RIVER TV - Program Guide: Sunday, August 9th - Saturday, August 15th, 2015\*

GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events @ 6:30am, 10:30am, 3:30pm & 8pm. \*Schedule may be subject to change.

	Sunday 8/09	Monday 8/09	Tuesday 8/09	Wednesday 8/09	Thursday 8/13	Friday 8/14	Saturday 8/15
6:00am	Fish Out of Water Iroquois Cranberry Growers	Fish Out of Water Xa:Ytem	Fish Out of Water Bluesky Expeditions	Fish Out of Water Sunchild First Nation	Fish Out of Water Beardy First Nation	Fish Out of Water Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre	Fish Out of Water Xa:Ytem
6:30am	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events
7:00am	Wakanheja	Wakanheja	Wakanheja	Wakanheja	Wakanheja	Wakanheja	Wakanheja
7:30am	Lakota Berenstain Bears	Bizou	Bizou	Bizou	Bizou	Bizou	Lakota Berenstain Bears
8:00am	Yamba's Playtime	Tansi Nehiyawetan Weather	Tansi Nehiyawetan Feast	Tansi Nehiyawetan Review	Tansi Nehiyawetan Storytelling	Tansi Nehiyawetan Sports	Yamba's Playtime Sharing Is Caring
8:30am	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay Time Management	Wapos Bay The Ways of the Quiet	Wapos Bay The World According	Wapos Bay Catch The Spirit	Wapos Bay
9:00am	Art Zone Nature Collage	Art Zone Board Game Fun	Art Zone Creative Car!	Art Zone Veggie+ Fruit Printing	Art Zone Thunderbird Headdress	Art Zone Paper	Art Zone Board Game Fun
9:30am	Vitality Gardening The Northern	Vitality Gardening Fertilizer	Vitality Gardening Tomatoes Part 1	Vitality Gardening Tomatoes Part 2	Vitality Gardening Treasure Hunt	Vitality Gardening Container	Vitality Gardening Fertilizer
10:00am	Sharing Circle Solomon	Sharing Circle Feet First Onto The	Sharing Circle Haida Gwaii- Island	Sharing Circle Walk for Life	Sharing Circle The Dance	Sharing Circle The Condor and the	Sharing Circle Haida Gwaii- Island
10:30am	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events
11:00am	Creative Native Woodland Cultural Center	Creative Native	Creative Native Tricksters, Transformers, and Other	Creative Native Sweet Reflections	Creative Native Traditional Weaving	Creative Native The Good and Peaceful Ones; The Hopi	Creative Native
11:30am	First Talk Nisga's Territory	First Talk Racial Passing	First Talk Relationships	First Talk Hopi Nation	First Talk Healing Process	First Talk Dating	First Talk Racial Passing
12:00pm	A Thousand Suns	Yupik Way	Native Planet Hawaii	Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand Creek	Behind The Blue Veil	Pauline Whitesinger	Birch Bark Canoe
12:30pm	A Game for Life					Carriers of Culture	
1:00pm	Back in the Day Halfway	Ravens and Eagles Spruce Root	Samaqan Water Stories Akwesasne	Ravens and Eagles Cedar Bark	Samaqan Water Stories Akwesasne	Ravens and Eagles Argillite Carver	Seasoned with Spirit
1:30pm	Untamed Gourmet Port Alberni	Vitality Gardening Tomatoes Part 1	Vitality Gardening Tomatoes Part 2	Vitality Gardening Treasure Hunt	Vitality Gardening Container	Vitality Gardening Surprise	Untamed Gourmet Northwest
2:00pm	Seasoned with Spirit	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health Fitness Day	Native Nation Building
2:30pm	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	Earth Voices Hugh Dempsey	Earth Voices Wayne Roan	Earth Voices Maggie Hodgson	Earth Voices Roy Henry Vickers	Earth Voices George Littlechild	People of the Pines The World of the Serrano
3:00pm	When I Hear Thunder	Creative Native Tricksters, Transformers, and Other	Creative Native Sweet Reflections	Creative Native Traditional Weaving	Creative Native The Good and Peaceful Ones; The Hopi	Creative Native Honouring Our Mothers	Making Regalia
3:30pm		GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events	GRTV News Weekly & GRIC Events
4:00pm		Working It Out Together Self-Esteem	Indian Pride Indian Gaming	On Native Ground: Youth Report Dancing Salmon Home	Indian Pride Historical Overview	The Hub	Down The Mighty River One Less River
4:30pm	Gold Fever	Back in the Day A Look Back	Oskayak Down Under	Champions of the North Sisters	Down The Mighty River The Power of Resilience	On Native Ground: Youth Report Dancing Salmon Home	Indians and Aliens Henry Atsynia
5:00pm		First Talk Relationships	First Talk Hopi Nation	First Talk Healing Process	First Talk Dating	First Talk Blind Date	Indigenous Focus Winds of Creativity /
5:30pm		Northwest Indian News Native American Youth	People of the Pines Legacy of Casinos	Making Regalia	People of the Pines From Contact to Colonization	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu Keeping It Real
6:00pm	Native Voice TV Bridget Neconic - Acoma Pueblo	Native Planet Hawaii	Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand Creek	Behind The Blue Veil	Pauline Whitesinger	Birch Bark Canoe	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People
6:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report Saginaw Grant				Carriers of Culture		Northwest Indian News Native American Youth
7:00pm	Wapos Bay Patients	Wapos Bay Time Management	Wapos Bay The Ways of the Quiet	Wapos Bay The World According to Devon	Wapos Bay Catch The Spirit	Wapos Bay Partic-Inaction	Wapos Bay Time Management
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8:30pm	Native Shorts Ebony Society	Oskayak Down Under	Back in the Day A Look Back	Indigenous Focus Winds of Creativity /	Rez Rides Going National	Indians and Aliens Henry Atsynia	Cashing In
9:00pm	Finding My Talk	Good Meat	Hand Game: The Native American Game of Power & Chance	Native Planet Hawaii	Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand Creek	After The Gold Rush	Soundmix: Five Young Musicians
9:30pm							
10:00pm	Yupik Way	The 8th Fire One Earth One Whole Circle	The Creator's Game	Jaynelle	The Tundra Book	Romance of a Vanishing Race	Walela
10:30pm							



# EXECUTIVE OFFICE UPDATES

## Gov. Lewis Testifies Before U.S. House of Representatives Addressed Challenges to Deploying Broadband on Tribal Lands

### PRESS RELEASE

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis made history for the Community and all of Indian Country by being the first elected tribal leader to testify before the House Sub-Committee on Technology and Telecommunications. He testified [July 22] before the United States House of Representatives Subcommittee regarding the issues that the Community and other tribal nations face establishing broadband access in rural communities.

The hearing in Washington D.C. was held to discuss the state of broadband deployment throughout the country as well as the future of broadband disbursement. The issues discussed included the demand for faster networks, development and planning of future broadband infrastructure and policies that will help encourage investment in the deployment of broadband infrastructure. Gov. Lewis addressed the committee to highlight some of the challenges Gila River has faced thus

far in operating Gila River Telecommunications and some ways in which broadband access can be improved within the Gila River Indian Community and other Native American communities across the country.

Gov. Lewis stated "I appreciate the opportunity to provide the Committee some perspective on this critically important topic and thank you all for your work and engagement on looking at solutions". He also thanked Chairman Walden and Representa-

tive Lujan for previously visiting the Gila River Indian Community and touring Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. to learn more about the obstacles that tribal nations face in their effort to build more broadband infrastructure on their lands. Gov. Lewis also encouraged the other Committee Members to visit the Community and other tribal nations to learn about these issues firsthand.



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**Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis after testifying to a House subcommittee that the lack of broadband hurts tribal economic development.**

## New Tribal Education Director: Isaac Salcido



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**By Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community welcomes the new Tribal Education Department Director Isaac Salcido.

Salcido is a valley Native who was also raised in Parker, Ariz. on the Colorado River Indian Tribes reservation.

His educational background consists of a degree from Ottawa University in psychology and a master's degree in education, administration and supervision from Arizona State University.

Salcido brings experience working in Native communities in early education and head start.

He was part of promoting the Arizona development of the Southwest Consortium Indian Head Start programs and with a head start program for children of migrant farmers.

In his recent employment he was assistant principal for three different schools within the Cartwright School District in Maryvale.

One of his goals is to prepare students for advancement into junior high and high school as well as seeking a college education.

"We have to create opportunities for the Community's students to move onto the next level of education when preparing them for junior high or high school," said Salcido.

Salcido says parental involvement is critical to a child's success in school.

Other issues that need to be addressed are truancy, which he says goes hand in hand with parental involvement.

Salcido is ready for the challenges ahead. "It's a lot different from before for kids going to school, with common core, it's more rigorous," said Salcido.

In addition to what has been accomplished by students already, he would like to congratulate the recent college graduates, which he believes will help the Community prosper in the long run.

## New Huhugam Heritage Center Director: Shirley Jackson

**By Ashley Pasqual**  
Gila River Indian News

Shirley Jackson is from District 5 and served as acting director at the Huhugam Heritage Center since December 29, 2014.

In June of this year, the Heritage Center welcomed her as the new Director.

Jackson started off as a secretary at Cultural Resources and attended Arizona State University.

In 2001, she graduated with a Bachelors degree in History from ASU and became the Assistant Curator at the Heritage Center within the same year.

Shirley has worked as the Senior Curator in 2004 and was made Acting Director in 2012. She was also an Archivist throughout the years of working at the Heritage Center.

Today, Jackson's job, as the New Director, is overall management of the Heritage Center functions in providing exhibits, educational classes, and taking care of the federal and tribal collections.

They share the collections of ancient O'otham pottery, artifacts and historical documents and photographs through cultural events.

The focus in the first ten years was to care for the archeological collections and now the Huhugam Heritage Center is shifting towards events and exhibits to get more people to, as Jackson says, "claim ownership of the Heritage Center because it belongs to the community."

Art is now the new focus and theme for the museum to attract community members.

"It's their heritage and they need to become more aware of it," Jackson said.



Photo by Amy Davila/Huhugam Heritage Center

They now have a lineup, running into 2016, filled with different artists from the community.

The next community member to be featured at the Heritage Center will be Sarah Lucas from Hashan Kehk, District 2.

With Veteran's day coming up, on November 10, 2015, a series of photographs will be displayed by community member Roland Enos Jr. regarding his deployment in Afghanistan and Iraq with the Marine Corps.

"We're really excited about that," Jackson said, "and coincidentally, [it] is also the Marine Corps birthday, so it worked perfectly."

## Sacaton School District New Superintendent Dr. Douglas Price

**By Sacaton School District**

Dr. Douglas E. Price became the next Superintendent of the Sacaton Elementary School District on July 1, 2015 following the retirement of long-time schools chief Dr. James E. Christensen. Dr. Price left the Tanque Verde Unified School District (TVUSD) in Tucson where he had been Superintendent since 2009 after leading TVUSD to being an "A" district over the course of the past five years - one of the few school districts in Arizona to have earned the state's highest academic letter grade rating.

In learning he would lead the Sacaton School District, Dr. Price said, "At the heart of any great school district are committed teachers and staff who have a passion for their students and their well-being. Meaningful education comes with a foundation of healthy relationships. When students know that their teachers truly love and care about them, the students will most often return the favor with their love, support and their best academic efforts."

Price states that standardized testing is important, but ultimately believes that student success is

more than just a test score; it is about educating the whole child. Dr. Price is a firm believer that relationships and cultural relevance greatly contribute to students' overall success.

Prior to heading the Tanque Verde District, Dr. Price served two years as the Statewide Director of Title I School & LEA Improvement at the Arizona Department of Education. Before this Price was the Superintendent of Schools in two different districts in Colorado and for the Wickenburg Unified School District in Arizona. He also served as an as-

sociate principal in high schools in Green River and Worland, Wyoming after having been an English and journalism teacher at a high school and junior high in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and at a high school in Cody, Wyoming.

His formal education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism and Physical Education, a Master of Education in Educational Administration, and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership - all from the University of Wyoming.

Dr. Price is married to wife Suzanne who is an elementary



Courtesy of Sacaton School District

school teacher in Mesa. He has three grown children and is happy to be back home in the Southeast Valley where he has a home in Gilbert.



# Youth Conference

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He said, "It's good that we have a packed house here today, but there are other youths that couldn't be here, so let's support each other, leading a positive environment."

Gov. Lewis said youth should prepare for some of the Community's management and leadership positions by getting an education.

"We need our youth to be educated and to be healthy, but most importantly we need to keep that connection with our culture," said Lewis.

Guest speaker and member of the Muskogee Creek and Choctaw Nation Steve Martin talked about the power to change negative behaviors and outcomes in Indian communities.

Martin is a Program Director of the Native American Student Affairs at the University of Arizona. He encouraged the youth to express their cultural heritage and not to be afraid on sharing it with others.

In support of the conference theme of empowerment, he said, "Find something to make you happy and get up whenever you have been knocked down...be resilient."

He advised the young audience to "Know your story, you have the power to change."

"It's good to know that this conference was put together by young people that is impressive, that shows empowerment," said Martin.

The conference is mixture of workshops covering a variety of topics based on money management, health and fitness and self-esteem building.

In addition, several Community departments and programs provided informational booths in the main lobby of the UltraStar center, including representatives from each of the state's three major universities.

A number of interactive



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Youth Conference attendees listen to the opening introductions at the UltraStar ballroom at the UltraStar Multi-tainment Center July 17.

presentations formatted towards hands-on involvement drew the attention of the youth.

Agnes Attakai and Justin Hongoeva from the American Indians Into Medicine program at the U of A College of Medicine explored the human anatomy and how diseases like cancer develop from prolonged use of cigarettes.

The AIIM program encourages young individuals to start thinking about careers in the medical field so that later on they may come back and serve their tribal community.

Another topic, "Like a Boss," centered on money and business management, immersing the youths through a half hour session of operating a fictional farming business.

August Pablo, a facilitator and council representative from District 2, said, "It's a stepping stone for me, because this year I'm

facilitating some of the workshops...I think we are doing a good job, because it's a different location from the previous years, so it takes a lot to organize the conference."

Alexis Flores from District 7 and Miss Indian at Cesar Chavez High School is new to the youth conference experience and is among many of the facilitators helping out.

"It feels really empowering to be here and I am encouraging other kids to come and join... I actually got some of my friends and family members to come too," said Flores.

The important message Gov. Lewis left for the youth is that they must have strength in themselves, their Community and who they are as an individual.



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UltraStar's large digital sign welcomed youth to the conference.



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## Generation Indigenous Initiative at First Ever Tribal Youth White House Gathering

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

Before a crowd of over 800 Native youth, the First Lady of the United States (FLOTUS) Michelle Obama marked the inaugural White House Tribal Youth Gathering at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington D.C. July 9.

"Gen-I is about all of you investing in your promise by getting an education," said the first lady.

According to the first lady, "The youth gathering builds on the President's launch of Generation Indigenous (Gen-I), an initiative to help improve the lives of Native youth and cultivate the next generation of Native leaders."

The high profile event coincided with the annual United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference, held this year in the nation's capitol. It was the largest conference in the organization's history, with over 1,800 attendees.

Four lucky Gila River youths attended the White House gathering among them were Anissa Garcia, Autumn and Brittany Cooper, sisters from District 4, and Nathaniel Talamantez from District 6. Brittany and Nathaniel are on the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council.

Brittany was struck by the sincerity of the first lady's speech.

"It was cool to know that [she] has our back. You could tell she meant all of it, just by being there to hear her," she said.

She explained it wasn't just about getting young people together, it was an opportunity to meet other tribes to hear common issues faced at home.

Talamantez said, "One thing I took away from this is we all have a place, whatever it may be – in government, education – and that [we] are in control of our future."

Looking at the bigger picture, the Obama administration sees this as an opportunity to address some of the perils in Indian Country while forming a safety net for the rising generation of Native youth through

the Gen-I Initiative.

Project Staff Assistant Tyler Owens, of the National Congress of American Indians, and Gila River Community member from District 5, spoke about the purpose behind the White House gathering.

"When President Obama came into office, that's when he and his cabinet members realized the necessary changes that needed to be made in Indian Country," said Owens.

Through her involvement with NCAI, along with other stakeholders, Owens sat on a youth steering committee that helped develop the application process and topics that would be covered at the gathering.

The attention brought to Native youth is something Owens says is overdue, and it was a humbling experience to be involved in such an unprecedented event.

Speaking about the Obama administration's attention to the gathering, Owens said, "[First lady Michelle] and President Obama really have an investment in [us]... to make sure the Gen-I follows through with upcoming administrations."

On top of that, she said American Indians have a unique advantage in being able to identify with a specific place. For example, through her internship, Owens has been able to share knowledge about the Community.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "It was a historic event that led up to [this] year's gathering that was built up by the Obama Administration."

He says the involvement of high-level officials at the event, such as the Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewel demonstrates the Obama administration's devotion to Native youth.

"There's hope ahead...and we can see that with the type of services and resources [we] are seeing across Indian country," said Lewis.

The administration's vision is to improve the opportunities for Native youth and to bring positive changes in Indian Country by creating an open dialogue on issues in education and the high rates of suicides among teens.

Looking back the experience, Autumn said, "It was an honor being at the White House gathering, but what stuck out to me is the first lady Mrs. Obama saying every Native life is precious and that [we] too are important as well."



Top: Cultural gathering on July 11 brought together Native youth for an evening of traditional performances.  
Bottom: Youths left to right, Nathaniel Talamantez, Autumn Cooper, Taiyne Juan, Augustus Pablo, Alex Pablo, Charisma Quiroz, Ashley Thompson and Brittany Cooper

# A'AGA

## Something to be told

By Billy Allen

The O'otham phrase for the month of August is Shopol Esabig Masad (short planting month). Our ancestors took advantage of rain in the eastern mountains to plant food crops such as tepary (bavi; pronounced buff), lima beans, and 60-day corn. "Monsoon" planting enabled the plants to ripen before the first frost. Our farmer ancestors were always working. A lot has changed; few of us raise our own food or livestock.

Growing up in Vah ki, I remember that many old GRICsters maintained small herds of cattle or horses. These old timers remembered the Great Depression of their youth when life was hard across America. During this time, most Native people were okay because much of their food – plant or animal – was homegrown. Many Natives felt the 4-leggeds were their bank, easy to track and locate for selling or trading. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, this way of life was waning. GRICsters felt education was one of the keys to a brighter future and knew school would begin right after Labor Day; school clothes and luggage had to be purchased. When Shopol Esabig Masad rolled around, everyone's small herds became smaller and life became busy for my father, a state livestock inspector.

My father would be informed when and where to be and sometimes hauled livestock to the sales barn, where the livestock would be auctioned. We kids loved to tag along because we knew we'd get treats-soda pop and chips! I heard a lot of O'otham on those trips. Old timers began their day early, very early, so sial ke:k (before the morning stands up/pre-dawn) was a popular time to begin work. Waiting for the sun to rise would be hard on man and animal, especially during Shopol Esabig Masad. A vakial (cowboy) always had his tools in order. First would be his pu:st (saddle)-if he were Tohono O'odham, si:l. He made sure his vonam (hat) would stay on, either with a tight fit or tying it on and his i'ispul (spurs) also had to be secure. He had to make sure his piliñ (bridle) wasn't getting worn out and liable to break, for this is how he controlled his soiga (pet) or kavyu (horse). If his soiga was a kalion (stallion) it would have a s-gewk kusva (strong neck). His vijina (rope) had to be free of knots and knicks. If an old timer ran his hahaiña (cattle) free range, away from his lancho (ranch), his vapkial (cowboys) would go out the day before and rope and tie the haivañ (cow) to a kui (mesquite) stump. Later, my father would drive in and load it up. Sometimes the fight was out of the animal, making it easier to load, but not always. A to:lo (bull) never lost his will to fight and loading him was a hard struggle! A profane mix of Spanish (Jukam) and English (Milga:n) would echo in our young na:nk (ears). George Webb describes a horse round-up near Santa Cruz in his book, A Pima Remembers. They had to sa:mud (herd) horses out of the desert. Da:m ju:k was noon or when the sun was on top; it usually meant taking a break and resuming work later. Mui 'e ju:k was late afternoon or when (sun) it begins its downward journey. It's still hot, but it would cool down quickly. Hudunk was evening or the sun is down. A vakial made sure his tired soiga was in the ko:li or corral.

Many of the O'otham words you may have recognized as being Spanish in origin. All humans borrow words, styles, food from other cultures. When Pa:l Kino brought horses and cattle to this region, some of his first cowboys were Indians. O'otham took the Spanish word, but gave it an O'otham accent. With the introduction of livestock a new aspect was added to our himdag. Our elders took time to recognize which new elements would aid us in living better and help us towards a brighter future.





# COMMUNITY VETERANS UPDATE

## GRIC Vietnam Veteran Visits Fort Sill



Photo courtesy of Marlin Porter

**Marlin Porter (third from left) with members of his battalion in front of the 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery's Vietnam Memorial.**

**By Ashley Pasqual**  
Gila River Indian News

Marlin Porter, a Vietnam veteran from Gila River went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma this past June to see the unveiling of the 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery's Vietnam memorial.

Porter was drafted into the Army on September 28, 1967 and took his basic training in Fort Bliss, Texas then went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for Advanced Individual Training learning the fundamentals of the 105 howitzer. He also became a Major's driver as well.

"I got shot at because the first person they want to get is an officer. I did that for a while and then finally I asked them if I could go out on the guns," he recalled.

Porter was born in Sacaton on May 28, 1947. He lived in Sacaton for 5 years, then moved to Phoenix and attended Phoenix Indian High School where he became one of the high school's top "milers."

Throughout his high school years, he escalated every time until his senior year he was 3rd in the state for cross country.

His paternal grandfather, Peter Porter and was the first Native American that registered to vote in the state of Arizona in 1928, but due to Federal Guardianship, he was not allowed to vote.

Many veterans from the 40th battalion also saw the memorial



Photo courtesy of Marlin Porter

**Marling Porter on an Army Jeep in Vietnam.**

and received gifts from Fort Sill. "We got coins, a couple of coins, plus we were given our seal from our battalion," Porter said.

Porter was very grateful that he got a chance to be there to see the unveiling and it made him feel very proud.

The city of Phoenix has employed him for 25 years and he was a certified official for Arizona State high schools track and field with Arizona's Interscholastic Association as well as Team USA Track and Field. He now belongs to the Pee Posh Veterans Association in District 7.

"Vietnam wasn't a place to be in the 60's, but I am very thankful that Gila River allowed me to go to Fort Sill," he said.

Along with the Gila River Indian Community, Porter also thanks the Pee Posh Veterans Association and the Urban Members Association for sponsoring him to go to Fort Sill.

## Featured Veteran: Irving Johns



Photo courtesy of Irving Johns and Veterans Serving Veterans

**Irving and Arlene Johns.**

**By Gila River AmeriCorps**

Irving Johns, District 5, is a Gila River Indian Community member who served our country for four years in the United States Navy in a variety of different roles. Irving served as a gunner's mate, firefighter, and with submarine and ship maintenance. Irving was stationed for two years on the USS Midway for sea time duty, during which he was anchored off the coast of the Philippines, Japan,

the Midway Islands, and Hawaii during his tour. Irving came home to the United States and worked as a hay bailer, a diamond cutter, and served our community for nearly twenty years as a District 5 Coordinator. Irving proudly continued his service in the community for over thirty years coaching little league basketball, softball, and baseball. We are grateful for his service to both our country and our community. Thank you for your service Irving!

## Veterans Serving Veterans

**By Gila River AmeriCorps**

AmeriCorps Veterans Serving Veterans members have been working diligently with the Community since completion of the Kenny Hayes' home clean-up in District 5. Since February, they have created a record of over 700 names of deceased veterans (available to see at Service and Elder Centers). They have met with living veterans and their immediate family members to provide services such as wellness visits, record requests, and resource research. In one of their most recent experiences, they were able to help a homeless veteran by supplying him with food boxes and resources. Currently, there are

over 70 clients in their database, consisting of veterans and family, which have been served. VFW Post #6310, in collaboration with VSV, has created clinics in District 7 to help veterans file claims with the VA. In an effort to reach more veterans, they have begun hosting a Coffee Club in each District to begin a conversation of veterans needs in the Community and meet their local AmeriCorps member. In the future the Veterans Serving Veterans program is planning to continue helping Veterans and ensuring they are honored in the community! If you are a veteran or the family member of a veteran, you can get in touch with an AmeriCorps representative at your nearest service center.

## American Legion Post Updates

**The Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84** was established in 1972 after receiving its charter from the American Legion. Like all American Legion Posts, it operates under by-laws, policies and procedures. The Post currently has 75 members who have served in various capacities in the branches of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force. The conflicts served in range from the Korean War to Operation Enduring Freedom with a majority of members being Vietnam veterans.

The activities of Post 84 include providing a means for local veterans to receive benefits they have earned for time in service, providing support for families of departed veterans, and rendering burial honors at veteran's funerals. The American Legion also encourages involvement in youth programs. Members of Post 84 will be participating in a youth mentorship program sponsored by the Gila River Boys & Girls Club and the Big Brothers, Big Sisters

**Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post #51**

Veteran Affairs Post #51 continues to be a vital link in the Community as a resource for Veterans and families of Veterans. We encourage any and all who have served to take advantage of veterans benefits for serving Our country. As the relationship between Gila River veterans and the VA evolves, Post #51 will continue to assist the VA in meeting its critical mission in providing services to our warriors.

National Security

To those who have sworn with their lives to protect America against enemies near and far, national security is a deeply held value. The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 exposed this nation's vulnerabilities and magnified the importance of this value - not only for military veterans, but for all Americans.

Americanism

Program of Central Arizona. Future projects include instructing Gila River Police Department Cadets and Explorers in basic military marching movements.

The Post is named after Gila River's own Ira Hamilton Hayes, who joined the Marine Corps shortly after the United States entered World War II in 1941. He was one of six marines photographed raising the American flag on Mount Suribachi during the battle of Iwo Jima in 1945. At the end of his enlistment, he returned home to a tumultuous encounter with fame that seemingly brought about his death in 1955.

Post 84 is currently based in Sacaton along with the Unit 84 Ladies Auxiliary. The Post is located inside two trailers at the east end of Pima Street in the fenced area. However, efforts have been in process to construct a permanent Post home in District 5, the home district of Ira Hayes.

The nation's cultural, moral and patriotic values have been under attack for decades, a disheartening trend that continues today. Post #51 has been involved in presenting and representing a stronghold for Community veterans. Being more than willing to volunteer or answer a call for funeral details, presenting, posting and retrieving colors, and upholding military, American and Native American traditions.

Children and Youth

Today's young people face an array of societal pressures. The dissolution of the traditional American family, illegal drug use, TV shows and movies filled with obscenities and indecencies. There is an alarming increase in bullying, aided by the spread of smart phones and social media. Post #51 continues to provide sponsorship for youth and adults example being running groups, boxing club, youth group, and baseball team.

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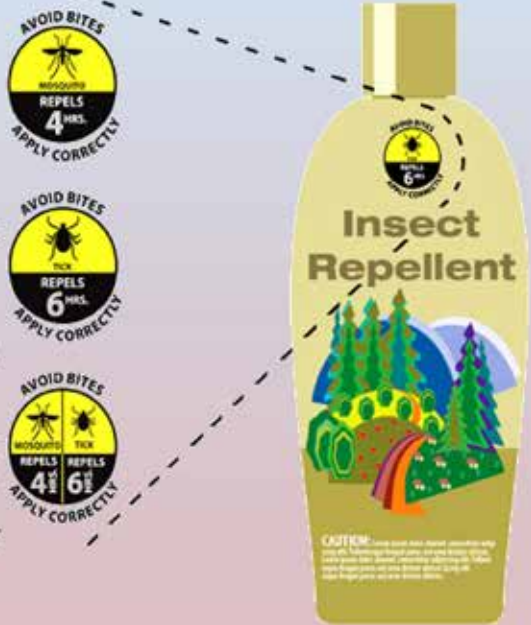




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Due to their public health importance, ticks and mosquitoes are the only two pest groups featured in the new graphic.

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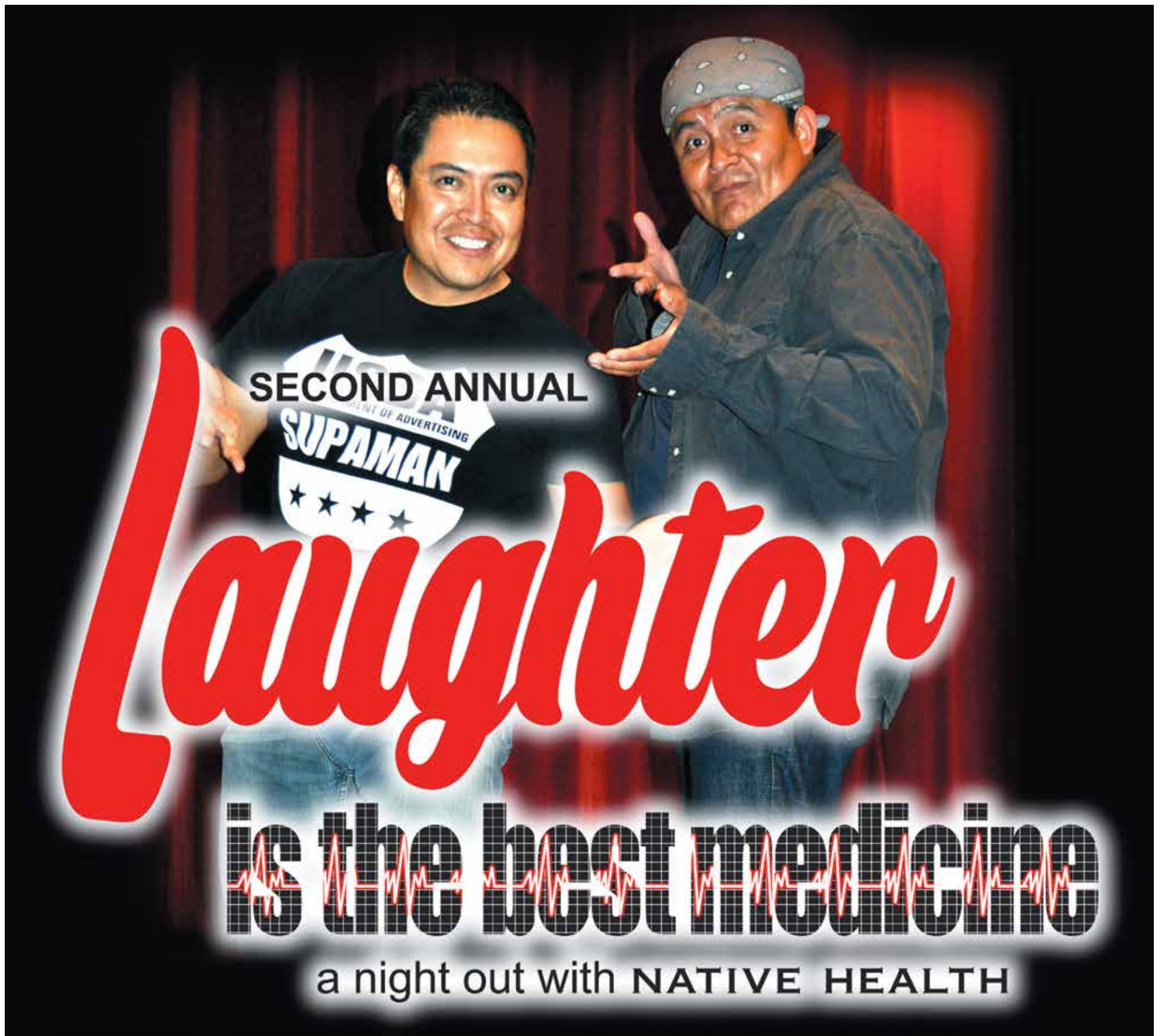
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By FitnessFest staff

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## Shoni Schimmel Lights up Salt River Arena



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

Shoni Schimmel lit up Salt River Resort Arena on July 14 as her team took on the defending WNBA champions Phoenix Mercury.

Her fans were ecstatic to see the second year, two-time all-star take to the court contributing a slew of three pointers and scoring drives to the basket.

Mercury fans and Dream fans alike roared when she would score a bucket coming off a hard charge to the other end of the court.

In her signature playing style, she posted up against defenders twice her size to rally her team within four points as the clock ran down. The game was close at half time, but the Mercury were able to make a break on a couple of fouls and scoring drives that led to their 80-71 victory over the Dream.

Shoni was all smiles as she

came out after the game to do a brief Q&A session with her fans. One of the fans asked how it has been being a Native American in the league and how it affects her playing style.

Schimmel said it was an honor to represent her people and that it doesn't take away from who she is as a Native individual. There is no question Schimmel has had a huge impact on the American Indian community. "If I can make it, then any one of you can make it, don't ever settle for something less," she told the audience.

It makes her work harder to see other young athletes make the strides she has taken to get this far, but emphasized going to school as a major accomplishment. Attending college presented its share of challenges, she said, when it came to funding her education.

"My parents couldn't pay for my tuition, so I had to get good



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Above: Shoni Schimmel talks to the crowd.  
Left: Schimmel looks for an open teammate.

grades and work hard while going to school on a basketball scholarship," she said.

Now in her second year in the WNBA, she is committed as ever to talk with fans in the Native basketball scene about education.

Shoni and her sister Jude, who recently released her book, "Dream-

catcher," balance their time throughout the season and in the off season visiting different Native functions, inspiring young basketball players.

Schimmel left the crowd with this message: that success means making some sacrifices, but that it is all worth it, because if she can do it, then so can others.

## WIA Summer Internship Program Banquet

By Ashley Pasqual  
Gila River Indian News

The atmosphere was welcoming at the Luau hosted by the Employment & Training Department. Walking into Sacaton Head Start's auditorium you were handed a lei and directed towards tables decorated with hibiscus flowers and tikis.

July 31 marked the end of this year's WIA Summer Youth Program. To celebrate, the Employment & Training Department held a WIA Summer Youth Awards Banquet on Friday, July 24 for those who completed the program.

Employment & Training partnered with over 40 work sites, and an estimated 110 youth participated this year. Some students joined programs like the Gila River Police Cadets, the Film 101 class, and others worked with the Gila River Boys and Girls Clubs and as aides with District Recreation.

WIA Coordinator, Elisia Manuel provided the welcome address and presented the awards along with Youth WIA Coordinator DeAnna Ringlero, Counselor Intern Maria Varelas, and Summer Youth Counselor Kayla Miguel.

Youth participants were given certificates of completion and received Arizona Diamondbacks back to school backpacks donated by Gila River Casinos. Supervisors and staff were also recognized for their cooperation with the program.

Employment & Training awarded the Gila River Police Department as the summer program's Outstanding Employer.

Sgt. Joaquin Manuel, Officer Ester Poolaw, and Officer James Milano humbly accepted the award and gave remarks on this year's Cadet Program and the participants.

"I come each year and think I'm going to teach the kids and

they end up teaching me. I just want to thank them," Officer Poolaw said.

Officer Milano thanked the Community and said, "We couldn't do this without the tribal Council and WIA's help. It's a good partnership and every year I learn at least...something new."

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone also shared her appreciation and applauded those in the program.

"We honor you today for continuing and making this effort for the summer WIA program. Make the best and always plan for your future," she said.

A slideshow of photos was displayed, courtesy of the Indian Nations Camp staff, and presentations were given by the Cadet Program, the Ceramics Program, the Art/Drawing Program, and

the Film 101/Edit Box Program.

"Some of them got kind skeptical and a little nervous but once they got into it there's no stopping them which I am very proud of," said Sarah Lucas, supervisor of the Art/Drawing Program.

Students from the Art/ Drawing Program and the Ceramics Program had their own works of art displayed for sale and as the delicious luau feast was served,

the Film 101/Edit Box class screened their movie, The Missing II, which the crowd got a kick out of.

[Editor's note: The Outstanding Summer Youth Worker was presented to Ashley Pasqual from District 3, who worked with the Gila River Indian News for the summer.]



Ashley Pasqual/GRIN

Edit Box/Film 101 instructor Reuben Ringlero presents the class participants, who screened the film they made over the summer, titled The Missing II.



# Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday June 3, 2015**

## ACTION SHEET

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

### CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday July 15 2015, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:12am

### INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Monica L. Antone

### ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2- Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Angelia Allison; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Janice F. Stewart Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr. (2:17); D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:20), Albert Pablo (9:25), Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

### REPORTS

\*1. Legislative Education Report

Presenter: Arizona Senator Carlyle W. Begay LD-7

REPORT HEARD

\*2. 2014 Indian Education Annual Report

Presenter: Arizona Senator Carlyle W. Begay LD-7

REPORT HEARD

\*3. 2014 Native American Education Status Report

Presenter: Arizona Senator Carlyle W. Begay LD-7

REPORT HEARD

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:11AM]

\*4. Gila River Voter Registration Board – Annual Report FY 2014

Presenter: Hazel Lewis

REPORT HEARD

5. Pee Posh Veterans Association-FY2015 3rd. Quarter Report

Presenter: Dan Jenkins

REPORT HEARD

6. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., - Federal Communications Commission Form 481

Presenters: Belinda Nelson, Courtney Hogancamp

REPORT HEARD

7. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., - Federal Communications Commission Local Rate Floor Data

Presenters: Belinda Nelson, Courtney Hogancamp

REPORT HEARD

8. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority-Report FY15 2nd Quarter (January 1, 2015-March 31, 2015)

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

REPORT HEARD

9. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation-2015 Annual Report

Presenter: Elizabeth Bohnee

REPORT HEARD

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:17PM]

10. Gila Crossing Community School Quarter 1 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Victoria Jones

REPORT HEARD

11. Against Abuse Inc. La Paloma Center

Presenter: Sally Peoples

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Gila River Gaming Commission-General Report May 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Office Of The Treasurer-Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending-June 30, 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Mike Jacobs

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Appointment Of A New Housing Team Member To The Housing Owner's Team (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Housing Owner's Team

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2014 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Riparian Restoration Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Resolution Copper Mining, LLC (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Identifying And Protecting The Community's Historical Ties To Lands Known As "Oak Flat" Within The Tonto National Forest (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval, CRSC concurs)

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel, Akin Gump Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving The Engagement Of Principal Financial By The Gila River Farms To Provide 401(K) Retirement Plan Services (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Tiffany Horne, Catherine Langford

APPROVED

6. Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 4585 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2967-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 386 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 159 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 3433 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

12. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2906 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Seven Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

13. A Resolution Recognizing Skyline Gila River Schools, LLC (ESC moves to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval G&MSC concurs)

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

APPROVED

### ORDINANCES

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud High School Written Plan SY 2014-2015 (ESC moves to forward to Community Council with additional cover letter)

Presenter: Kim Franklin

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

2. Alternate Court of Appeals Judge Appointment (1)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE, SECOND AND WITHDRAWN TO APPOINT GREGORY SMITH

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT JESSE FILKINS

3. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors Appointment (1)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT PAMELA THOMAS

### NEW BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Potential Impacts of the Supreme Court Decision in Obergefell v. Hodges on the Community (Executive Session) (LSC moves to forward the Memorandum to Community Council for discussion and recommended action)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND 1) THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL EXERCISES ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND RECOGNIZES THAT THE INTENT OF GRIC CODE. TITLE 9, SECTION 9.103 IS THAT A MARRIAGE IS BETWEEN AND MAN AND A WOMAN; 2) THE COMMUNITY WILL MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO – THAT SAME SEX MARRIAGE IS NOT TRADITIONALLY RECOGNIZED IN THE COMMUNITY – PENDING FULL CONSIDERATION BY THE STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND OF ANY LEGISLATIVE CHANGES; 3) THE COMMUNITY COURT SHALL NOT ISSUE ANY MARRIAGE LICENSES TO COUPLES OF THE SAME SEX AND NO APPOINTED OR ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE COMMUNITY SHALL OFFICIATE AT ANY SAME SEX MARRIAGE WHICH TAKES PLACE ON THE GILA RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION; 4) THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL IS DIRECTED TO DRAFT AND PRESENT AMENDMENTS TO THE GRIC CODE WITHIN 30 DAYS WHICH MORE CLEARLY RECOGNIZES AND CODIFIES THE COMMUNITY'S HISTORICAL TRADITION, BOTH AKIMEL O'ODHAM AND PEE POSH, OF NOT PERMITTING OR RECOGNIZING SAME-SEX OR COMMON LAW MARRIAGES SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:54PM]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Special Audit Report Domestic Violence Shelter (Executive Session) (H&SSC moves to forward to Community Council for discussion and action)

Presenter: William Tye

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO FORWARD THE SPECIAL AUDIT REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY MANAGER/ EXECUTIVE FOR REVIEW AND A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN BROUGHT BACK

3. NIGA Legislative Summit July 21-22, 2015

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO COUNCIL MEMBERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

4. Litigation Team Delegations

Presenter: Councilwoman Jennifer Allison

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DELEGATE GOVERNOR AND COUNCILMAN BRIAN DAVIS, SR.

LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE SUSPENDED THE RULES TO ADD THE NATIONAL TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSIONERS/REGULATORS CONFERENCE

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

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5. National Tribal Gaming Commissioners/Regulators Conference  
 Presenter: Community Council  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO COUNCIL MEMBERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING MINUTES

1. April 15, 2015 (Regular) APPROVED  
 2. May 6, 2015 (Regular) APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 >PHYLLIS MACHUKAY (JACKSON) SERVICES FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2015, MASS SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015  
 >ELGIN JACKSON SERVICES FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2015 &

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015  
 >SPECIAL H&SSC MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2015, 9AM  
 ADJOURNMENT  
 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:25PM  
 \* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

# Notice of Unclaimed Property

Ordinance GR 10-09 requires the Finance Department to publish official notice in the Gila River Indian Newspaper and on the official web site for the Gila River Indian Community before disposing of unclaimed money, payroll checks, refunds of employee benefits, or other checks. Therefore, we are requesting Community Public Affairs Office (CPAO) to publish the following message in the Gila River Indian Newspaper and on the Gila River Indian Community's official web site for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of publication. Please call me at 562-9643 if you have any questions:

The following list contains the names of individuals and other parties with outstanding checks recorded as of September 30, 2014. In accordance with Escheat Ordinance GR 10-09 the Community will publish a biannual schedule or as deemed necessary by the Community Treasurer, the Escheat Public Notice. Public notice of unclaimed checks will be published in the Gila River Indian Newspaper and GRIC's official web site. If the last known owner is known to be a Community member, the department, program, or entity shall also post notice at all District Service Centers. In order to claim the check, the owner must claim it in person within 30 days of publication or posting. In addition, to make claim, the person must provide the department, program, or entity with positive identification, including photo identification showing the person claiming the check is the last known owner. If the check is unclaimed for 60 days after publication, it shall escheat and title thereof shall vest in the Community, or as applicable, the Federal, State, or other agency that provided the funding. If you are the recipient of unclaimed property, please contact Verlene Antone of the Finance Department at (520) 562-9621 for further instructions.

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 ACCREDITED FAMILY HEALTHCARE  
 ADVANCED THERAPY SOLUTIONS LLC  
 AFFINITY PHYSICAL THERAPY  
 ALL SMILES DENTAL CARE  
 ANNA M ARMENTA  
 APOLLO HOSPITALISTS PLLC  
 ARIZONA STATE ORTHOPAEDICS LLC  
 ARIZONA STATE UROLOGICAL INSTI  
 ASSOCIATED RADIOLOGISTS LTD  
 BABAK ARABSHAH, MD  
 BENDEL CLINIC  
 BHAVANI NAGINANI, MD  
 BILTMORE CARDIOLOGY  
 BRIAN LEWIS  
 CARY GUNDLACH, DC  
 CECLILIA ALMODOVA  
 CENTER FOR FAMILY MEDICINE MD  
 CHERYL MIGUEL  
 COLLINS APPIAH, MD  
 COOLIDGE FAMILY DENTAL CARE  
 DAMEN JAMES, SR  
 DARIN M WHITE  
 DENTAL SPECIALTY ASSOCIATES  
 DESERT DENTISTRY PARTNERS  
 DEVIN JOHNS  
 DISCOUNT DIABETIC LLC  
 DONALD T KENDRICK  
 DOUGLAS HASSENPLUG  
 DR JOSE FRANCISCO CARRAZCO MD  
 DR WADE LUECK  
 DRAKE LEWIS  
 DRORY TENDLER, MD  
 DUANE L JOHNS  
 EAST VALLEY LACTATION SUPPORT  
 EAST VALLEY RHEUMATOLOGY & OST  
 EAST VALLEY URGENT  
 EDWARD KELLY, DPM  
 ENEZ JACKSON

ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN DENTISTRY PL  
 FAMILY EYECARE OF GLENDALE  
 FLORENCE COMMUNITY HEALTH  
 GILA RIVER HEALTHCARE CORP  
 HANGER PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS  
 HARVEST PHYSICAL THERAPY  
 HECTOR E RODRIGUEZ  
 HOMAN MOSTAFAVI, DO  
 IMPRESSIONS AT CASA GRANDE PLC  
 JACK LUFTMAN BSC DDS PC  
 JANICE MOTOIKE, PHD PLLC  
 JASON WOLFF, DO  
 JAVIER RAMOS  
 JOHN A VEGA  
 JOHN E DICKERSON, DC PC  
 JOSEPH HARRIS DDS  
 KAREN SIMON, O.D.  
 KID-1 PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY PC  
 KIDIATRIC DENTAL PLLC  
 KIDS DENTAL CENTER LLC  
 KIRKLAND HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS  
 LARRY D PORTER, JR  
 LIBERATION CENTER  
 LORETTA A CRUZ  
 LORIN JACKSON  
 MARLA M ENOS  
 MEGAN JHAVIER  
 MELINDA SANDERSON  
 MELISSA J SUNN  
 MICHAEL MINTZ, DO  
 MICHAEL SUNDUST  
 MICHELLE SHORT, RN BSN RNFA  
 MID VALLEY DENTAL ASSOCIATES LLC  
 MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS AZ  
 MOHAMMAD SALIM, MD  
 MONTOYA PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY LL  
 MORISSA RICHMAN, O.D., L.L.C.  
 NEVA O FELIX  
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 ORVAN J BYLER  
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 PEACH TREE DENTAL GROUP LLP  
 PHOENIX CHILDRENS HOSPITAL  
 PHOENIX VAMC  
 PINETOP LAKESIDE INTEG AND PHY  
 PROMENADE SMILES LLP  
 QUANG VU  
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 RAVI GUPTA, MD  
 RAYME N BILLY  
 RCG SOUTH PHOENIX  
 RENEE S JOHNS  
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 RONALD GLUFF  
 RONALD J LYNCH  
 ROSA GARCIA  
 RTA HOMECARE  
 SALUD FOR WOMEN AND FAMILY  
 SHAWNA BROWN  
 STEPHANIE R VAVAGES  
 SUNSHINE CHILD & ADOLESCENT  
 TABETHA EVANS  
 TAMMY M HISTIA  
 THE DENTAL CENTER PLC  
 THIEN C PHAM DDS  
 TODAYS WOMENS HEALTH SPECIALIS  
 VALLEY ANESTHESIOLOGY CONSULTS  
 VILLAGO MARKETPLACE DENTAL CAR  
 WAHLEAN RIGGS  
 WANDA REDBIRD  
 WAYNE ETSITTY

## Piestewa Games Results: Track Team Brings Home Gold, Baseball Teams Win Big

**By Mikhail Sundust**  
 Gila River Indian News

The Lori Piestewa National Native American Games is a family event and fun for all ages. This year, a number of teams from the Gila River Indian Community participated in volleyball, softball, baseball and track & field.

The track team Native Acceleration brought home more than 100 medals with nearly 40 members of its team participating in events such as the 100 meter dash, the 300 meter run, shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, and many other dashes and runs. Team members from under 8 to over 40-years-old won a total of 68 gold, 37 silver, and 13 bronze medals.

Meanwhile on the baseball diamond, Gila River teams Outkast and Bears placed second and third respectively in the Little League Baseball tournament. Stamped,

the team that took first place, was made up of children from Gila River and the Tohono O'odham Nation.

A contingent of GRIC members also participated in the co-ed softball and volleyball competitions. The team Rez Guys repre-

sented Gila River in men's softball and Sassy & Classy represented GRIC in women's softball.

Congratulations to all who had fun in the Piestewa Games and we hope to see you again next year.



Photo courtesy of Nick Lewis, Native Acceleration

**Boys on Native Acceleration close in on the finish line of the 200 meter race.**

**August 20th ,21st , 22nd, 2015**  
 Thursday, Friday and Saturday

## T - Ball Tournament

**D - 4 Park 8 Team Limit**

Double Elimination  
**Ages: 5-8yrs old**  
**Free Entry**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Awards  
**Trophy's & Shirts**  
**Deadline: August 12, 2015**

For more information call D - 4 Recreation  
**(520) 418-3661**



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to ELSIE A. MOLINA aka ELSIE AILEEN MOLINA that you are natural mother of MARICELLA ADELIA MOLINA who was born on May 31, 2003 in Casa Grande, Arizona, County of Pinal, and LUCIANA ANALICIA MOLINA who was born on October 10, 2006 in Casa Grande, Arizona, County of Pinal. You are HEREBY NOTIFIED, that:

1. A Petition for termination of Parental Rights of MARICELLA ADELIA MOLINA and LUCIANA ANALICIA MOLINA has been filed with the Children's Court of the Gila River Indian

Community. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter under the Gila River Indian Community Children's Code.

2. YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear for an Answer/Response Hearing and answer or appear as an interested party to the Petition before the Gila River Indian Community Children's Court. If you fail to appear the court may issue a default judgment against you. This matter has been scheduled at the place, date, and time set forth below:  
Sacaton Children's Court  
721 West Seed Farm Road

Sacaton, Arizona 85147  
(520) 562-9860  
Before the Hon. Jay Pedro/JC 2015-0146  
Date: August 27, 2015 Time: 9:00 A.M.

3. If you wish to assert parental rights to the children described, and/or if you wish to contest the proposed termination petition, your obligations are as follows:  
(A) Appear at the scheduled Answer/Response Hearing set for August 27, 2015 at 9:00 am. at the Sacaton Children's Court.  
(B) You may initiate a maternity action and are required to serve the Petitioners in this matter,

through undersigned counsel, within thirty (30) days of the completion of service of this Notice:  
Tamera C Shanker  
The Shanker Law Firm, PLC  
700 East Baseline Road, Bldg. B  
Tempe, Arizona 85283  
(480) 838-9300  
(C) You must proceed to judgment in any initiated maternity action.  
(D) You may seek to obtain custody of the children.  
(E) You must begin to provide financial support for the children.

4. You may wish to consult with an attorney to assist you in contesting the termination proceedings, initiating a paternity action or determining what cause of action you wish to take in response to this Notice. If you would like legal counsel you may contact the Defense Services Offices at (520) 562-5700.  
DATED this 28 day of July, 2015.

The Shanker Law Firm, P.L.C.  
Tamera C. Shanker  
Attorney for Prospective Adoptive Parents


Gila River Health Care Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic (Title X Funded) AUGUST 2015				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 <b>D3 (SACATON)</b> BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:00-3:00 PM	4 <b>AK-CHIN</b> 8:30-2:00 PM	5 <b>D6 (KOMATKE)</b> BY KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	6 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	7 <b>NO CLINIC</b>
10 <b>D6 (LAVEEN)</b> <b>RTC</b> BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	11 <b>D4 (SAN TAN)</b> SERVICE CENTER 8:30-3:00 PM	12 <b>D7 (Maricopa Colony)</b> SERVICE CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	13 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	14 <b>NO CLINIC</b>
17 <b>D3 SACATON</b> <b>(SOUTHWEST SIDE OF HOSPITAL CAMPUS)</b> INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:00-12:00 PM	18 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	19 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	20 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	21 <b>NO CLINIC</b>
24 <b>D3 (SACATON)</b> BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:00-3:00 PM	25 <b>D5 (BAPCHULE)</b> MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-3:00 PM	26 <b>D4 (SAN TAN)</b> SNAKETOWN CIRCLE 8:30-3:00 PM	27 <b>SACATON</b> DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (DRS)	28 <b>NO CLINIC</b>
31 <b>D3 (SACATON)</b> BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:00-3:00 PM				<b>SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY!</b>

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY				
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			

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**  
*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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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**  
Pesticide Control Office  
**Bed Bug Survey**







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**Safe Native American Passengers (SNAP)**

SNAP is a Child Passenger Safety course for Native American communities. Come learn more about how to keep your kids safe in cars at our SNAP Training!

Tuesday, August 4, 2015  
9:30 am to 12:00 Noon - Morning Session  
1:30pm to 4:00 pm - Afternoon Session

**HOW DO I BENEFIT FROM SNAP?**

- SNAP provides preparatory training for those who are considering taking the certification course through the Safe Kids Certification Program.
- Serves as an introductory course for child passenger safety
- Provides a basic overview of the proper use and installation of child restraints while addressing several issues that are unique to Native American Communities.

Tribal Health Department-Located in the same building as GRHC Transportation in District 3, Sacaton, Arizona - Conference Room A

Wednesday, August 12, 2014  
9:30 am to 12:00 Noon - Morning Session  
1:30pm to 4:00 pm - Afternoon Session

Komatke Dialysis Center Conference Room - District 6 Gila Crossing

**SNAP DOES NOT...**

- Provide CPS technician certification
- Allow participants to serve as a technical expert - i.e. inspect seats
- Prepare one to teach SNAP or Certified Passenger Seat Training

For more information and to register please contact:  
Injury Prevention Program at (520) 550-8000

**Are You A Parent or A Grandparent?**

The Life Center Parenting Program is for parents and grandparents that want to keep their children healthy! Participants will learn how to plan healthy meals on a budget, choose healthier foods, build their child's self-esteem, and encourage physical activity.

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Life Center  
Mondays at Noon starting August 10th  
Tuesdays at 5:30 pm starting August 11th  
Wednesdays at 2:00 pm starting August 12th

Komatke Health Center Life Center  
Thursdays at Noon starting August 13th  
Transportation Available

For more information and to sign up,  
call Natalyn at the Life Center at:  
(520) 562-7940

**Teen & Young Adult Workshop  
"Who We Are"**

Akimel O'odham and Pee Posh teachings and how we live our best today promoting health and sobriety. Bringing awareness of underage drinking, substance abuse, and suicide prevention within the Community.

Friday, August 7, 2015  
District 7 Service Center  
8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Thursday, September 10, 2015  
District 2 Multi Purpose Building  
8:30 am to 2:30 pm

For more information contact  
Behavioral Health Services Prevention at:  
(520) 562-3321 Ext: 7031 - (520) 562-3321 Ext: 7157  
BHSprevention@GRHC.ORG

**ABCS Are For Everyone**

- A** 1C less than 7%
- B** Blood Pressure Range: 140/80
- C** Cholesterol: less than 200
- S** No Smoking

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

The self-care behavior of the month is: No Smoking

Try these tips for not smoking:

- Deep breaths - practice mindful breathing
- Drink plenty of water
- Do Something else - take a walk, brush your teeth, or chew gum
- Delay smoking - talk with family or friends or have a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables

Please talk to your GRHC provider about your ABCS.

**Elders Meeting**

Gila River Indian Community Elders Meeting  
September 9, 2015 - 9 a.m.  
District 1 Service Center  
Topic: GRHC Improvements and Construction Projects

**Flu Vaccinations**

Even healthy kids of any age can get seriously sick from the flu, and they can spread it to family, friends and others. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year.

Get your kids vaccinated—call their doctor, nurse or clinic.

For more information contact:  
Marcy Hamblin, Infection Prevention Specialist  
(520) 562-3321 Ext:1556  
www.flu.gov



**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**



# [MONSOON]

**Be Prepared. Be cautious. Be Monsoon Ready.**

**Office of  
Emergency  
Management  
(520) 796-3755**



***Monsoon Season brings Dust Storms that can sustain wind speeds of between 30 and 40 mph or wind gusts of between 40 and 58 mph. Winds this strong can make driving difficult...especially for high profile vehicles. In addition...strong winds over desert areas could result in briefly lowered visibilities to well under a mile at times.***

## **If you encounter a dust storm,**

1. Immediately check traffic around your vehicle (front, back and to the side) and begin slowing down.
2. Look for a safe place to pull completely off the paved area of the roadway
3. Pull off the roadway, do it as soon as possible, do not wait until visibility is poor.
4. Do not stop in a travel lane or in the emergency lane.

## **When you are safely off the road follow these safety rules.**

1. Turn off all vehicle lights, including your emergency flashers.
2. Put your car in park, set your emergency brake and take your foot off the brake pedal. To make sure the brake lights are off.
3. Stay in the vehicle with your seatbelts buckled and wait for the storm to pass.
4. If you cannot pull off the road, continue at a slower speed, turn your lights on and use the center line to guide you.

## **If you are outside:**

- Seek shelter immediately (if possible).
- Cover your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- If you cannot find shelter stay low and cover up.

Be ready for a sudden drop in visibility. Dust storms are unexpected and unpredictable. Avoid driving into or through a dust storm.

**The Risk is real. Be prepared**

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