



GILA RIVER INDIAN NEWS



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MAR 5 Riparian Project to 'Bring Back the Gila River'



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Water rushes into the Gila River from the MAR 5 site. The MAR 5 Project is an effort to partially restore the river to its former glory.

By Gila River Indian Community

The sound of rushing water marked the first regular deliveries of water to begin restoring the

Gila River just west of the Olberg Bridge in District 3. The Aug. 31, delivery of Central Arizona Project water to the Managed Aquifer Recharge site #5, a river resto-

ration and groundwater recharge project commonly called MAR 5, is a defining moment in the Community's history, according to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

"MAR 5 is the first step to truly bring back the Gila River to the Community, but it also has

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Sports Banquet Recognizes Youth Athletes

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

The Recreation Department held a sports banquet on Aug. 29 at the District 4 ballfield to honor more than a dozen youth sports teams that competed in various tournaments and leagues over the summer.

Among the celebrated teams was the Gila River Bears, who won the little league Single A Division in the 17th Annual D-Backs Inter-Tribal Youth Baseball Invitational. Their coach, Gordon "Shoni" June received the Coach of the Year Award for leading his team to championships during the ITYB Invitational and GRIC little league tournament.

The Lil Braves received honorable mentions for participating

in various basketball and T-ball tournaments on and off the Community.

Teen basketball team Gila River Warriors was recognized for its efforts in the Native American Basketball Invitational tournament.

Here is a list of teams that won in the GRIC Recreation Tournaments this summer:

Basketball

5-8 division: Champions – Lil Braves, 2nd – Gila River, 3rd – Hashan Kehk

9-12 division: Champions – Snaketown, 2nd – Ak-Chin, 3rd – Gila River

13-17 division: Champions – Gila River Warriors, 2nd – Blackwater, 3rd – Gila River

Baseball

T-Ball: Champions – Lil



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Recreation Coordinator Amber Childs hands out medals to youth athletes who participated in GRIC tournaments this summer.

Braves A, 2nd – Lil Braves B, 3rd 12U, 3rd – T.O. Red Sox

– Lil Rangers

Little League: Champions – Congratulations to all the teams that competed in the various leagues and tournaments!

GRIC Receives Eddie Basha Award for Support of Early Education

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community was recognized for its contribution to early education at the First Things First Summit at the Phoenix Convention Center on August 25.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and other GRIC representatives accepted the inaugural Eddie Basha Excellence Award for Service and Leadership on behalf of the Community.

The Community was nominated by District 1 Councilman Arzie Hogg, who is the GRIC Education Standing Committee



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis accepts the Eddie Basha award on behalf of the Community for its commitment to early education.

Chairman and sits on the FTF Gila River Regional Council.

In his nomination statement Hogg praised First Things First

and the regional council for their dedication to early childhood development.

"The team of FTF and the Gila River Indian Community is a great success story," said Hogg.

He highlighted the partnership that has developed over the years saying it, "Can work across state and tribal lines to build upon the tribal system to ensure all children arrive at kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed," stated Hogg.

A particular trait he highlighted was the personal commitment

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D7 Refuses Canals

Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

District 7 community members voiced opposition to the use of reclaimed water in District 7 and approved of a motion opposing the construction of new pipelines in D7 in a July regular district meeting.

But some district residents are contesting that motion, saying the district should consider allowing P-MIP to construct the infrastructure because it would provide the district with the option to bring in water from the Community's Water Settlement in the future, even if that means leaving the pipelines empty in the interim.

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Primary Care Department Remodel

Please excuse our mess while we are remodeling the Primary Care Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

Phase I: August 2015 - April 2016

Phase II: May 2016 - September 2016

For more information contact:
Angela Valdez
(520) 562-3321 Ext: 1338

GRHC.ORG/CommunityInformation



ICD - 10

Starting October 1, 2015, all hospitals nationwide are required to implement something new; It's called "ICD-10". It is the new "International Classification of Diseases 10th Revision (ICD-10) diagnosis coding. It is mandated by Medicare and Medicaid. It affects how healthcare providers must document and code a patient's electronic health record. **We respectfully request your patience and understanding while Gila River Health Care implements the new ICD-10 on October 1, 2015.**

Patients may experience longer than expected wait times while providers become familiar with the new documentation requirements and diagnosis codes. Gila River Health Care is ready for ICD-10 and we are preparing for a smooth transition We will make every effort to make this time period as brief as possible. We are talking weeks, not months.

Thanks again for your understanding. Should you have questions, please contact the Cultural Customer Service Department at: (602) 528-1453 or visit GRHC.ORG/ICD-10

Who We Are Teen and Young Adult Workshop

Bringing awareness about underage drinking, substance abuse, and suicide prevention within the Community through traditional Akimel O'odham and Pee Posh teachings.

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

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

Holiday Closures

In observance of Labor Day, Gila River Health Care will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015

Visit GRHC.ORG/HolidayClosures for detailed information or call (520) 562-3321

ELDER'S CIRCLE

Caring House

Together, the Caring House and Gila River Health Care are paving a pathway of good will for the greater good. The Caring House and Gila River Health Care now offer healthcare services for everyone from babies to the elders of the Gila River Indian Community.

Caring House staff strives to make residents feel at home and provide culturally appropriate care for its residents.

To learn more about the Caring House services and programs, please contact Christopher Daroczy at: (520) 562-7408, or go to GRHC.ORG/Caring House

GRIC Elder's Meeting
September 9, 2015 - 9 a.m.
District #1 Service Center
Topic: Behavioral Health

Amputee & Wheelchair- bound Support Group

Please join us every first Tuesday of the month from, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm at:

Life Center
Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

Life Center
Komatke Health Center

A great opportunity to meet new people, learn new ideas and support others.

- 10/6/15 Healthy Meal Planning
- 11/3/15 Podiatry and Wound Care
- 12/1/15 Prescriptions & Medications

For more information and assistance with transportation call: (520) 562-7940

Just Move It! Run/Walk Series

The 4th Annual Just Move It! 2015 Community Wide Run/Walk Series will kick off next month on Friday, September 25th in District 7. The Diabetes Prevention Program looks forward to hosting this annual event for the community.

- 9/25 District 7 Service Center Registration 5 pm - Start 5:30 pm
- 9/30 District 3 - Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Registration 5 pm - Start 5:30 pm
- 10/3 District 4 Service Center Registration 7 am - Start 7:30 pm
- 10/7 District 2 Service Center Registration 5 pm - Start 5:30 pm
- 10/14 District 6 - Komatke Health Center Registration 5 pm - Start 5:30 pm
- 10/21 District 1 Service Center Registration 5 pm - Start 5:30 pm
- 10/23 District 5 Service Center Registration 4:30 pm - Start 5:00 pm

For more information, contact the Diabetes Prevention Program at (520) 562-7940
GRHC.ORG/CommunityInformation

HHKMH Cafeteria Menu

Monday 7-Sep-2015	Tuesday 8-Sep-2015	Wednesday 9-Sep-2015	Thursday 10-Sep-2015	Friday 11-Sep-2015
HOOLIDAY	B- Ham, Egg & Cheese Crescent Sandwich Turkey Burger w/ Swiss Cheese French Fries Smoothie & Cheese Soup	B- Biscuit & Sausage Gravy Bean Tostitos Fiesta Rice Salsa Chicken Chipping Soup	B- Steak, Potato & Green Chili Burrito Chicken Parmesan Fettuccine Steamed Mixed Vegetables Dark Toast Roast Pork w/ Ham Soup	B- Chorizo & Potato Burrito Fish Tacos Steamed Dinner Rice Mixed Vegetables Roast Butternut Squash Soup
Monday 14-Sep-2015	Tuesday 15-Sep-2015	Wednesday 16-Sep-2015	Thursday 17-Sep-2015	Friday 18-Sep-2015
B- Bacon & Egg Burrito Wheat OR Vegetable Lettuce Wired Vegetables & Garlic Bread Mushroom Pie (Vegetarian Soup)	B- Sausage & Egg Muffin Sandwich Indian Taco Salsa Chicken Tortilla Soup	B- Chicken & Egg Burrito Crispy Chicken Wrap Orange Whipped Fruit Salad Vegetable Beef Pot Stew Soup	B- Biscuit & Sausage Gravy Taco Salad Salsa Beef Chili from Cheddar Soup	

Native Brew

Native Brew is now serving flavored coffee, smoothies and a variety of sandwiches and is located in the lobby of Komatke Clinic

Business Hours: Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

For more information please contact:
Rolinda Perez at (480) 352-4392

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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



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Monica L. Antone

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Blackwater Community School

Open Enrollment

Blackwater Community school is now accepting applications for pre-kindergarten class.

Requirements

Birthday must fall between September 1— December 31

- Birth certificate
- CDIB
- Immunization records
- Social security card
- Questions 520)215-5859

IN LOVING MEMORY

SYLVIA M. LEWIS-GAYTAN

7/26/42 - 8/17/12

It doesn't seem possible that 3 years has passed since you've been gone. The many memories that we have will remain in our minds and hearts forever; remembering you on your birthday and your 3rd anniversary. Love you forever Sister

Gila River Health Care Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic
(Title X Funded)

SEPTEMBER 2015

CALL OR TEXT 520 371-0132

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 AK-CHIN 8:30-2:00 PM	2 D6 (KOMATKE) BY KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	3 NO CLINIC	4 NO CLINIC
7 NO CLINIC HOLIDAY	8 D4 (SAN TAN) GILA BUTTE HOUSING 8:30-3:00 PM	9 D5 (BAPCHULE) SACATE HOUSING 8:30-12:00 PM PEDRO SITE HOUSING 12:30-3:00 PM	10 D3 (SACATON) BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:00-3:00 PM	11 NO CLINIC
14 D6 (LAVEEN) RTC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	15 D7 (Maricopa Colony) NEW HOUSING 9:00-2:00 PM	16 D1 (BLACKWATER) MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-3:00 PM	17 NO CLINIC	18 NO CLINIC
21 D3 (SACATON) BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:00-3:00 PM	22 D5 (BAPCHULE) MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-3:00PM	23 D2 MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-2:00 PM	24 SACATON DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (DRS)	25 NO CLINIC
28 NO CLINIC	29 NO CLINIC	30 NO CLINIC		SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Gila River Police Requesting Assistance in Homicide Case



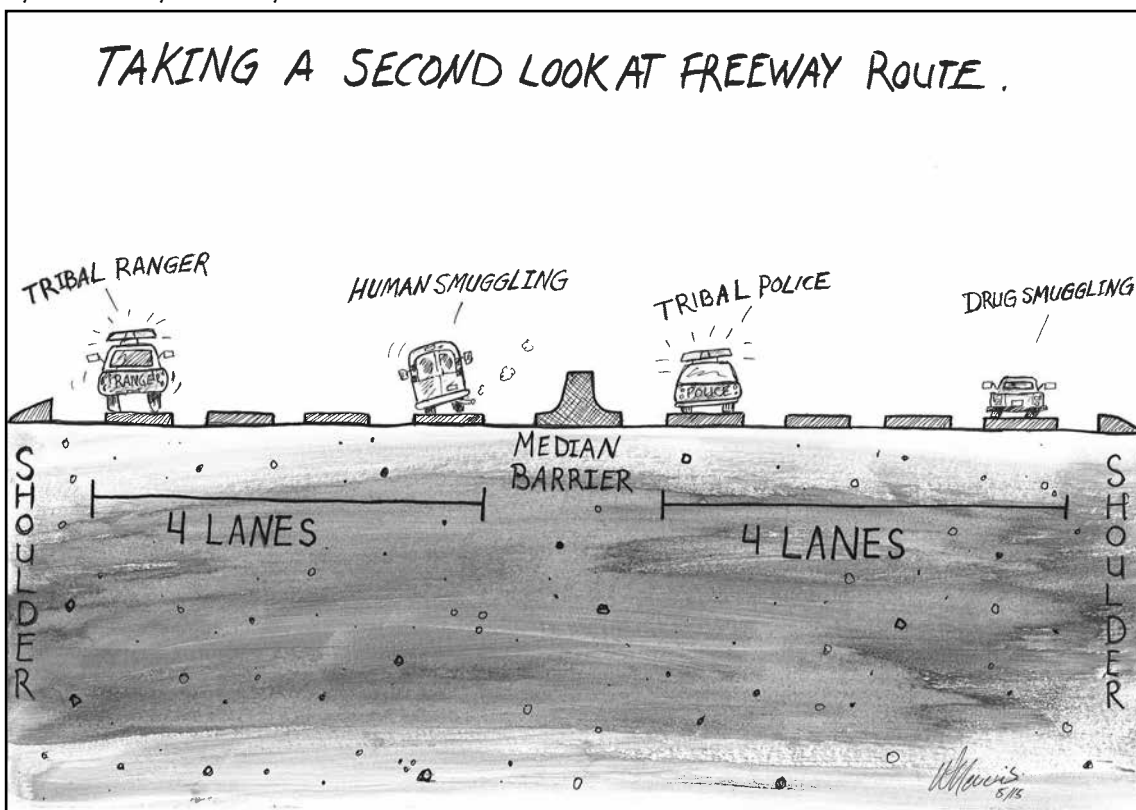
SACATON – Gila River Police is requesting the public's help on any information regarding a Homicide that occurred on July 22, 2015, in the area of District Four.

On July 22, 2015 at approximately 11:50 p.m., Gila River Police Officers responded to a report of a deceased subject located in the area of Aspen and Lower San Tan Road. The victim was identified as Anna Justin, 25 year old female.

Gila River Criminal Investigations is asking for the community's help about Anna's whereabouts the night she was last seen, if she spoke to anyone regarding her activities, or has any additional information regarding this case.

The Gila River Police Department is encouraging those who have had contact with Anna Justin to contact Detective Chad Towe, Criminal Investigations Bureau at (520)796-3678 or Silent Witness at (520) 562-7144. Gila River Police Department is offering a cash reward for information leading to an arrest and or indictment, your call will remain anonymous.

By Community artist Wayne Narcia



CORRECTIONS

The GRIN misspelled the name of GRIC Human Resources Director Shawna Shultz in the Aug. 21 edition. Additionally, she has one son and one daughter, not two sons. Our apologies to Mrs. Shultz.

The GRIN encourages comments and suggestions about content that warrants correction or clarification. To report an error call (520) 562-9719 or email grin@gric.nsn.us

COMMUNITY UPDATES BY GRIN STAFF

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

Gila River TV is GRBC TV

By Gila River Broadcasting Corp.

Taking inspiration from past leadership, the Gila River Indian Community is now the proud proprietor of the first Native owned and operated low power television station in Indian Country. The Gila River Broadcasting Corporation sends its signal throughout all seven districts of the community to serve the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh tribal members that live within its borders. GRBC broadcasts via three transmitters located in District 1-channel 21, District 4-channel 29 and District 7-channel 19.

GRBC is on-air 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, in partnership with First Nations Experience, or FNx, based in San Bernardino, California. FNx is a TV network featuring Native American & Indigenous programming – created by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians & KVCR. Through Native-produced and/or themed documentaries, dramatic series and arts programming, the chan-

nel illustrates the lives and cultures of Native American and indigenous people around the world.

Gila River tribal members can look to GRBC for cultural and educational content, public safety and health and wellness announcements, and even children's programming, all delivered from a uniquely Native American and indigenous perspective. GRBC has been established to serve as a form of outreach to keep Community members updated on local news and upcoming events, we hope to start filming on site at GRIC events in the near future for more local content.

How much do I have to pay to get GRBC TV?

GRBC TV is a free service, there is no cost to receive the signal, as long as you have power, a television and an HD antenna, you can tune to channel 19, 21 or 29 to view GRBC TV.

I live on the Gila River reservation, how come I still can't see GRBC TV?

Your current antenna may be too small or you may

need to move your antenna closer to a door or window, or an antenna may need to be setup outdoors facing toward the transmitter site. Other electronics such as a microwave, refrigerator, and cordless phones may be interfering with the signal, try moving your antenna above these appliances.

How do I know which way to face my antenna towards the transmitter sites?

Depending where you are in your district: Districts 1, 2 & 3 should face the antenna towards the District 1 Fire Department building. Districts 3, 4 & 5 should face the antenna towards District 4 Service Center. District 5, 6 & 7 should face the antenna towards the east of the old District 7 Service building, by the newest housing development.

For more information, please visit us at www.grbc.tv or give us a call at 520-796-8848. Like our page on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @GilaRiverTV for up to date info! Thank you for watching GRBC TV!

Community Events

Friday, September 4

- First Friday
- 5:00pm – 9:00pm
- Entertainment: O'otham Traditions and Traditional Dance Groups
- Free Admission
- Huhugam Heritage Center
- 4759 N. Maricopa Rd, Chandler, AZ
- More information call 520-796-3500

Saturday, September 5

- Lone Butte Casino GRIC Grand Celebration
- 3:00pm – 9:00pm
- An evening filled with music, comedy and dancing to celebrate the new additions to Lone Butte Casino

Saturday, September 12

- 150th Annual Mustering In Day Celebration
- District 7 Park
- Parade, 5K Walk/Run, Softball Tournament, Elder Chair Volleyball, Kids Games, and Live Entertainment, Free Admission
- 8035 S. 83rd Ave, Laveen AZ
- For more information contact the District 7 Service Center at 520-430-4780

Saturday, September 12

- O'odham Veterans Celebrations
- Blackwater District 1/Multi-purpose Bldg.
- 15747 N. Shegoi Road, Coolidge AZ
- 85128
- Contact Douglas Juan at 602-327-5973 for more information.

Saturday, September 12

- Grandparent's Day Bingo
- 9:00am
- Bingo prizes for D4 Grandparents
- Snacks, fruit, and drinks will be provided
- Bingo rules will be given on arrival
- District 4 Service Center Main Hall
- (Flyer cutoff where call information is)

Thursday, September 17

- Vah Ki Ha Thash
- 5:00pm – 10:00pm
- Featuring Gerti & the T.O. Boyz
- Bouncing houses, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, dance contest, popover contest, and horse shoe tournament
- Vah Ki Baseball Fields
- District 5 recreation: 520-315-3441

Friday, September 18

- O'otham Tash Celebration
- 12:00 pm – 12:00 am
- Presented by District Six Recreation
- Jumping Castles, Food Vendors, Lil' League Tournament, Fun Walk, Raffles, Mush Ball Tournament
- Two Rivers band: 8PM – 12AM
- Call 520-550-3805 for more information.

Friday, September 18

- Indian Day Health and Fitness 5K Run/ 1Mi Fun Walk
- 6:30am – 9:00am
- Breakfast and raffle prizes. T-shirts for the first 60 runners/walkers that register.
- District 2 Multipurpose Building
- Contact 520-562-3450 ex. 2530 or 520-610-1105 for more information

Showing: Sunday, September 6 - Saturday, September 12, 2015

GILARIVER TV PROGRAM GUIDE

*Schedule may be subject to change.

	Sunday 9/6	Monday 9/7	Tuesday 9/8	Wednesday 9/9	Thursday 9/10	Friday 9/11	Saturday 9/12
6:30am & 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
12:00pm	Alaska Tribes The Story of Federal Indian Law In Alaska	After The Gold Rush	Native Planet Ecuador	Smoke Traders	Amazonia Eterna	Long Journey Home	Unshackled
12:30pm	Back in the Day Shelter	Ravens and Eagles Stone Carver	Samaqan Water Stories Introduction	Ravens and Eagles On The Trail of Property	Samaqan Water Stories Akwiten	Ravens and Eagles In Our Blood	Seasoned with Spirit Food Upon The Water
1:00pm	Untamed Gourmet Vancouver Island Dungeness Crab	Vitality Gardening The Warehouse Garden,	Vitality Gardening The Northern Harvest	Vitality Gardening The Harvest Feast	Vitality Gardening The End of the Season	Vitality Gardening Welcome to Vitality Gardening	Storytellers In Motion Our First Lady of Cinema with
2:00pm	Seasoned with Spirit Food Upon The Water	Vitality Health Living with Diabetes Day	Vitality Health Spiritual Day	Vitality Health Nutrition Day	Vitality Health Health/Stress Management Day	Vitality Health Fitness Day	Native Nation Building A Capable Bureaucracy:
2:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Earth Voices Steve Kakfwi	Earth Voices Bernard Ominayak	Earth Voices Walter Bonaise	Earth Voices Harold Cardinal	Earth Voices Joane Cardinal-Schubert	People of the Pines Uncharted Territory
3:00pm	Black Indians: An American History	Creative Native Havasupai	Creative Native Domestic Face Lift	Creative Native We Are What We Eat Part 1	Creative Native We Are What We Eat Part 2	Creative Native Smithsonian Institute	Making Regalia
3:30pm	<i>Brings to light a forgotten part of Americans past - the cultural and racial fusion of Native and African Americans.</i>	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 Nutrition(Workin Out with Kwanta:Wi and Owisokon)	Indian Pride Economic Development	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride Health and Healing	Storytellers In Motion Our First Lady of Cinema with Alanis Obomsawin	Voices Of	
4:30pm	The Tundra Book	Back in the Day Performing	Oskayak Down Under	Champions of the North The Great Whale Cup	Down The Mighty River The River That Heals	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indians and Aliens Harry Snowboy
5:00pm	<i>A rare glimpse into a community determined to preserve it's ancient cultures and traditions.</i>	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Indigenous Focus Dancing with
5:30pm		Northwest Indian News Tulalip Bay	People of the Pines Invasion and Response	Making Regalia	People of the Pines Reservation and Survival	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyuu Where The Fish Are
6:00pm	Native Voice TV	Native Planet Ecuador	Smoke Traders	Amazonia Eterna	Long Journey Home	Unshackled	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee Northwest Indian News Nisqually Aquatic Technologies
6:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report						
7:00pm	Wapos Bay Guardians	Wapos Bay The Hunt	Wapos Bay A Mother's Earth	Wapos Bay Going for Gold	Wapos Bay Raven Power	Wapos Bay Lights, Camera, Action!	Wapos Bay The Hunt
7:30pm	Fish Out of Water Birch Narrows Lodge	Fish Out of Water Brokenhead Ojibway Nation	Fish Out of Water Tseycum Canoe Tours	Fish Out of Water Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Center	Fish Out of Water Ojibway Cree Cultural Center	Fish Out of Water Moose Cree Outdoor Adventures	Fish Out of Water Brokenhead Ojibway Nation
8:00pm	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
8:30pm	Native Shorts Shimasani	Oskayak Down Under	Back in the Day Performing	Indigenous Focus Dancing with Red Wolf/ Idle No More Rally	Rez Rides The Twin Turbo Mustang Project	Indians and Aliens Harry Snowboy	Cashing In Double Down
9:00pm	The Creator's Game	Ghost Riders	Kanie'keha:Ka: Living The Language A two part documentary about the personal, thought provoking and honest stories of the Mohawk language (Kani'en'keha:ka) immersion program in Akwesasne.	Alaska Tribes The Story of Federal Indian Law In Alaska A 55 minute film beautifully illustrates the history of that path and the impacts federal laws and policies have had on Alaska Native people.	Dances of Life	California Indian: A Tribal Story	Walela
9:30pm	<i>A Native American Lacrosse team faces issues traveling and competing because international airports don't recognize their own sovereign nation or their passports.</i>	<i>The story of the annual Big Foot Memorial Ride where youth of the Lakota Indian Nation ride 300 miles through the cold winter of South Dakota to honor their ancestors who were massacred at Wounded Knee by the U.S. Army in 1890.</i>	<i>documentary about the personal, thought provoking and honest stories of the Mohawk language (Kani'en'keha:ka) immersion program in Akwesasne.</i>	<i>From The Heart Focuses on the various bands and tribes of the southwest that 'Sing Bird'. Through filming Bird Song groups, visiting and interviewing elders and younger singers the story weaves a tapestry of the many varieties of singers and their songs in California and Arizona.</i>	<i>Reveals the cultural history and diversity of the Pacific Islands - a vibrant and complex region encompassing 25,000 islands spread over 10 million sq. miles of ocean.</i>	<i>Nick Thomas, a Pomo Indian and a successful Los Angeles radio host, is forced back to the reservation to help his brother Chi, and tribal leader Rich Knight lead the Tule Lake Rancheria out of danger from a seedy casino investor.</i>	<i>12 of the most beautiful and melodic songs created by Walela. An inspirational musical journey of the Spirit. Open your heart to the marvelous and magical harmony.</i>
10:00pm	Soundmix: Five Young Musicians	Every Emotion Costs			Hand Game: The Native American Game of Power & Chance		Soundmix: Five Young Musicians
10:30pm	<i>This program features young musicians from a variety of backgrounds exploring music in ways that reflect their entire identity - as individuals, as members of distinct cultures and as Americans.</i>	<i>An exploration of the reality of returning home on the reserve to face family, community and death. We follow Quilla and her sister June as they return to bury their mentally ill mother. They were abandoned by their mother sixteen years ago and haven't returned home for over seven years.</i>			<i>Also called stick game or bone game - is the most widely played Native gambling game in North America.</i>		<i>This program features young musicians from a variety of backgrounds exploring music in ways that reflect their entire identity - as individuals, as members of distinct cultures and as Americans.</i>
11:00pm	After The Gold Rush		Behind The Blue Veil Son of a Tuareg chief sets out on a journey across the Sahara to save his culture known as the blue people of the Sahara before they disappear.	Romance of a Vanishing Race Featuring Tribal Chiefs who participated in the Last Great Indian Council and several who fought at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.	Unshackled The majestic beauty, peace and balance of our Earth Mother that is rapidly being harmed and desecrated by the human hand, oftentimes for greed and power.	Dakota 38 A Native spiritual leader & Vietnam vet dreams of riding horseback in the great plains of SD. Just before he awoke, he arrived at a riverbank in MN and saw 38 of his Dakota ancestors hanged.	For The Generations: Native Story and Performance This documentary explores health and fitness issues that plague Native youth on and off the reservations.
11:30pm							

THANKS FOR WATCHING GRBC TV!

Community Event Tells of Arduous Path to Vote

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

As elections for a new president are a little over a year from now, it means heading to the polls to exercise our right to vote. The Arizona Native Right to Vote event held at the District 1 Multipurpose building on July 31 organized by the Gila River Voter Registration Board, shared why it is especially meaningful for Native people.

A volunteer organization of Community members, the voter registration board brings awareness about the importance of voting and being counted during elections. Board Chairperson Hazel Lewis sees voting as more than just a right, but can influence the kinds of changes needed in Indian Country.

"Elections affect us in one way or another from ed-

ucation and social service, it's about pushing [those] issues forward," said Lewis.

Guest speaker Junior Miss Gila River Charisma Quiroz emphasized the importance of voting she said, "By voting [We] have a say in what goes on in the political world."

She focused on the history of Americans Indians path to voting. Early in the state's history, the Arizona Supreme Court referred to American Indians as wards of the federal government, which excluded voting rights.

In 1928, District 5 Community member Peter H. Porter filed a lawsuit against the state of Arizona after being refused to register to vote, bringing the issue to the forefront for the first time.

The issue over whether American Indians had the right to vote was later contested by people from other tribal communities.

The year 1947 would see two individuals – Frank Harrison from the Fort McDowell-Yavapai Nation and Harry Austin, then the Yavapai-Apache Chairman – faced similar circumstances to Porter and also filed a lawsuit against the state.

Eventually progress would be achieved in July 15 1948 when the Arizona State Supreme Court granted voter rights to American Indians.

Quiroz said the push to vote was also attributed to the brave actions of American Indian servicemen and women like those of her grandfather the late Terrance Johnson and many others serving during World War II.

"Today we honor [those] people, because they

made a path for us," said Quiroz.

Akimel O'odham/Peeposh Youth Council representative from District 6 Nathaniel Talamantez understands that there is a need for more youth to vote.

"I think it's important to vote, because it's a chance to have [your] voice heard," he said.

"Not a lot of youth know the history behind Natives being able to vote, the kinds of things [we] had to go through like serving in the military."

In the wake of the event Lewis explained there are challenges that lie within the Community.

"The hard part

is getting them to show up to the polls," she said and that they try their best to clarify any part of the voting process to individuals.

Lewis said, the boards hopes people learn about the history Americans Indians have had to get voting

rights.

In return, she would like to see more Community members heading to the polls, whether it be tribal, state or national elections.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Dozens of Community members attended the Native Right to Vote event in District 1, where GRIC Voter Registration Board staff talked about the importance of voting.

Indian Country Ponders Legalizing Medical Marijuana on Reservations

Ashley Pasqual
Gila River Indian News

On December 11, 2014, the Department of Justice released a memorandum titled "Policy Statement Regarding Marijuana Issues in Indian Country." Many people believe that the DOJ Memorandum allows Native American Tribes to grow and sell marijuana on tribal land.

However, under the Federal Controlled Substance Act, marijuana remains a Schedule 1 drug. This means that under Federal Law the cultivation, possession, use, or sale of marijuana constitutes a Federal crime. Further, the cultivation, possession, use or sale of marijuana also

constitutes a tribal crime under the Gila River Criminal Code.

What the DOJ memorandum states is that if an Indian tribe legalizes marijuana under tribal law, the DOJ will focus its investigative and prosecutorial resources on eight priorities within that tribe's reservation.

These eight priorities are: (1) preventing the distribution of marijuana to minors; (2) preventing revenue from the sale of marijuana from going to criminal enterprises, gangs and cartels; (3) preventing the diversion of marijuana from states where it is legal under state law in some form to other states; (4) preventing state-authorized marijuana

activity from being used as a cover or pretext for the trafficking of other illegal drugs or illegal activity; (5) preventing violence and the use of firearms in the cultivation and distribution of marijuana; (6) preventing drugged driving and the exacerbation of other adverse public health consequences associated with marijuana use; (7) preventing the growing of marijuana on public lands and the attendant public safety and environmental dangers posed by marijuana production on public lands; and (8) preventing marijuana possession or use on federal property.

The DOJ memorandum appears to indicate that if marijuana is decriminalized under tribal law, DOJ will

not seek to investigate and prosecute persons involved in marijuana activity within Indian Country so long as such persons are not engaged in any of the eight priorities described in the DOJ memorandum. However, the DOJ memorandum also stated that under certain circumstances where an important federal interest is a stake, DOJ may investigate and prosecute a person engaged in marijuana activity even where the activity did not implicate any one of the eight priorities.

Despite the uncertainty of the DOJ memorandum and the lack of a clearly identified safe harbor, some Indian tribes view the memorandum as an opportunity to participate in marijuana

cultivation and commercial activities. For example, on June 11, 2015, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota became the first reservation to legalize marijuana.

They are working with Monarch America, a Colorado based cannabis management company, to grow and sell the product.

Although tribes may be able to legalize the drug under tribal law because of tribal sovereignty, the new policy is causing serious confusion and concern because it remains an illegal drug under Federal law.

Some say the risks are high and the consequences are critical, but others view marijuana as an economic opportunity to support fi-

nancial independence and help their people.

The Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians in Palm Springs, Calif. see medical marijuana as a source of revenue and formed a partnership with Red Crow, a Native American-owned cannabis company, in hopes to have an economic boom for their 800-member tribe.

Red Crow estimated the project will cost about \$12 million. In exchange, the tribe will own 51% of what is produced and sold.

Other tribes that favor legalization also believe they could generate much needed revenue.

"We have to evaluate it

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District 7 Vote

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The District 7 community held a special district-wide meeting on Saturday, Aug. 29 to discuss the matter further, and invited experts from the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation

Project and the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality to present and share their knowledge with residents.

Water rights expert and former Community general counsel Rod Lewis spoke on the history of the Arizona Water Settlements Act. P-MIP Director Dr. David DeJong explained the Community's plan for building the Westside pipelines and Glen Stark, the Water Quality Program manager at DEQ, talked about reclaimed water.

Both of the latter also explained to the District 7 residents that the Mesa and Chandler reclaimed water is very different water from the Lone Butte treatment facility in District 6. The Lone Butte facility is Chandler effluent with a single treatment and is considered Class C water. It does not enter and never will enter the P-MIP system; the water is strictly used in the Lone Butte area for agricultural purposes. The Mesa and Chandler water, on the other hand, are highly treated Class A+ water that can be used for any agricultural purpose, including the irrigation of all crops. It is not intended to be used for drinking purposes.

District 7 already receives water, which it uses regularly, from an Arizona territorial court decision called the Haggard Decree. The court in 1903 stipulated that Maricopa Colony had rights to 5,900 acre-feet of Salt River water per year and this Haggard Decree water was incorporated into the GRIC Water Settlement of 2004.

According to the Gila River Indian Community Water Rights Settlement (which is a part of the Arizona Water Settlements Act) the Community is entitled to 653,500 acre-feet of water per year, enough to cover the entire reservation in water 18 inches deep.

To handle all that water, P-MIP is tasked with constructing hundreds of miles of canals and pipelines to deliver the Community's hard-fought water throughout the reservation, starting in the east and flowing west toward District 7. Construction in the West End is scheduled to begin late next year, but the D7 vote has thrown doubt over those plans as far as the District 7 portion is concerned. District 6 has approved of a motion to have P-MIP construct that portion of the Westside pipeline within District 6.

Most of the water in the settlement comes from the Central Arizona Project, but there are several other sources. In the negotiations for the Gila River Indian Community Water Settlement, GRIC entered into agreements to exchange some of the Commu-

nity's expensive CAP water for a greater quantity of free reclaimed water from the cities of Chandler and Mesa.

Stark explained that the reclaimed water coming from Chandler and Mesa is of the highest quality possible with the systems installed. Chandler uses some of this water and so do multiple Community growers in Districts 4 and 6, as well as the Whirlwind Golf Course. As a matter of safety, the Community's Wastewater Management ordinance prohibits drinking or swimming in the reclaimed water.

It is important to remember, however, that when the Community negotiated for and approved of the Mesa and Chandler agreements, it never intended the water being introduced into the Community's drinking water system, which is operated by the GRIC Department of Public Works. The reclaimed water was always intended to be used for agricultural purposes, a purpose that is consistent with many off-reservation water agencies, cities, and irrigation districts.

The concerns over swimming in or drinking the water is the sticking point for many District 7 members, who say the water is hazardous to human and animal health and they do not want one drop of it on District 7 land. GRIC DEQ, however, carefully monitors the water quality under the Community's Wastewater Management ordinance and under stipulations provided in the Water Settlement agreements themselves.

These concerns, nonetheless, are at the heart of the issue. Some in D7 fear that if they allow the Community to construct the pipelines, reclaimed water will make its way into their system no matter what. Others believe the system can be built and left untouched while they discuss an agreement regarding the use of the reclaimed water in D7.

The overall P-MIP canal and pipeline alignment, including the Westside pipeline, were approved by Council in 1998, and P-MIP has planned for such construction ever since. The design of the Westside pipeline is nearing completion and DeJong informed the residents at the meeting that P-MIP needs direction from D7 and the Community Council before October so they can plan accordingly.

However, if the District instructs P-MIP not to construct the system, the funds P-MIP has dedicated for that project (approximately \$11,000,000) will be reallocated to other projects within the San Carlos Irrigation Project and if the District 7 residents change their minds down the line there may not be any money for future pipeline construction within the district.

The District will hold another special meeting to vote on the matter on Sept. 19 at 10 a.m.
P-MIP contributed to this article.



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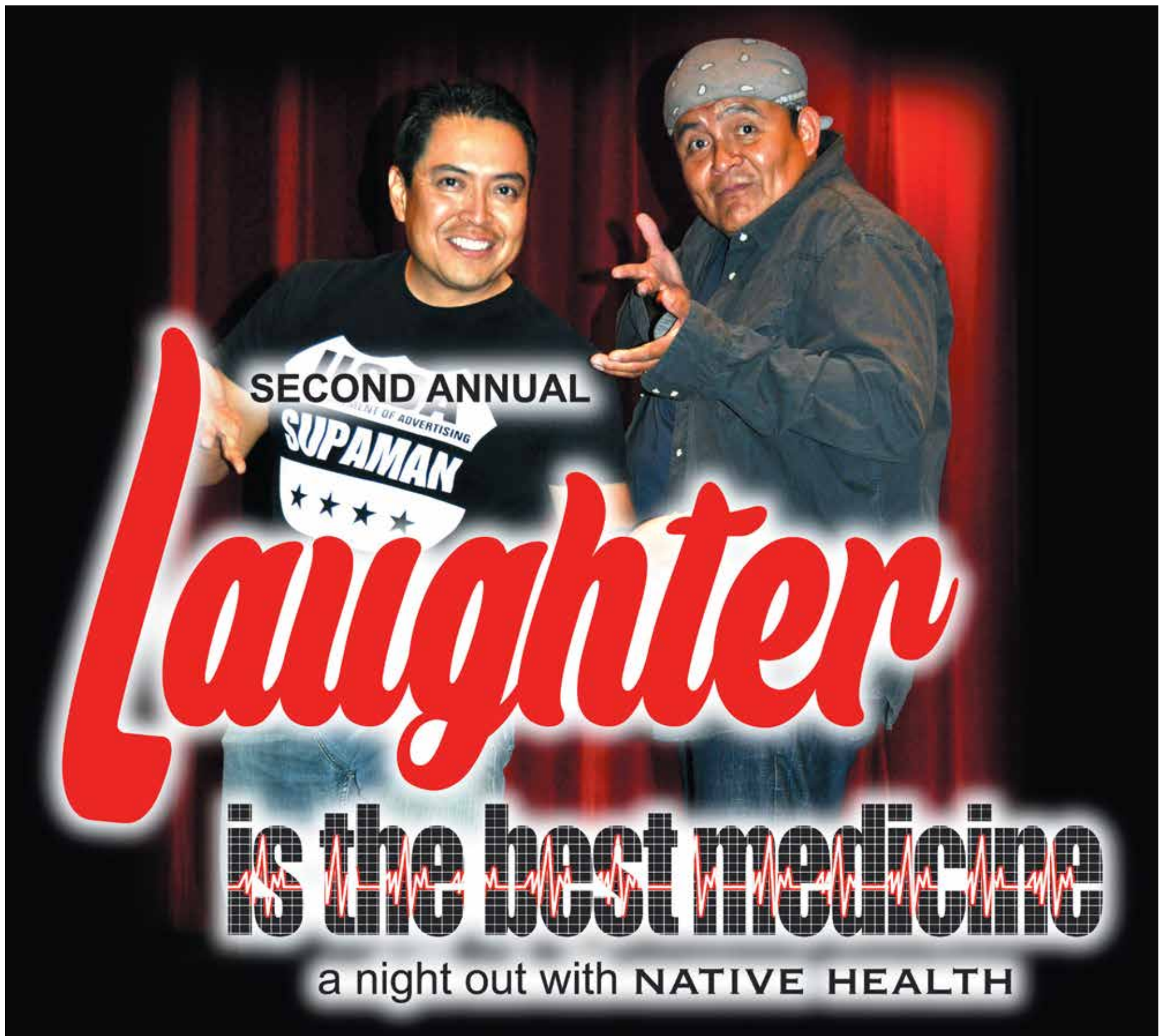


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Bringing Back the Gila River

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an important connection to ensure there is enough groundwater in the Community so that pumping water for farming is done in a sustainable way," said Gov. Lewis. The MAR 5 will not be the only riparian restoration and groundwater recharge project. "We have future MAR sites under consideration and we hope to develop these sites to truly realize the dream of once again having flowing water in the Gila River throughout the Community," said Gov. Lewis.

The MAR 5 site and future MAR sites are key components in the Community's long term water plan. Although the Community has access to Cen-

tral Arizona Project water, the delivery charges of CAP water are very costly. Not only do these projects return river habitat and wildlife but they also help Community farmers. Because Community farmers need access to less expensive water sources such as groundwater, the Community's water plan relies on a plentiful groundwater supply within the Community. Because MAR projects recharge the aquifer they will ensure that the groundwater supply exists for farmers without having to be concerned with over pumping.

In addition to helping farmers the project will also provide Community members the opportunity to visit a live river on Community

lands. Although the land around the MAR 5 site is currently unimproved, future improvements to the MAR 5 site are anticipated so it can ultimately be used as a park and recreation area. Future MAR sites are also planned and the hope is to have flowing water in the Gila River in multiple areas with a number of recreation areas where Community members can once again enjoy flowing water in the Gila River.

The development of the river restoration sites was something the Community began working on soon after the Community's water settlement became enforceable in December 2007. "I remember elders coming up to me during a water rights

settlement celebration asking me when will the river return, and I knew we needed to start work right away on realizing that dream," said Rodney Lewis, a former Community General Counsel and longtime water attorney for the Community.

Although the water settlement provided Colorado River water through Central Arizona Project as a replacement for the Gila River water, the water settlement did not return the natural flow of the Gila River. Over the past five years the Community developed a plan to use its Central Arizona Project water supply to "bring back" the river in an economically responsible way.

The Community's plan involved delivery of Central Arizona Project water

to riparian areas on the Reservation, such as the dry Gila River bed, to create a flowing stream and riparian area. But because Central Arizona Project water is so expensive the cost to operate MAR 5 alone in future years is expected to exceed \$1 million annually.

The solution to the cost problem was to have the project serve two functions so that the river restoration area could also serve as a recharge facility where the water in the stream bed would eventually percolate into the aquifer underground. Under the plan to develop MAR 5 the cost of water and future operations would be covered by the creation of long-term storage credits at the site.

These credits are paper water rights that can be sold

or later recovered through pumping stored water from the aquifer. The sale of long-term storage credits created at the site will help cover the cost of Central Arizona Project water and operate the facility.

In 2011, the Community commissioned a study of 14 specific MAR sites to evaluate which could be used for the development of a "live river" recreation area and an underground water storage facility. The Community decided to first develop MAR 5 because of the ease of access to the site and soil conditions that allowed for good groundwater percolation and storage. The other sites are still being considered for future development.

Early Education Award

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of FTF to work with the Community.

The award is named after the late Eddie Basha Jr., who became a household name for his chain of grocery stores and 1994 bid for governor of Arizona. His is a legacy of devotion to the enrichment of children's education through contributions to various causes.

Eddie Basha's oldest

son Brandon presented the award to the GRIC delegation.

Before awarding the Community, Basha said, "I am so happy to join you for this celebration lunch and have the honor to award the Eddie Basha Excellence Award for Service and Leadership."

Gov. Lewis expressed his gratitude for the Community being chosen to receive the inaugural award,

"I'd like to think that he supported the underlying spirit of First things First. It's is community based, going back to strengthening the family," said Lewis.

Lewis stressed that advocacy is a critical part of providing funding for educational programs in communities like GRIC and said, "It's a true team work approach."

Regional Council Chair and Early Education Child

Care Services Manager Melissa Madrid said, "It was really amazing that Arzie Hogg would take it upon himself and nominate us based on the relationship we have with the FTF."

She said, "When we were awarded there was a sense of pride, because we were the first board and we were the first tribal community to be recognized among 28 councils."

The regional council

functions as a board that determines and directs where the flow of funding to support education grants in the Community is needed.

She stated the Quality First program is one of the most successful programs funded through FTF that strives to provide quality education and health of children.

Madrid said the program "has really given us a...tool to look at...best qual-

ity practices we can implement for the best outcomes possible."

She says the regional council is beneficial because, "We live it everyday and we are all part of that, that we have people from behavioral health and faith based backgrounds that are brought to the council," said Madrid.

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Monsoon Storm Causes Severe Damage in District 5

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The monsoon season may be coming to an end, but it's not going quietly.

Torrential winds and heavy rain pummeled parts of District 5, during an Aug. 25 storm, tearing roofs off buildings, uprooting trees and damaging fences.

It is believed that a microburst unleashed the high winds that caused all the damage in Casa Blanca, but the Office of Emergency Management said there are not enough scientific instruments there to confirm it.

Casa Blanca Community School was forced to shut down for the remainder of the week with damage to trees, playgrounds, some of its modular buildings and most of its rooftop A/C units.

Nearby residents also

found damage to their homes and sheds, and most of the Travelers for Jesus Church roof was thrown clear to the other side of Casa Blanca Road. Repair crews and volunteers worked into the night and all next day to clean up the mess at the service center, school and surrounding areas.

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority reported the storm caused power outages in the Lone Butte residential area, the Wild Horse Pass racetrack and in Bapchule. GRI-
CUA crews restored power that night and later in the week replaced three downed power poles north of the Gila River.

School is back in session at Casa Blanca Community School and fortunately, no one was seriously injured during the storm.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Top: A tree destroyed in the storm had to be cut down. In the background, the canopy of a playset was torn from its frame. Bottom: Many trees and sections of fence were destroyed at Casa Blanca Community School in the Aug. 25 storm.

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Something to be told

By Billy Allen

What's to celebrate in September? Labor Day? The start of football season? Native American Recognition Day? How about "Mustering In" festivities at Maricopa Colony? Muster means to assemble soldiers for duty. Our community takes great pride in celebrating members, past and present, who've answered the call to duty.

The 1849 Gold Rush brought a lot of explorers and settlers our way, on the way to California. In 1862, gold was discovered in Prescott and La Paz. When the Civil War ended in 1865, another wave of settlers came through, but this time more began to actually settle in our area. Back then, Tucson and Prescott were the biggest cities. Settlers were clamoring and complaining about their need for protection from bands of Natives who lived a different himdag (or, 'way of life') from us. Arizona territorial Governor Goodwin requested permission to raise a territorial militia to patrol the territory. GRIC members became an option to help make Arizona safe and pave the way for future development.

The Military District of the Pacific, Arizona includ-

ed, was created in January of 1865 and commanded by Brigadier General John S. Mason. His idea was to enlist 200 Akimel O'odham and Piipash warriors to patrol central Arizona. This group would go out on periodic scouting raids and then return to their farms along the akimel, true citizen/soldiers – similar to the National Guard.

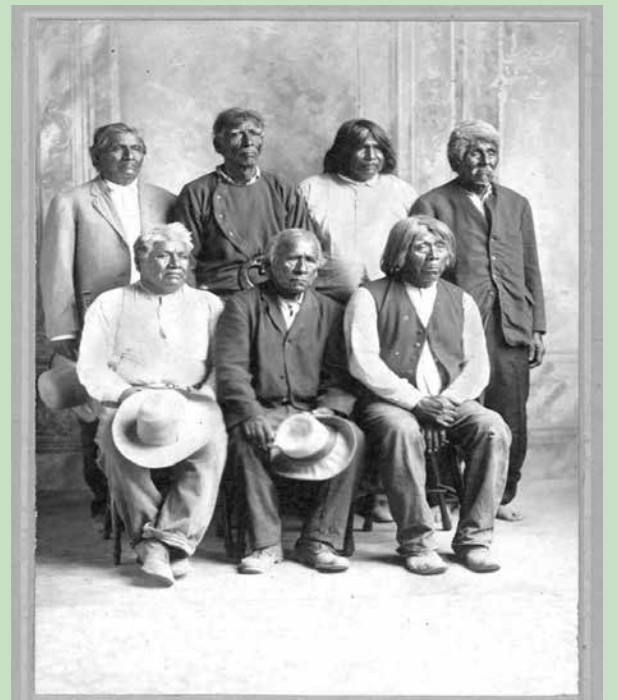
When the War Department approved Governor Goodwin's plan for a militia, six companies from various parts of the territory were formed. Company B had one hundred and three Piipash warriors volunteer. Company C consisted of ninety-four Akimel O'odham volunteers. On September 2, 1865, Companies B and C were mustered in at Maricopa Wells.

Our volunteers provided their own horses if they had one. (If no horse, they were on foot – no problem for those desert runners.) Each volunteer also got a blue shirt. For Piipash the shirts were trimmed in red; Akimel O'odham in blue. They were also issued pants, shoes, a rifle, and a yard of red flannel for a headdress. They were part of the 464th battalion, and marched out of Maricopa Wells on September 4th, towards Camp McDowell, which would become Fort McDowell.

Fort McDowell was the base from which the military went after Tonto and Pinal Apaches who had stepped up their raiding. During the year-long enlistment, there were many encounters with the raiders. Anna Moore Shaw provides an excellent description of an encounter with the raiders in her book, *A Pima Past*.

In September of 1866, the service commitment for Companies B and C was up. Company B experienced three casualties: Sergeant McGill, Corporal Yo se, and Privates Gosha Zep and Duke. Company C had three casualties: Juan Lewis, Hownik Maw Kum, and Au Papat.

The settlers of the territory acknowledged the service of our volunteers for bringing peace to central Arizona. The Prescott Miner had high praise for the volunteers. Territorial Governor McCormick noted the number of hostiles had dropped due to the efforts of Companies B and



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C. The 3rd Territorial Legislature passed a memorial praising the volunteers for a job well done. All Indian Scouts and their widows became eligible for pensions with the passage of an act on March 4, 1917. Arizona identified seven surviving volunteers and four widows who were eligible for a pension in 1924.

Another definition for muster: to gather, summon, and rouse – "He mustered all his courage." The Piipash and O'otham volunteers of Companies B and C certainly mustered courage to take on their service. The annual celebration in District 7 commemorates the first organized "American" military experiences of our warriors.

Information was gleaned from two sources: <http://nativeamerican.lostsoulsgenealogy.com/indianscouts.htm>, and *Peoples of the Middle Gila* by John P. Wilson. The Huhugam Heritage Center provided the photos.



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Lt. Gov. Antone Speaks Up Against Domestic Violence

Ashley Pasqual
Gila River Indian News

The ongoing cycle of domestic violence against women that haunts Indian Country, is a sensitive topic that the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center strives to raise awareness of through training resources for tribes and tribal organizations.

On Sept. 1 the NIWRC held a Criminal Justice Assembly at the Wild Horse Pass Casino to assist American Indian tribes in enhancing their response to the rates and forms of violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone welcomed the guests and encouraged them to take advantage of the training.

The tribal articles in Title IX of the Violence

Against Women Act (VAWA) are the result of years of discussions between tribes and the federal government.

It is an acknowledgment that violence against Native women has reached a critical point and requires serious attention.

Native women are battered, sexually assaulted, and stalked more than any other population of women in the United States. Thirty-four percent of Native women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetimes and 39 percent will be victims of domestic violence.

"It's an honor to travel on behalf of VAWA when we are the voice to help a survivor of sexual abuse, or a survivor of domestic violence," said Lt. Gov. Antone.

Lt. Gov. Antone is an advocate for VAWA and

was asked to share information and her experience with women who were assaulted.

She has talked with elders and explained how violence against women started in the Gila River Indian Community.

Before the 1950's, women that suffered from violence did not have the resources to help them and incidences went unreported. It was nearly unheard of for a victim to press charges.

"It started out in the agriculture fields. Our only work caused stress, we were poor, we had no money. Finances were hard we did not have food to be put on the table. Children from these generations witnessed the trauma of Domestic Violence. It's a vicious cycle," Antone said.

Lt. is hoping to focus on schools and reach out to the young people of the

Community to be aware of technology and not exploit themselves to online predators. She said, "be aware of date rape and DV on school campuses."

The development of victim services programs in Native American communi-

ties have given the opportunity to help those with trauma relating to violence and heal the broken spirits of women, children, and even men.

"Women are the sacred part of traditions in any Indian Country," Antone said,

"I thank and commend the agencies that work together to allow justice to protect our Native women, daughters and granddaughters who are survivors and give them hope."



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Lt. Gov. Monica Antone delivers a message of hope to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

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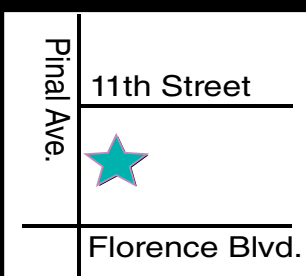
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Marijuana in Indian Country

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and see if there are responsible opportunities available to us," Martin Seneca, General Counsel of the Seneca Nation of Indians told Channel 7 ABC News, Buffalo, NY.

A former law official states that they actually consider marijuana to be safer than alcohol, but there are a few major roadblocks to legalizing marijuana on reservations.

Those include the distribution of marijuana to minors, the potential dangers of "drugged driving," and possible revenue going to criminal enterprises.

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development held a reser-

vation economic summit this year, in Las Vegas Nevada, on March 9-12.

The topic of marijuana legalization and the growing and selling of cannabis was introduced at the summit.

"We're here to gather as much information as we can," said Priscilla Blackhawk Rentz, a councilwoman for the Mountain Ute tribe in Colorado to CNBC News.

Tribal leaders listened to the dangers and opportunities of growing cannabis.

Alcohol and drugs are already problems on many reservations.

"Is marijuana going to add to those realities?"

asked Mountain Ute Councilwoman Deanne House in a CNBC News report.

Questions remain and serious consideration is to follow with legalizing cannabis for tribal leaders in Indian Country.

However, it should be known that the DOJ memorandum has not changed the Community's prohibition against marijuana. The cultivation, possession, use, or sale of marijuana within the Reservation is illegal under the Gila River Criminal Code and Federal Law, and individuals should not engage in such activity.

The GRIC Office of General Counsel contributed to this article.

Gila River Man Sentenced to 9 Years in Prison for Stabbing

Sept. 1, PHOENIX – Yesterday, Kenneth Wayne Morgan, Jr., 38, of Blackwater, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow to 108 months in prison. On April 30, 2015, Morgan was found guilty by a jury of assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

On Jan. 29, 2014, Morgan entered a home on the Gila River Indian Community and stabbed a man in the head, causing a 10 cm. gash from the victim's temple through his ear. The victim was air-evacuated to a local hospital where he was treated for the life threatening injury. Both Morgan and the victim are members of the Gila River Indian Community.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Raynette Logan and Brooke Mickelson, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

CASE NUMBER: CR-14-01126-PHX-GMS

Tohono O'odham Nation Receives Nearly \$215,000 in Federal Grant Money to Support Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA)

Aug. 31, PHOENIX – Today, U.S. Attorney John S. Leonardo announced that \$214,481 in additional grant funds will be made available to the Tohono O'odham Nation to support, maintain, and refine jurisdiction-wide SORNA programs and functions. These funds will assist in improving victim notification services and in increasing service capacity by hiring a SORNA specialist. The grant funds were awarded by the Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking Office (SMART), which is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs ("OJP").

"We are committed to protecting the public from convicted sex offenders and offenders against children," said U.S. Attorney Leonardo. "We encourage all agencies to be proactive and apply for future grant funding through our Office of Justice Programs."

Additional information about BJA and its programs is available at:

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Information about OJP and its programs can be found at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov>.

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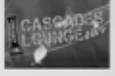
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Notice of Unclaimed Property

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, 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 Verlone Antone of the Finance Department at (520) 562-9600 for further instructions.

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TITLE 22

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY GAMING ORDINANCE

Incorporating Proposed 2015 Amendments

A copy of this proposed Ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinators' offices, and Community Council Secretary's Office.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TITLE 22-GAMING ORDINANCE

This publication is being posted pursuant to the requirements set forth under the GRIC Title 8 Civil Code, Chapter 7, Subpart 8.703 B.

The Gila River Gaming Commission is proposing amendments to the GRIC Title 22-Gaming Ordinance. The Gaming Commission in May-July 2015, Reported and Posted for Public Comment the proposed amendments to the Legislative Standing Committee, All Community Districts, Elderly Concerns Group, and the Urban Member Group, including the Government and Management Standing Committee. Posted here is the first page of the amended Title 22. See Exhibit A. A hard copy of the proposed revised Title 22 document in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers Coordinators' offices, the Community Secretary's Office and at the main office of the Gila River Gaming Commission at the Wild Horse Pass Corporate Center.

This final draft of the Proposed Amendments to Title 22 will be considered at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 Legislative Standing Committee meeting at the Sacaton Governance Center.

This proposed Amendment to Title 22 was posted for Public Comment for the period, July 14, 2015 to August 14, 2015. Included here is the comments received by the Gaming Commission and Commission response to the comments.

Public Comments and Summary Response:

The following two documented comments were received during the Public Comment period, July 14 through August 14, 2015.

Commenter No. 1.

Summary: I think they are all good changes and need

to be done. As a former employee and a concerned tribal member in regard to the change to allowing employees to gamble at our casinos, I never thought that this was a good idea and was glad that as employees we were not allowed to gamble. Although I still don't agree with employees who work for the Gaming Enterprise being allowed to gamble at our casinos at least with the proposed change employees will know who can or can't gamble.

I think it's also a good idea to make the Commissioners terms longer as in the case of the proposed change from 3 to 5 years. It'll give Commissioners more time to make a difference in their decision making, review of and enforcement of any GRGE policy changes, gaming compact violations, etc.

On page 40 I can't remember exactly what it says but the word "long" is there and I think it should say "longer." (I think it's where the Commission is describing why the proposed change is being made).

The changes have been long overdue and I'm glad to see that these are all finally being made now. The area where the Gaming Enterprise is going to be required to "adopt and comply with a Community Member employment preference policy" – this is a GREAT change. The Gaming Enterprise had NEVER achieved the 65% hiring preference that was in place, outlined in the gaming ordinance in many years or to this date. I'm glad this change is finally being made and hopefully more community members can and will be employed and retain employment within our three casinos on Gila River. The opportunity is there for everyone to take advantage of and unfortunately a lot of tribal members were not and still are not afforded this opportunity.

Commission Response: The Gaming Commission has proposed an agreed to language that provides controlled approval on employee gambling and does not address such social impacts it may have on the employee, family and Community. The final decision will remain with the Community Council. Regarding the revision to the 65% of the Gaming Enterprise work force being GRIC Members, to the GRIC Title 12 Labor Code, the Gaming Commission agreed that the Labor hiring practices by the Gaming Enterprise as a Corporate Entity of the Community should be subject to the uniform Community's Labor Code. The reference to lan-

guage usage "long" or "longer" has been incorporated in the draft.

Commenter No. 2

Summary: In reference to Chapter 5 (22.521) GAMING BY PRINCIPALS AND EMPLOYEES

With the sensitivity of serious problems that gambling causes for many people, my opinion would be not to allow employees licensed by the Gaming Commission to participate in gaming activities within the Gila River Indian Community. I would hope that we would maintain a healthy work environment and not contribute to the possibility of hardship for an employee. It's easier to maintain the degree of separation when dealing with a patron with a gambling problem than dealing with an employee who may develop a gambling problem. Not to mention the possibility of potential theft and fraud arising out of collusion among employees.

In reference to Chapter 5 (22.525) Use of Chips [B]

Gaming Enterprise shall not accept Chips as payment for any good or services offered at the Gaming Enterprises with the exception of the specific use for which the chips were issued, and shall not give chips as change in any other transactions.

This section should be clarified as to the good or services being provided. As it stands, patrons are being allowed to purchase food and beverages through a staff member while playing card games. If the intent of this provision was to exclude the food services, that should be identified. For customer services purposes, I do feel that allowing this to occur benefits the both the enterprise and patron. I am unsure what the purpose here was for or what was trying to be prohibited?

Gaming Commission Response: The Gaming Commission has proposed an agreed to language that provides controlled approval on employee gambling and does not address negative social-personal impacts it may have on the employee, family and Community. The final decision will remain with the Community Council. Regarding the Use of Chips. This Ordinance provision under Chapter 5 was not addressed in this proposed revision. This comment is being disregarded. The comment is noted by the Commission.



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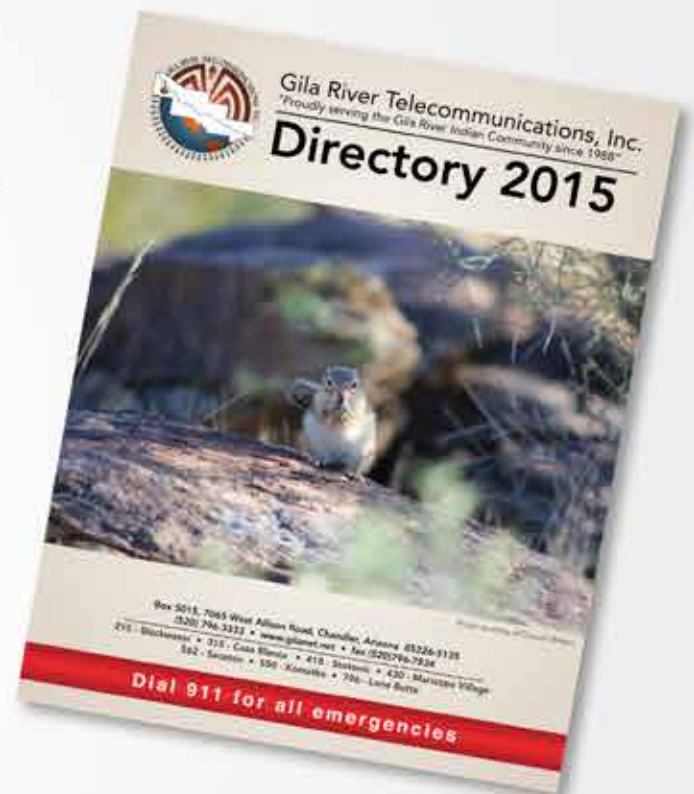
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