

Red Ribbon Week Concludes with Walk Program pushes for drug and alcohol prevention with students



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis led the Red Ribbon Walk at Sacaton Elementary and Middle Schools Oct. 30. The walk is a part of Red Ribbon Week, which encourages youth to pursue a drug and alcohol free lifestyle.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Hundreds of students are on the healthy path to living well thanks to the Gila River

Police Department and Gila River Prevention Coalition, who partnered to bring Red Ribbon Week and the Red Ribbon Walk to GRIC youth. The Gila River Prevention Coalition is a

Community member organization developed to fight drug and alcohol abuse on the reservation.

At the Sacaton Elementary and Middle Schools' Red Ribbon Walk Oct. 30, Gov. Stephen Roe

Lewis cheered the children on toward healthy living.

"You've got to be proud of who you are as Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh people," he said, "and that means being drug and alcohol free."

Three young men from Sacaton Middle School led the group in the walk, holding spears and a dream catcher wrapped in red ribbon as symbols of their vow to stay drug free. SMS Student Council President Isaiah Francisco was accompanied by classmates Austin Miller and Wyatt Jackson.

The mass of young students walked from the elementary school to the CTC lab and across the field back to school. When they got back to the school, the classes formed an enormous circle and Lewis led what he called, "one of the largest round dances I've ever seen."

Afterward, the GRPD handed out coloring books, stickers, tattoos, and information about

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Sacaton Girl Returning to Indian National Finals Rodeo

Ashley Pasqual
Gila River Indian News

Jocelyn "Bunny" Co'Nei'Sen'Ney, 10, is from Sacaton and has spent her summer pursuing her dream to qualify for the Indian National Finals Rodeo.

She qualified to the 2015 INFR with a year-end total of 49 points in the 2015 Southwest Indian Rodeo Association.

Jocelyn has participated in rodeos and has thrived in the sport since she was 6 years old.

"She's just a natural. That's what a lot of people say when they see her," her grandmother, Gina Enos, said.

Coming from a family with little rodeo history, Jocelyn took it upon herself, with the help of her grandmother, to learn to rodeo and compete.

"A friend of mine just gave us some saddles and she didn't even know whether it was a good saddle or not," said Jocelyn's grandmother.

Jocelyn learned her skills from the Queen Creek Junior Rodeo Association and the Arizona Junior Rodeo Association, which she joined in October 2012, and she represents the Gila River Indian Community at various rodeo associations in Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico.

"Once you start something you finish it," said Enos.

She competes in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, ribbon roping, team roping, step-down

roping, and breakaway roping and has won several buckles and other prizes in each category.

"People were encouraging her to go for the INFR," said Gina.

Many from the southwest go through the Southwest Indian Rodeo Association (SWIRA) or the Navajo Nation Rodeo Association (NNRA) to qualify for the INFR.

Contestants compete for points at the Regional & Tour rodeos for a shot for the title of becoming a World Championship every year in Las Vegas.

The INFR has been around since 1976. Contestants from 75 tribes compete in the 8 major events for over \$1,000,000 in combined prize money.

The INFR is divided into 11 Regions in the United States and Canada with members ranging from 8 to 80 years of age.

In the SWIRA Finals, Jocelyn placed third in the first round of Jr. Barrel Racing with a time of 18.198 and 8 pts. In the second round she earned a time of 18.009 resulting in 10 pts and gained 9 more points to finish in second place.

"Jocelyn loves competition. As a young competitor, Jocelyn experienced defeats as well," said Enos, "Just as other competitors, she has lost rodeo winnings by thousandths of a second."

With her power barrel horse, Vanna Cakes, Jocelyn has competed for five years and still continues to work hard to this day.



Smith Photography

Jocelyn "Bunny" Co'Nei'Sen'Ney qualified for the Indian National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. It will be her second time in the INFR.

Jocelyn has made her way to the top in Indian rodeo and is in Las Vegas for the INFR Nov. 3-7.

The Gila River Indian Community, relatives and friends wish good luck to Jocelyn.

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Community hosts first of two Water Planning Meetings

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

On Oct. 24 Community leadership hosted the first of two scheduled water plan meetings. The meeting was held at the Sacaton Boys & Girls Club in District 3, where GRIC legal representative Jason Hauter of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP joined Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis to discuss the Five Year Water Plan with Community members.

Gov. Lewis said the purpose of the water plan is to ensure that the Community's resources are managed in a responsible manner.

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Thank You Letter

To the Gila River Indian Community

On behalf of the Active Lifestyle Vehicle of the Year program, I would like to thank the following parties of the Gila River Indian Community for authorizing our group to test drive five vehicles in our off-road category on Desert View Road on the morning of October 17, 2015:

- Community members of District Four
- Land Use Planning and Zoning Department
- Office of the Community Manager
- Community Public Affairs Office
- Natural Resources Standing Committee
- Gila River Police Department

A special thanks to Paul Shorthair of the Land Use Planning and Department for his assistance in helping make sure all applicable permits were obtained, the Gila River Police Department was notified, the test drives were completed properly, and the road was kept in its original state.

The purpose of our program is to determine which vehicles best meet the needs of buyers with active lifestyles. As such, it is very important to include a component of driving on unimproved roads. The Gila River Indian Community's generous cooperation in giving access to Desert View Road enabled us to complete an essential component of our evaluation process.

Sincerely,
Nina Russin
Active Lifestyle Vehicle of the Year Program Co-Founder

**Casa Blanca
Community School
November Events**

- 4-PD-Immedia
- 2nd – 4th Graders @ 12:30pm – 3:30pm
- 11-HOLIDAY
- 13-PD – Immedia
- FACE – PK-12:30pm – 3:30pm
- 17-Board of Trustees Mtg @ 6pm
- 18-Student Assemblies
- PD RenLearning
- 19-PAC Meeting @ 4pm
- Academic Night
- 20-Student Progress Reports
- 23-Turkey Trot 4pm – 6pm (21st Century Event)
- 25-Thanksgiving Community Luncheon, Faculty Mtg
- 26-HOLIDAY
- 27-HOLIDAY
- 30-Dibels Testing

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Chester Miles, Jr.
7/15/1948 - 10/10/2015



We, the family of "JR", who was our brother & uncle, would like to say, "Thank You" in whether it be monetary or your presence.

Special Thanks to, Marvin and Bertha Thomas for guiding us and getting the kui and shegoi for the traditional burial, D-5 Councilmen Brian Davis & Frank Pablo for their presence the night of the tragedy and their input in guiding the family in certain situations. Vernon & Melva Enos & children for the cleaning and providing the great food they brought every day. Dist. 5 workers in the office & maintenance, for the emergency use of the building for the wake service because of bad weather, those that helped set up and take down the tents & chairs. Thanks to all the choirs who shared songs and the Word of God, Pastor Ronnie Lyons & choir, Gospel Road, St. Anthony Group for rosary at the wake service, St Peter Rosary Group for the 4 days after, Brenda Robertson for sharing her beautiful voice, there were some singers that we did not know your names but you were a blessing with your songs and testimonies. I also want to say how proud I am of "All" my children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews from the youngest to the oldest, how hard you worked for "Uncle JR".

And also many "Thanks" to our relatives who donated items and the great food. May many "Blessings" come to each and every one of you who touched our lives with help, prayers & encouragement in our time of sorrow.

Thank You from JR's family,
Letitia, Loretta, Vernon Miles, Marchelle Jose & Kids, Jerry & Nicole Pedro & Kids,
Jason Jose, Liz Lewis & Kids, Rachele Jose, Letricia Brown, Joey Brown & Cynthia Lugo, Kim & Michael Garcia

Brainard "Nod" Johns
02/11/1960 – 09/30/2015

The family of Brainard "Nod" Johns would like to express our sincerest appreciation to the following entities and people for the thoughtfulness, love, and support that you have shown us during our time of bereavement. We are blessed to have friends like you and we are thankful for all that you have done.

To the: District 5 Service Center – for helping dig the grave, setting up the tent and chairs, and for the use of the service center for the visitation and feeding after the burial.

District 3 Service Center – for delivering wood and the use of the pop-up tent.

Ellison-Mills – for providing the port-a-john for our use at the all-night visitation.

Facilities Maintenance – for the use of the coffee maker and the monetary donation.

GRIC DOT – for watering down the roadway leading to the cemetery.

Gila River Dialysis Support Group – for the donation of the paper products (plates, cups, bowls and utensils) and the floral arrangement.

GRTI – for the water donation and the floral arrangement.

Gila River Police Department – for escorting Nod home

to his final resting place.

And to: Robert Stone and Barnaby Lewis – for the traditional blessing and songs at the burial.

Robert Horton, for his words of encouragement and leading the visitation service.

Gene and Cheryl Coppedge for the donation of coffee, Sweet-N-Low, paper towels, coffee creamer, and the use of the water jug.

Anika Evans for providing the slide show pictures, music, and for donating the port-a-john for use at the cemetery.

Victoria Paul and the young ladies, who helped make the memory flower pins for the family.

To all the ladies who stayed up and made chumith.

To all the pall bearers, who helped carry and bury Nod.

To all of Nod's family and friends who brought food and drinks for the wake and funeral services, for all the beautiful flowers, for taking the time to share your memories with his friends and family, and for being there with us, thank you!

Michelle Macazan-Johns
Vanessa Begaii, Christina Kisto, Ashley Macazan, Candice, Heather, Mark, Terrance, Derek, Shawn, and Brainard Johns Sr.

Remembrance

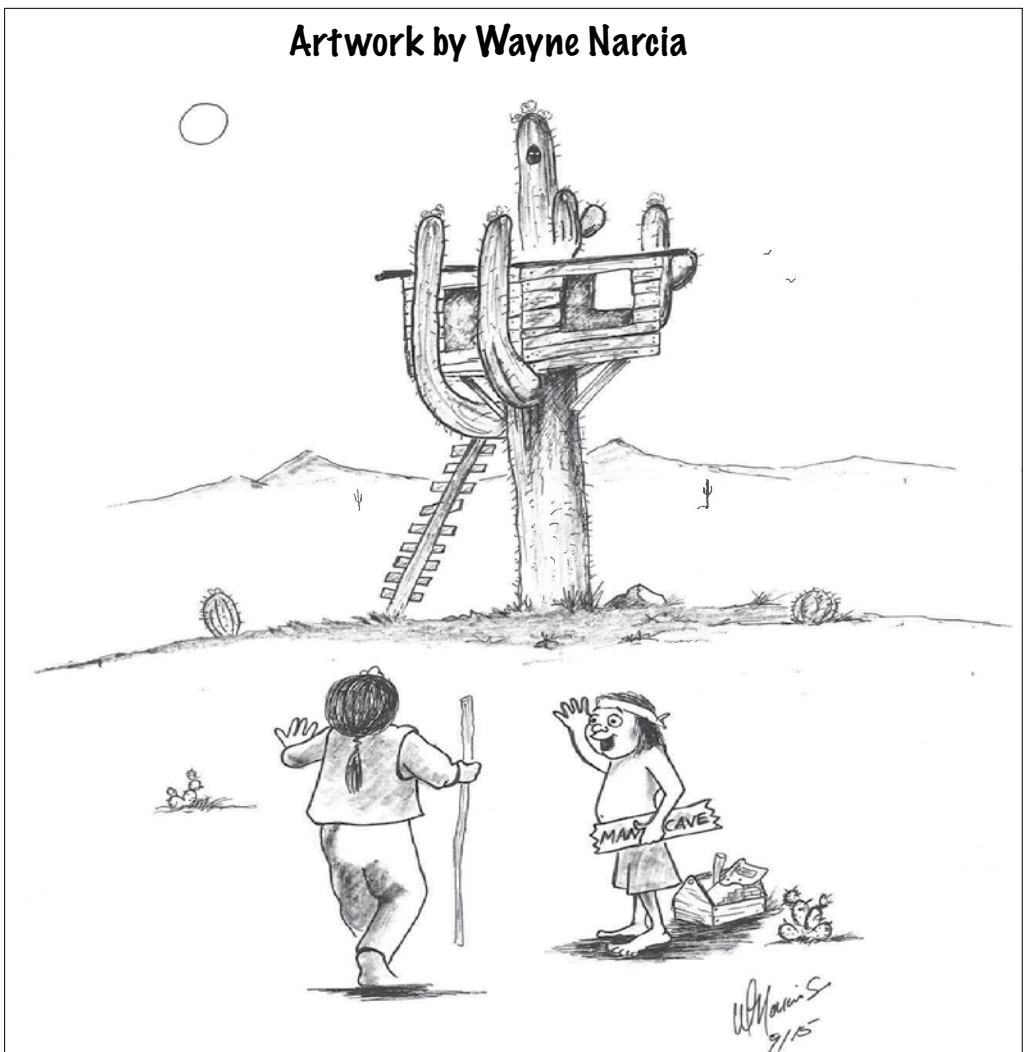


It has almost a year since our grandmother died. She survived incredible sorrow, loss, hardship, pain and abuse. Yet, she found joy in her nursing home activities and friends and comfort from her church. Although we were far away, we kept in touch with letters, pictures and phone calls to her sister Glenda Contreras. We loved Bonnie and miss

her and know she loved us.

Grandsons Cory and Cody Wolfe and great granddaughter Cassidy

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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.

Sacaton Water Planning Meeting

From Page 1

“We are at the beginning of the process now that we have a Community Council approved plan. [We] are taking [it] out to the people to receive feedback,” said Gov. Lewis.

The Water Plan will help the Community accomplish two goals: increase farming and to recreate the Gila River through the flow of water in an affordable way.

Furthermore, the plan addresses the costs for development of infrastructure like the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project, Gila River Irrigation and Drainage District, and long-term Operation, Maintenance and Rehabilitation costs.

“In moving forward there is a fine line between losing our connections to the past and our traditions, and keeping [them] alive as we move towards the future in addressing the reality of water management and our agricultural heritage,” said Lewis.

The rising costs of Central Arizona Project water prompted the Community to develop options to get the most return for its rights to the 311,800 acre-feet of CAP water per year the tribe is entitled to.

Although CAP water is considered the Community’s most reliable source of water, its costs have steadily risen every year since 2012 from \$49 per acre-foot a year to a projected \$100 per acre-foot by 2020.

The costs are related to upgrades made by the Navajo Generating Station to meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s new rules to limit emissions.

For those unfamiliar with the NGS plant, it is located on the Navajo Nation, east of Page, Ariz. It is one of the largest coal-fired plants in the U.S. and supplies more than 95% of the energy needed to move the Colorado River water down to Southern Arizona.

To offset the costs of CAP water from the upgrades the Community and other stakeholders negotiated with the EPA to adopt an alternative rule that would allow the NGS plant to operate under the new emissions controls while making CAP water affordable.

The Water Plan goals include options for establishing water credits that take advantage of unused CAP water.

To market the use of long-term water credits from unused CAP water, the Community established Gila River Water Storage, LLC in partnership with Salt River Project.

The Community’s partnership with SRP will help market, sell or exchange water credits to third party buyers.

Rod Lewis, who is assisting with the water plan and with the recent MAR 5 recharge project, said, “[We] need to take advantage of the water we are not using by monetizing it’s use.”

The plan involves establishing a Permanent Water Fund to support the Water Plan’s ongoing efforts.

The dollars deposited into the Permanent Water Fund will be provided through a couple of the Community’s water resources.

These funds will come from the Arizona State Treasurer funds from the Community’s water leases and OM&R monies managed by the Department of the Interior’s Office of Special Trustees.

When the Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act was enacted in 2004, a \$53 million dollar OM&R fund was established to cover the delivery costs of water to Gila River.

When the Community withdraws the OM&R funds, it will be brought out of trust and become the responsibility of the tribe to effectively manage the funds.

The goal is to preserve the Community’s initiative to revitalize farming while keeping water costs down.

Gov. Lewis said, “We are looking at ways of fostering the next generation of Community members that will be part of operating [our] water infrastructure, including opportunities for future farmers.”

In paying for the infrastructure, Rod said, “The water plan will benefit the systems that are being built out. It is about getting water out to farmers in a reliable way.”

The next water plan meeting will be held on Nov. 7 at the District 6 Komatke Boys & Girls Club at 1:00 pm.

Community Events

Saturday, November 7

- Gila River Youth Council Presents: Keep Calm and Make Bank
- District 5 Service Center 10:30a.m. – 2:30p.m.
- Workshop Presented by: Native Nations Financial Foundation
- Limited to 30 youth participants (15-21). Reserve your spot by calling (520) 562-1866 or email YouthCouncil@gric.nsn.us
- Lunch provided

- Community Water Plan Meeting
- Boys & Girls Club – Komatke Branch 1:00p.m.

Wednesday, November 11

- District 1 Veterans Day Parade
- D1 Multi-Purpose Building to the Keli Akimel Ballpark 9:00a.m.
- Fun Run at 6:00a.m.
- Hosted by the Haskell Osife Antone American Legion Post 51

- District 4 Veterans Day Event 6:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.
- Walk/Run at 7a.m., Breakfast at 9:30a.m.
- Traditional Basket Dancers
- Hosted by Ira Hayes American Legion Post 84

Monday, November 16

District 4 Seniors – Lottery drawing for tickets to the ASU vs. Arizona Football game on November 21. Deadline to sign up for drawing is November 16. District 4 seniors (55+) only. Contact D4 Service Center for more info: 520-418-3661.

Saturday, November 21

Run Against Diabetes Salt River High School Event begins at 7:00a.m., 5K at 8:30a.m. Free event, but registration required. Contact the Gila River Wellness Center (520-562-2025) or visit mygilariver.com

Social Pow Wow in honor of Kermit “Flex” Bread

District 7 Multi-Purpose Building 2:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. Host drum: Maswadae Potluck style, contact Kris Bread for volunteer information 602-376-8394

Saturday, November 28

Waila Festival 2015 at Rawhide Western Town 11:00a.m. – 11:00p.m. Free Admission, \$5 parking fee www.wailafestival.org

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12:00pm	Creative Native Holiday Fever	Creative Native The Silversmiths	Creative Native Collectible Dolls	Creative Native Battle of the Sexes	Creative Native The Quechua	Creative Native Holiday Fever	Creative Native The Silversmiths
12:30pm	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk
1:00pm	Racing The Rez	For The Generations: Native Story	Native Planet United States	From Badlands To Alcatraz	Original Patriots: Northern Cali Indian	After The Gold Rush	Spirit Tipis
1:30pm							
2:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles Chiefly Possessions	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles To Pay Respect	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles Stone Carver	Seasoned with Spirit Return of the Buffalo
2:30pm	AKIMEL VETERANS	MUSTERING IN EVENT	AKIMEL VETERANS	MUSTERING IN EVENT	AKIMEL VETERANS	MUSTERING IN EVENT	Storytellers in Motion
3:00pm	MUSTERING IN EVENT	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Native Nation
3:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit Daniel Crane	From The Spirit Fred McDonald	From The Spirit Terry McCue	From The Spirit Dale Auger	From The Spirit Roy Henry Vickers	People of the Pines Origin of Yuhaviatam
4:00pm	Colorado Sand Creek Massacre	Creative Native Collectible Dolls	Creative Native Battle of the Sexes	Creative Native The Quechua	Creative Native Holiday Fever	Creative Native The Silversmiths	Making Regalia
4:30pm		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
5:00pm	From Badlands to Alcatraz	Working It Out	Indian Pride	On Native Ground:	Indian Pride	Storytellers in Motion	Voices Of
5:30pm		Back in the Day Homeward Bound	Oskayak Down Under	Voices Of Leadership	Down the Mighty River	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indians and Aliens Henry Atsynia
6:00pm	Video Letters from Prison	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Indigenous Focus
6:30pm		Native Report	People of the Pines The Rez and Survival	Making Regalia	People of the Pines Voices of San Manuel	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyuu First Steps
7:00pm	Native Voice TV	Native Planet United States	From Badlands to Alcatraz	Touching The Past	After The Gold Rush	Spirit Tipis	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People Northwest Indian
7:30pm	On Native Ground:						
8:00pm	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay
8:30pm	Fish Out of Water Nk'mip Desert Cultural	Fish Out of Water Metis Crossing	Fish Out of Water Hay River Dene	Fish Out of Water Oujebougomou	Fish Out of Water Khnawake	Fish Out of Water Navajo Village Heritage	Fish Out of Water Metis Crossing
9:00pm	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
9:30pm	Native Shorts	Oskayak Down Under	Back in the Day	Indigenous Focus	Rez Rides	Indians and Aliens	Moose T.V.
10:00pm	Don't Get Sick After June	Every Emotion Costs	Good Meat	The Creator's Game	After The Gold Rush	Trail of Tears	The Activist
10:30pm							
11:00pm	Rez		Our Spirits Don't Speak English	Native American Healing in the 21st Century	The Young Ancestors	Trail of Tears	
11:30pm	Beyond Recognition	Dakota 38					When I Hear Thunder

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Pesticide Control Office

Bed Bugs: A persistent household pest



The Pesticide Control Office has concluded its Bed Bug survey, which has identified safety concerns regarding the improper use of pesticides and other chemicals by homeowners who are battling bed bugs. Misinformation from a variety of sources is leaving homeowners confused and desperate for solutions.


In an effort to provide the Community with expert information about bed bugs, the Pesticide Control Office has developed a central location on the Department of Environmental Quality's website where homeowners can receive essential information regarding bed bug prevention and control.

The Pesticide Control Office encourages homeowners to inquire about **Integrated Pest Management** for bed bug control and the use of pesticides or other chemicals **before** implementing strategies which may not be ideal. The improper use of pesticides and chemicals can lead to serious health effects, as well as bed bugs developing a resistance to pesticides.

To access the DEQ Pesticide Control Office's Bed Bug webpage, please follow this web address:

www.gricdeq.org/pco_bed_bugs.html

For additional information regarding proper pesticide usage, please contact:
 Department of Environmental Quality, Pesticide Control Office
 Phone - (520) 562-2234
 Email - GRIC.Pesticide.Office@GRIC.nsn.us
 Web - www.gricdeq.org



Congratulations District 2: Multipurpose Building wins Southwest Construction Award, Sacaton Bridge project also honored



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

The District 2 Multipurpose Building in Hashan Kehk was recognized for excellence in construction among Government/Public Buildings.

Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

The D2 Service Center and multipurpose building recently won an award in the 2015 Engineering News Record Southwest Best Project Competition, which is open to all construction projects in Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico. The Hashan Kehk Multipurpose Building won in the Government/Public Buildings category.

The unique building was designed by Orcutt Winslow Architects and built by Arviso Okland

Construction last year. It features a beautiful desert palette of brown and cactus green to complement the saguaros that give Hashan Kehk its name.

The Sacaton Road Bridge also won an award in the competition; it took the merit award in the Highways/Bridges category. The Sacaton Bridge was designed by AZTEC Engineering and completed by FNF Construction, Inc.

The list of all winners can be seen at southwest.construction.com/opinions/blogs

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Honoring all who served



The Gila River Indian Community humbly acknowledges, on this special day of observance, all the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans Day is among the most hallowed occasions for our Community and will always have a special place in our hearts for generations to come.

The O’otham and Pee Posh veterans are connected through their exhibit of bravery and valor. Their names will always be linked with sacrifice and selfless service in the name of freedom and liberty. From Mustering In of the First National Guard 150 years ago, to current conflicts around the world, Gila River Indian Community service men and women have earned their place among the most courageous and fearless warriors of the United States of America. Many served not knowing when, or whether, they would return. To those that gave their lives, we owe them our many thanks of gratitude. To those that continue to serve, we express hope that all will be well in their lives.

To the families of veterans, we salute you as well! Your sacrifices and devotion enhance the wealth of heroism of the veteran in your family.

Let us honor all veterans and continue to support their rights and assist them with the help they need and the services they’ve earned.

Happy Veterans Day!

FROM GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTONE



Gila River Indian Community Mourns the Loss of Deputy Chief David Martin of the Gila River Fire Department



Photo Courtesy Gila River Fire Department

Deputy Chief David Martin poses in uniform.

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

SACATON, AZ – It is with great sadness today that the Gila River Indian Community announces the passing of Deputy Fire Chief David Martin of the Gila River Fire Department (GRFD). Both Governor Lewis and Lieutenant Governor Antone along with Community Council express their condolences to the family and friends of Deputy Chief Martin, as well as to his

fellow firefighters.

“We are shocked and saddened to learn about the passing of Deputy Chief Martin,” said Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen R. Lewis. “Deputy Chief Martin’s dedication to our Community’s fire service is evident in his years of dedicated service to GRIC”

As an original member of the full time paid Gila River Fire Department, Martin has provided 21 years of services to the Community. GRFD Chief Knapp states, “Since he initiated his service with the Gila River Indian Community, Deputy Chief Dave Martin has been a consistent advocate of initiatives to help our Community’s firefighters better protect and serve.”

Deputy Chief Martin spent most of his career carrying out the mission and vision of the Community through his open-minded approach to planning. Chief Knapp added, “Dave and his team have a shared vision for the Community that goes well beyond public safety. Dave has made substantial contributions to the department that surpasses the time served.”

Our thoughts and prayers are with Chief Martin’s friends, family and co-workers. His service and sacrifice to the Community will never be forgotten and he will be greatly missed.



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Crime Victim Services hosts Domestic Violence Awareness Fair



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Above: Community members visit the booths at one of the Domestic Violence Awareness Fairs in District 1 at the Multipurpose Building. The event was hosted by Crime Victim Services Program on Oct. 24. Below: A custom sign in support of the event says, "Take a stand against domestic violence."

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

Across the country, one in three women and one in four men are assaulted in domestic violence cases according to the Nation Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The GRIC Crime Victim Services Program hosted a Domestic Violence Awareness Fair at the District 1 Blackwater Multipurpose building on Oct. 24.

The purpose of the awareness fair is to inform Community members about the dangers associated with domestic violence and to provide an opportunity for survivors of domestic violence to tell their story.

Tribal Social Services Director Deannah Neswood-Gishey said, "It's about breaking the cycle of violence in the home."

Violence in the home has a tendency to become a normal part of life for families, which concerns the Community's social services programs like TSS and CVS.

"There are many other forms of abuse that transcend the physical boundaries of a relationship," said Gishey.

Those forms of abuse consist of intimidation, humiliation and jealousy that can be just as harmful as physical abuse.

She wants victims to know that it is okay to talk about domestic violence and not to be restrained by the negative stigma associated with abuse.

"[We] want to engage with the community, [we] want to have services brought to your home or to the districts," said Gishey.

Domestic violence survivor Debbie Garcia of District 4 said, "I want [you] to know that there's a lot of stages [that] domestic violence victims go through."

Garcia since leaving her abusive relationship remembers being isolated from friends kept from her family and blamed for reasons that lead to frequent beatings.

"You can make the decision to not go through the situation again. There are resources and trained professionals out [here] in the Community that can help you," said Garcia.

She echoed the importance of speaking out against domestic violence and to not be ashamed of it,

because it will protect the victim and children that are involved.

Program Coordinator for Crime Victims Services Robin Begay said, "A majority of the victims that we serve are victims of domestic violence. It is a problem that affects our elders, sisters, mom and other family members."

Begay said change is possible through bringing hope to the victim and for the children.

"For family members who know someone who is going to through a violent situation it can be hard to standby and watch what they are going through," said Begay, but in a crisis people can step in to help the victim seek help.

An advocate for services against domestic violence Gila River Lt. Gov. Monica Antone talked about her work with Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women and the Violence Against Woman Act.

"We are all put on this earth to help each other," she said. "My prayers are with you as survivors and for those currently experiencing domestic violence to stand strong."



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A'AGA Something to be told

By Billy Allen

November 11 – Veterans Day. One hundred and sixty nine years ago – on November 11, 1846 – our community saw the arrival of the American military when the "Army of the West" commanded by Colonel (and later on Brigadier General) Stephen Watts Kearny camped or bivouacked in the heart of Akimel O'otham and Piipash lands.

Presidential campaign speeches of 1844 focused on gaining control of western territories so that the USA could stretch "from sea to shining sea." When James K. Polk won the election, he attempted to "adjust a permanent boundary between Mexico and the United States," but the Mexican government refused. When Congress declared war on Mexico on May 13, 1846, Kearny's mission was to raise a volunteer force and take control of New Mexico and California.

On June 27, 1846, 1,600 volunteers marched out of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas heading west. Within two months, Kearny had taken possession of New Mexico. As the "Army of the West" marched down the Rio Grande, they intercepted Kit Carson. Kit Carson told Brigadier General Kearny California was under United States control, Kearny then ordered Kit Carson to begin service for the "Army of the West." Kearny's other scouts had never traveled along the Akimel to California. Kearny reduced his force to 100 but kept two wheeled canons. (He sent the rest of his force back to Santa Fe for roughly a month later; Captain Philip St. George Cooke would lead a battalion of Mormons to blaze a wagon trail to California following a more southern route.)

Brigadier General Kearny met with

O:b (Pee Posh) along the way; Mangas Coloradas, a member of the Mimbreno band of the Apache, near the headwaters of the Akimel and another band of Apaches where the San Pedro joins the Akimel. On November 9, 1846, the "Army of the West", emerged from the mountains and onto a wide plain, east of Florence. They describe a site as having twelve poles placed in a circle 20 feet wide with one pole in the middle. Continuing their march down river, Kearny's force camped about a mile and a half west of present-day Sacton.

Within hours, our people brought food and si:tol (saguaro syrup) to trade with the Americans. Men from Kearny's army visited the Casa Grande Ruins.

A Piipash guide took Lieutenant Emory and Captain Johnston to another large ruin on the north bank of the Akimel. Meanwhile, the army marched downstream to camp near a village which historian Robert A. Hackenberg writes might have been Old Mount Top Village. It was a farming village roughly two miles east of the Vahki mound or ruin, next to Rattlesnake Hill. He adds, "This little hill is known to the Indians as Rattlesnake Home, because of the small cave in its banks was the legendary abode of a monstrous rattlesnake and her numerous young." Their records do not list Casa Blanca as a village.

This military expedition wasn't the first to come to our community. But it would strike a familiar chord with us, for our community has always had a healthy respect for the military. This respect may have come from learning about the sacrifices of warriors who are long gone and continues today. The aim has been consistent through all time: protect our land.

Sources for this article were *Peoples of the Middle Gila* by John P. Wilson; *History of Arizona, Vol. 3*, by Edward H. Peplow, Jr. and *O'odham Place Names* by Harry J. Winters, Jr.

Arizona Facts of Life Program recognizes first student in D5



Photo Courtesy of Arizona Facts of Life

James Mills, center, was presented with a tool belt and several tools as part of the FACTS Educational Training Program in District 5.

Mary Kyles
Chief Administrative Officer
Arizona Facts of Life

on Friday, Oct. 16 a special ceremony was held for the presentation of the first student, James Mills, earning his tool belt and initial working tools.

Arizona Facts of Life operates FACTS Educational Training Program at the District 5 Service Center where life skills, GED Prep and Introduction to the Construction Industry is taught.

While the life skills and GED prep courses have been offered in the district for the past three years, the construction program was new this year.

The session started on Aug. 17, and

The presentation was honored to have District 5 Council Representative Robert Stone, District 5 Council Representative Frank Pablo, the instructors Christopher Gray, Eugene Samter, Founder Yolanda Robinson, Program Coordinator Mary Kyles and the recipient, James Mills. Any additional information about the program, please contact: Mary Kyles at mkyles@az-factsoflife.org

Gila Crossing Students graduate from G.R.E.A.T. program



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Nearly 150 students at Gila Crossing Community School learned about gang resistance and community involvement through the G.R.E.A.T. Program.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

One hundred forty-seven students from Gila Crossing Community School graduated from the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program last month.

Officer Clifton Smith has been the School Resource Officer for GCCS for three years.

He said, "A lot of the program has to do with teaching the students skill sets and how to deal with anger management, bullying, communication with others, resolving problems," and other soft skills.

G.R.E.A.T. is a national and international program that began in Phoenix, Ariz. in 1991.

"G.R.E.A.T. is intend-

ed as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. It is designed for children in the years immediately before the prime ages for introduction into gangs and delinquent behavior," according to the website.

There are two sets of curricula, one for students in grades 4 and 5, the other for middle school students in grades 6 through 8.

The middle school program is a 13-week course, which, according to Smith, touches on students' basic understanding of community, their role in a community and how they are able to interact with the community in positive ways.

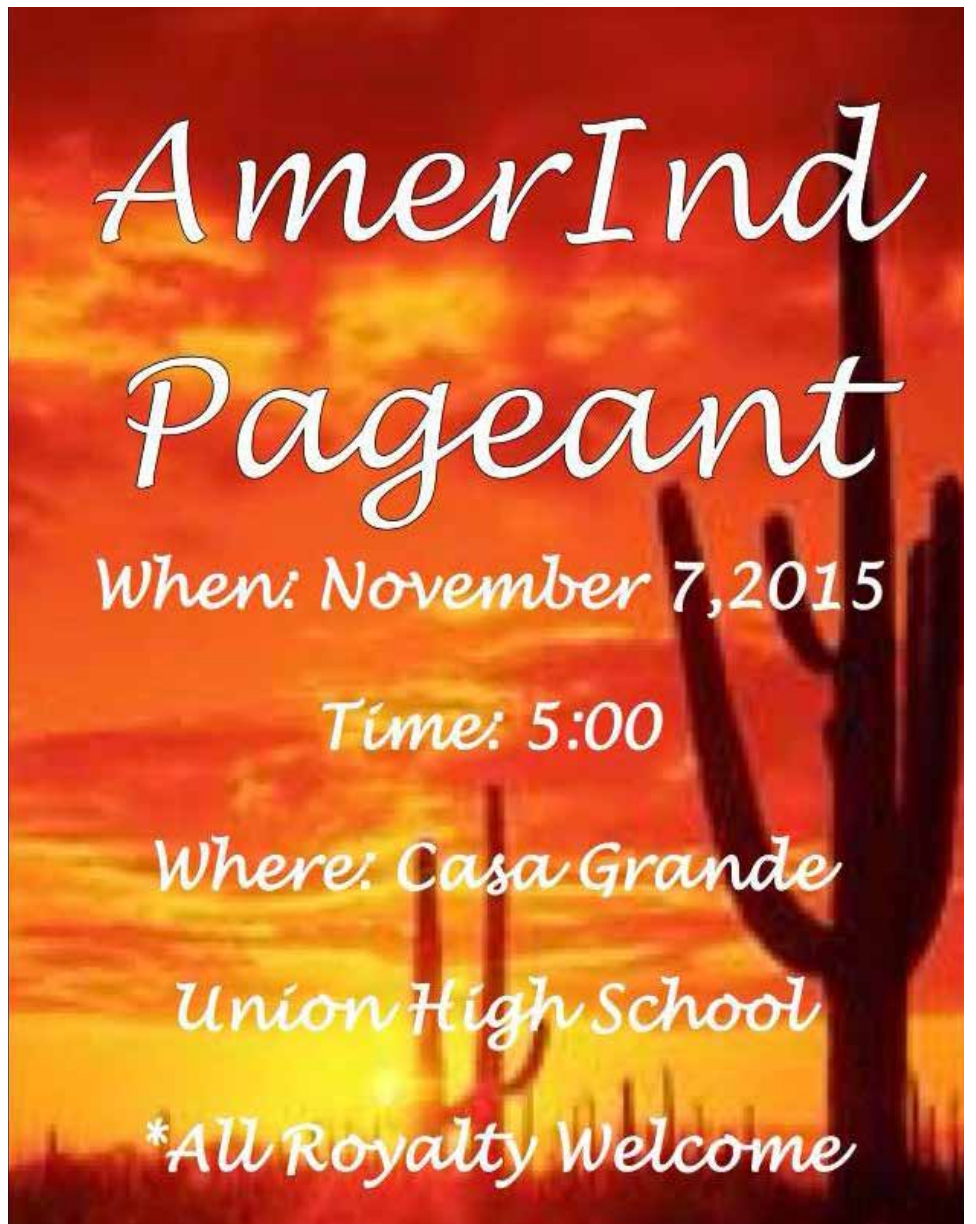
All of the course curricula is research-based and

continuously evaluated nation-wide, but for the kids it's as fun as it is educational.

"The kids just enjoy interacting with police officers," said Smith. "When we come into the classroom, they're allowed to be themselves, but to respect each other at the same time."

A key component of the G.R.E.A.T. Program as Smith teaches it is, "Treat others the way you'd like to be treated," the golden rule."

At the end they see how and why that golden rule works – because that's just a general way of conducting business and getting things done. As a sort of final assessment all students are required to do



a project, something they would like to do to give back to the school and create a more welcoming environment.

What did they come up with?

"We had a lot of holes from ground squirrels and little rodents making holes

all over campus," said Smith, "so the kids came up with the idea...to fill those holes back up so that nobody trips and twists an ankle and stuff like that."

Another project was a poster campaign against bullying, a big issue in schools today, even in the

lower grades.

"They decided they wanted to make posters and stick them up, just letting the other students know, 'We're not going to tolerate bullying. ... We're not going to allow it to happen to ourselves or anyone else that goes to school here.'"

Halloween events scare up fun in Gila River for families and youth



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Teens make their way through the haunted house at the District 3 Wellness Center in Sacaton during the Trail of Doom event Oct.29.

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Gila River Indian News

On a dark and overcast evening, a chainsaw screeched through the air as the wet weather broke just enough for a frightful affair. This wasn't a scene out of a horror movie, it was the Trail of Doom 5k run and 2-mile walk on Oct 29 at the District 3 Wellness Center in Sacaton.

In the parking lot Community members were entertained by music and games to get the blood pumping before the run-

ning and walking events kicked off.

Many of the walkers joined in the Halloween spirit wearing a variety of costumes from Star Wars characters to a zombie straight from an episode of The Walking Dead.

The fun fair was in full force as the Wellness Center transformed into a haunted house where inside masked ghouls and axe-wielding maniacs put a scream on the evening.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

A young ninja wins some candy at the Gila River Police Department Carnival. The GRIC Tribal Courts won best booth for its decorative Day of the Dead theme.

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Gila River Indian News

As the orange glow of Halloween evening descended into the black horizon west of Sacaton, families from the Gila River Indian Community flooded the lawn in front of the Gila River Police Department.

The annual GRPD Halloween Carnival, held on Halloween this year, brings together Community members, GRIC Public Safety, and other Community departments for family fun, food and trick-or-treating.

The scariest station of all was a GRPD trailer that taught guests 21 and older about


the dangers of drinking and driving.

Kids of all ages tried their hand at blind fishing for toys with the Ira Hayes American Legion Post 84, who donated gifts from the non-profit Toys for Tots.

The event was noticeably bigger, in terms of attendance, than the one from last year. Irwin Osife, from District 5, said he found out about the carnival online via the GRIC Facebook account.

"It's something new for us," he said. "We've never come here before." His family said they had a lot of fun and especially liked the cupcake cakewalk.

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NCAI Boosts Youth Participation



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L-R: Amber Pablo, Brittany Cooper, Ivan Castillo and Enrique Holquin of the Gila River Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council attend the National Congress of American Indian Marketplace and Convention Oct. 18-23.

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

American Indian youth are getting a close look at tribal government by participating in this year's National Congress of American Indian's Annual Convention & Marketplace.

The NCAI Annual Convention in San Diego, Calif. brought together American Indian youth from across the country on Oct. 18-23.

Tyler Owens a Community member of District 5 is an NCAI Youth Programs Assistant. She gave an overview on the youth track of NCAI covering tribal policy and leadership topics.

Owens said there is a lot going on with the Native youth. "I provide a young person's perspective on the work that our organization does and makes sure that it will reach youth in a way they are receptive to."

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was impressed by NCAI's commitment to the youth. "It shows that the youth track of NCAI has really become an essential part of the convention," said Lewis.

Representation from the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council had an opportunity to take part in the NCAI experience.

Enrique Holquin from District 5 said, "I like the way the conference is setup, especially having a youth commission, where youth can talk about issues that Natives across the country experience."

The Youth Commission was developed by NCAI to engage youth in wide-ranging issues.

The commission is composed of ten elected representatives that are voted in by fellow youth to sit on the board.

Another GRIC youth council representative, Amber Pablo of District 2 shared her experience sitting on the youth commission meetings. "They are starting a campaign that honors people that do good things in their community," she said.

Brittany Cooper from District 4 said, "Being here and experiencing these great things inspired me to be a leader to the youth at home."

One of the other highlights of this year was the appointing of two youths, Cassandra Church of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi in Michigan and Teressa Baldwin of the Inupiaq tribe, onto the National Indian Child Welfare

Association.

Both will serve on the board for three years as an advocate for youth.

Paulette Jordan, a current member of the Idaho House of Representatives, was a guest speaker at NCAI.

Jordan, 34, is an enrolled member of the Coeur d'Alene tribe, and emphasized the importance of investing in Native youth. "It would require engaging the youth by revitalizing the language, culture and traditions through immersion, but also including them on the issues that are most pertinent to them," said Jordan.

This past year, NCAI initiated some important campaigns like Native Vote, Native in the Bank, Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) and First Kids First.

Each initiative is meant to educate the youth about managing finances, increasing Native voter participation and generating opportunities that positively impact youth.

Gov. Lewis said it is important for the youth to learn [these] skills at this stage of their lives, "The best way to learn is here at NCAI."

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Red Ribbon *From Page 1*



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica L. Antone showed their support of the Red Ribbon Walk, posing with Kristopher Dosela (front, left) and Jonathan Cross (front, right), who sang traditional songs for the walk and round dance and students (blue shirts, left to right) Wyatt Jackson, Austin Miller, and Isaiah Francisco.

saying no to drugs and alcohol. Kristopher Dosela and Jonathan Cross from the Prevention Coalition sang traditional songs

with gourd accompaniment before the walk and during the circle dance.

Big turnout for Employment & Training Career Fair

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The Employment & Training Department has enjoyed decades of success finding job placements for participants year after year. Hundreds have passed through its doors and walked out with life-changing internships and careers.

This year marked the 23rd annual E&T Career Fair, held on Oct. 30 at the E&T building's lawn. Over forty employers hosted booths advertising employment opportunities, and several offered on-the-spot hiring. Career Fair visitors also received a free lunch provided by the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino and Spectra.

"We have some great opportunities out here for Community members," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who added that he is proud of Gila River because of the training and job opportunities that it provides to its members.

"Our community is doing some great things," he said, "and it's all because of those of you who are getting your education, getting

trained in jobs, [and want] to contribute back to our community."

Likewise, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone outlined the mission of E&T, which is to support job growth. "We're here to build each other up," she said, and likened the hard work GRIC employees do today to the industriousness of the O'otham and Pee Posh ancestors. "We didn't have careers," she said, rather, they worked hard every day as a way of life.

Training Specialist Zephyrn Conte directed a "Dress for Career Success" fashion show, which featured GRIC employees and E&T participants in a variety of professional attire, from ladies' suit pants to men's dress suits.

"We're told not to judge a book by its cover," she said, "but sometimes the cover is what makes us want to pick up the book in the first place." First impressions can change everything, she said, and maintaining a professional appearance will set you apart in the workplace.

E&T offers a number of job training programs,

like the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program and Work Experience (WEX). Several past and present members gave their testimonies as to the success of the programs.

Geneva Johns of District 3 joined WIA in 2013. She said, "It does take a lot of time and dedication to be in the WIA program, but in the end it does pay off."

After receiving training, she was placed in a temporary position with the Elderly Services program, which gave her valuable work experience for her current position at the Department of Community Housing, where she has been working for a full year.

"Before I came to the WIA program, I was, like a lot of people on the reservation," she said, "struggling, living day to day with the hardships of reservation life. ... I've been four years sober now and I'm very proud of that."

She said because of "the WIA program [and] the mentorship that I received, I am here today. Thank you."



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Above: The "Dress For Career Success" fashion show featured participants in professional attire for career development.

Below: Keith Smith with Gila River Fire Department gives out recruiting information during the Career Fair.



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GRIC receives national Telly Award for Super Bowl TV spot



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From Left: Matt Moore, Lt. Gov. Monica L. Antone and Scott Harkey during the presentation of the national Telly Award.

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The Gila River Indian Community played a major role in Super Bowl XLIX earlier this year, from partnering with the Super Bowl Host Committee for events to hosting the Championship team New England Patriots.

The Community even had its own television com-

mercial around the time of the Super Bowl, produced by Owens Harkey Advertising.

The Community's television spot earned a national Telly Award, which Owens Harkey presented to the Community at the October 21 Council meeting.

The Telly Awards is the premier national, annual award that honors the finest and best of film and video

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Owens Harkey said they wanted the TV spot to "embody the authenticity of the Gila River Indian Community, as well as proudly announce the partnership between the Community and the Super Bowl Host Committee."

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Two Graduate from Western International University



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Kristina Reyes received her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Behavior.

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Busy work schedules and late nights studying couldn't stop these two.

Estella Portz and Kristina Reyes both recently graduated from Western International University while working full-time and caring for their families.

Reyes, District 4, earned her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Behavior and is now attending Phoenix College in the paralegal program.

"I was a full-time student, full-time employee and a full-time wife and mother. My husband Frank was my biggest supporter he encouraged my every step of the way," she said. When she had to go to class or study for a test, her aunt and cousin stepped up. "They would take my kids and give me time to prepare."

She said, "My boys



Photo Courtesy Estella Portz

Estella Portz poses with her parents at the Western International University graduation.

Robert and Jacob have been my motivation to succeed and during the tons of papers I had to write and the hours of reading I thought of them to keep me going."

Portz, District 1, has been working for Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. for over 20 years and continued to do so while earning her Bachelor's of Science in Business from WIU.

"The stress was very high, many times trying to meet the demands of the professional and personal worlds," she said. But support from her family and the thought of being a role model to her children pushed her on.

"Showing my three children - Jessica Jones, Aaron Portz and Sarah Portz - that anything is possible if you have the drive, passion and dreams to sustain the goals [kept me going]."

Portz, 42, comes from a family that values higher

education and her parents encouraged her to continue her education from the time she was a young lady.

"My mother Georgina Robinson was the first in her family to obtain a higher education from Arizona State University in English Literature," said Portz in an email. Georgina also earned a Master's Degree from University of Phoenix and worked at the Phoenix Indian High School and as a teacher elsewhere for many years. Her father Manuel Robinson, meanwhile, was unable to further his education due to disabilities incurred during the Vietnam War. "They both were always active in [my] education."

The two had reversed roles compared to traditional gender roles in the house, but that only made Portz look up to her parents even more. "The limitations that were set in their paths never seemed to hold either of them back," she

said. They always found a way to succeed. "There was many times when I wanted to quietly remove myself from the [WIU] program because it wasn't easy," said Portz, but the memory of her parents' resilience motivated her.

Portz is now the third person in her family to earn a degree, after her mother and her brother Manuel, but she won't be the last. All three of her children are currently pursuing degrees at various colleges in Phoenix.

Reyes also received a lot of family support.

"My mom was very supportive of my education she is a hard worker and very knowledgeable in her career," she said.

She was also able to get a head start on her degree. While working on her Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice at Everest College, she got a job with the Gila River Probation Department.

"Not only was I learning in the classroom, I was learning hands on," she said. "I was able to obtain valuable information from my co-workers [because they were] doing the jobs that I was going to school for."

Reyes said, "I am very fortunate to have the Gila River Education Department invest in my education and I am excited about returning to work for the Community in the judicial branch."



Photo Courtesy JOM Program

Students work on a floor puzzle at the "Who We Are" workshop held in District 2.

JOM Program Students & Staff attend "Who We Are Workshop"

Terry Willis
GRIC JOM Advisor

On Thursday Sept. 10 34 Students and 6 Johnson O'Malley Program student advisors gathered together at the District Two Multi-Purpose Building to attend this workshop that was presented by Gila River Health Care BHS: Prevention Program in recognition of "Suicide Awareness Month."

Students Coolidge High School, Coolidge Alternative Program (CAP) and Casa Grande Union High School attended the workshop.

The workshop topics included tradition and meaning, substance abuse, overcoming historical trauma, self identity, preventing suicide, connecting to safety and "What does a Healthy Community Mean to Me?"

Students broke into groups and attended sessions from 9:00am-2:00pm. The sessions included "Behind The Masks," "Our Hidden Thoughts and Emotions," lead by Renee Ouellet. Renee's description as sometimes we hide our feelings from the world behind a mask of bravery. This activity was a creative and safe way to release self-doubt fears and pain, as well as to express strength and joy. Other Sessions included were "O'otham Culture," lead by Corey Hayes.

Josh Ulrich lead the session "What Do You know about Drugs." The students learned about substance abuse through education and games. Arvis Dosela, who also did the morning blessing, did his

session on "The History On Western Influence."

Students asked questions and counselors were available while in sessions and also throughout the day. A closing blessing was given, and students received "Who We Are," t-shirts and bags. Students also participated in a raffle drawing for more prizes.

I believe this was a great experience and great workshop for all of our students. It is my hope that in the near future we can bring more students together for these special events.

We as JOM student advisors for our program participated in this event and watched students engage throughout the day. Many students expressed their feelings and spoke openly about their personal life experiences.

As a survivor of suicide myself, I gained more knowledge and engaged in sessions and joined in face time with students who may endure various triggers of depression, suicide ideation and self-harm.

I felt the workshop was very up-lifting and students walked away with more knowledge, strength and compassion. I was truly impressed by all the presenters and their knowledge in engaging with our youth.

We have been working with our Tribal Education Team to gain more resources and provide data and tracking on how we can better serve our students and strengthen our community on keeping our students safe and provide as many resources as possible.

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9 NO CLINIC	10 AK-CHIN 8:30-2:00 PM	11 NO CLINIC	12 SACATON DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (DRS)	13 D3 SACATON (SOUTHWEST SIDE OF HOSPITAL CAMPUS) INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 10:30-3:00 PM
16 D6 (LAVEEN) RTC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	17 D5 (BAPCHULE) SACATE HOUSING 8:30-3:00 PM	18 D1 (BLACKWATER) MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING 8:30-3:00 PM	19 D6 (KOMATKE) BY KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	20 NO CLINIC
23 D3 (SACATON) BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:00-3:00 PM	24 D7 (Maricopa Colony) MULTIPURPOSE BLDG 9:00-2:00 PM	25 D2 HOUSING 8:30-2:00 PM	26 NO CLINIC	27 NO CLINIC
30 D4 (SAN TAN) SNAKETOWN CIRCLE HOUSING 8:30-3:00 PM				SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY!



To Gila Indian Community Members,
As a valued member of our Community, we would like to invite you to participate in a quick survey. Your responses will help us better serve your needs and improve our services for all Community members. The survey data will also provide valuable statistics to support an Individual Development Account (IDA) grant we will be applying for. IDA's are matched savings accounts that help people with modest means to save towards a targeted amount that can be used for building assets in the form of home ownership, post-secondary education and small business ownership.

You will have the opportunity to place your name in a raffle for one of the Fry's Gift Cards (\$100, \$75 or \$50) that will be drawn on November 28th, at the Waila Festival at Rawhide Western Town - Frontier Hall, Chandler, AZ.

Follow this link to start survey: <http://tiny.cc/PLSURVEY>

Thank you for your time and feedback.
Sincerely,
Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation Staff
(520) 796-2454

Gila Crossing Community School Notice of Request for Proposal

MATERIAL AND/OR SERVICE:
IT Data Center- ReBuild I ReStructure
RFP DUE DATE: November 13, 2015
TIME: 3:00pmMST
RFP OPENING LOCATION:
Gila Crossing Community School
Business Office
4665 W. Pecos Road
Laveen, AZ 85339

In accordance with the School's Procurement Rules, competitive sealed proposals for the materials or services specified will be received by the Gila Crossing Community School, at the above specified location, until the time and date cited. Proposals received by the correct time and date will be opened and the name of each offeror will be publicly read. Proposals shall be in the actual possession of the School, at the location indicated, on or prior to the exact date indicated above. Late proposals shall

not be considered. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the Request for Proposal number and the offeror's name and address clearly indicated on the envelope. All Proposals must be completed in ink or type written. Additional instructions for preparing a proposal are provided herein. The full RFP can be found at www.gccseagles.org on the front page under North Campus Network Install. CONTACT: Josy Ellis TITLE: Chief Financial Officer EMAIL: josy.ellis@gccseagles.org PHONE NUMBER: (480) 352-2345 Cell (520) 550-4834 x323 FAX NUMBER: NA DATE: November 13, 2015

Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday, October 21, 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 October 21, 2015, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:14am

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

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; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa

Council Members Absent:

D1-Arzie Hogg; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Angelia Allison; D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)

1. Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District General Manager Jack Conovaloff

Presenter: Rodney Jackson

COUNCILMAN RODNEY JACKSON PROVIDED WORDS OF GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN MAINTAINING THE GRIDD DEPARTMENT. COUNCILMAN JACKSON INTRODUCED MR. JACK CONOVALOFF. MR. CONOVALOFF PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

2. First Things First Presentation To Committee & Community Council Eddie Basha Award

Presenters: Melissa Madrid, Cathy Brown

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Telly Award Presentation for the GRIC Super Bowl Television Spot

Presenter: Roberto Jackson, Matt Moore

MR. ROBERTO JACKSON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE AWARD AND THE COMMUNITY'S PART IN THE SUPER BOWL EVENTS. MR. SCOTT HARKEY AND MR. MATT MOORE OF OWENS HARKEY ADVERTISING PRESENTED THE AWARD TO LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED WORDS OF APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

REPORTS

*1. Human Resources Monthly Dashboard Report – August 2015

Presenter: Shawna Shultz

REPORT HEARD

2. Maricopa Village Christian School Quarter 3 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Larisa Quijano

REPORT HEARD

3. Blackwater Community School Quarter 3 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

REPORT HEARD

4. Blackwater Community School Annual Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

REPORT HEARD

5. Head Start August Monthly Report 2015

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

REPORT HEARD

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:18 A.M.]

6. Gila River Water Storage, LLC Report

Presenter: Jason Hauter

REPORT HEARD

7. Gila River Farms – Operating, Human Resources & Financial Report

Presenter: Tiffany Horne

REPORT HEARD

8. Winter Bird Count (2014)

Presenter: Ondrea Barber

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:08 P.M.]

9. GRHC - Tohono O'odham Nation Patient Update

Presenters: Myron Schurz, Ginger Fligger

REPORT HEARD

10. First Things First Update: State Legislature Fund Sweep Proposal & FTF Board Opposition

Presenter: Cathy Brown

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Akin Gump Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Jason Hauter

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Financial Activity Report Ending September 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 And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Towers Watson Del-

aware, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2016 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Sharon Harvier-Lewis

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community's Proposal To Compact Certain San Carlos Irrigation Project Indian Works And Joint Work Programs, Functions, Services And Activity Pursuant To The Title IV Of The Indian Self Determination And Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638, As Amended) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Gene Franzoy

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Yoder & Langford, P.C. For Fiscal Year 2016 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Sharon Harvier-Lewis

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Condemning Thirty-Six Low-Rent Home Units Built Under The Housing Act Of 1937 And Located In Various Districts Within The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Laurie Thomas

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Formation Of A Gila River Farms Task Force To Review And Prioritize The Gila River Farms' Capital Needs (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; with additional language; EDSC concurs; NRSC forwards with memo clarifying duties & responsibilities of the Task Force and the Farm Board)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between The Bank Of America Corporation And The Gila River Indian Community To Open A Deposit Account To Pay For Services Regarding Commercial Prepaid Cards To Be Used For Quarterly Per Capita Distributions (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Office Of General Counsel

APPROVED

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

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1677 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 4289 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 493 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1094 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends Title 5, Chapter 16, Section 5.1605 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval) Presenters: Office of General Counsel

MOTION MADE, SECOND AND WITHDRAWN TO APPROVE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE WITH CONDITION REQUEST FOR AN INVESTIGATION ON PREVIOUS MATTERS IN CASES BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURTS AND PROSECUTION UNDER TITLE 5, PROBABLE CAUSE AND WARRANTS; AND FURTHER REPORT BACK TO THE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL IN 60-DAYS

2. An Ordinance Authorizing And Approving Amendments To The Gila River Indian Community Title 22 Gaming Ordinance GR 12-09 (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with requested changes)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

APPROVED

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:29 P.M.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Letter to Arizona State Land Commissioner Re: Florence Copper Project (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, pending Litigation Team approval; CRSC concurs)

Presenter: Tana Fitzpatrick

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

NEW BUSINESS

*1. GRHC Board of Directors Notice Of (2) Vacancies Subject to the Code of Conduct (H&SSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: Myron Schurz

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ANNOUNCE THE VACANCIES FOR 60-DAYS

2. Schedule Date For District Five Special Election (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval as per schedule provided, the date December 1, 2015 for the Special District 5 Election)

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Legislative Standing Committee Council Seat Vacancy (LSC declares LSC Council Seat Vacancy & forwards to Community Council)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND APPOINT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY BRIAN DAVIS, SR.

4. Cultural Resource Standing Committee Council Seat Vacancy (CRSC forwards to Council to Declare a Vacancy)

Presenter: Cultural Resource Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND APPOINT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY JOEY WHITMAN

5. Gila River Farm Board Resignations (3)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DENY THE RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINT FOR AN EXTENSION OF 6-MONTHS OR UNTIL COUNCIL DECIDES TO RE-ADDRESS THE FARM BOARD

6. Litigation Team Vacancy (Litigation Team motioned to approve and declare vacancy) Presenters: Linus Everling, Office of General Counsel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE AND APPOINT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FRANKLIN PABLO, SR.

7. Request for Special Council Meeting

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2015 AT 9 A.M.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Land Buy-Back Program Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council for discussion; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Akin Gump, Office Of General Counsel

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Post AIGA Discussion (Executive Session)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Office of General Counsel

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. 9th Circuit Hearing Update (Executive Session)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Office of General Counsel

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND REGARDING THE LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM UPDATE, TO GO WITH OPTION 3, GO BACK TO NATURAL RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN TRAVEL TO COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE 9TH CIRCUIT HEARING

11. Revenue Internal Audit Department Report Of Audit I.H.S. Annual Funding Agreement (Executive Session) (H&SSC forwards to Council in Executive Session)

Presenter: William Tye

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES

1. July 1, 2015 (Regular)

APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015, 1 P.M.

>EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE WORK SESSION REGARDING THE EDUCATION CODE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015, 9 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:12PM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Komatke fighter featured in Cage match



Photo Courtesy of Komatke Warlords

Joseph Webb, right, and Eric Jauregui, left, trade blows at Cage Rage on the River X in Parker, Ariz. on Oct. 17.

Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

Joseph Webb Jr., 18, of Komatke Village, is a proven competitor.

In his debut match, Webb went toe-to-toe with 30-year-old fighter Eric Jauregui of Blythe, Calif.

According to his coach Darren Garcia Funiestas, "Joseph showed that he has tremendous heart and skill... knocking [his opponent] down three times in the first round."

The fight, which was a debut MMA cage match for both contenders, was held at Cage Rage on the River X in Parker, Ariz. on Oct. 17.

Unfortunately, Webb fell to Jauregui in the third round, but his coach said he showed everyone "he is a force to be reck-

oned with" and gained favor from the fans, promoters, boxing commission and fellow fighters.

Webb has experience fighting in two North American Grappling Association tournaments in the past year, in which he took home a silver medal and a bronze.

Funiestas runs a fighting team called Komatke Warlords MMA, which was founded by the late Delvin Soke, and still meets at the Boys & Girls Club - Komatke Branch. The team consists of 20 students ages 10 and up.

"Our program's focus is on providing health and wellbeing to the local community through a holistic approach to the discipline of martial arts," he wrote in an email. "This program helps our youth to gain confidence, self-respect to pursue and conquer every obstacle in life."



Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

UTILITY MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM 2015

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) has an opportunity for Community Members to enter our Utility Management Training Program. Upon successful completion of the training program you will have the skill sets for filling management positions within GRICUA, including that of the General Manager. While the program does not guarantee participants a position within GRICUA, it will provide skills necessary to fill several management-level positions within the organization as well as in the Community.

Training will take place within and outside of GRICUA. You will learn about the tasks and responsibilities of the people and departments who provide electric service to the Community.

OPPORTUNITY:

- Trainees will work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday.
- Vacation, sick leave, medical and retirement plan options.
- Salary range DOE.
- Trainees will learn from General Manager, Finance Director, Operations Director, experienced Draftsmen, Warehouse Supervisor, Meter Technician, Linemen, Accountants, Customer Service Representatives and others directly involved with the work in the utility.

REQUIREMENTS:

- **Must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community.**
- Must possess a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering, Accounting, Finance or Business or a related degree.
- Travel is required.
- Successfully complete the 3-5 year Utility Management Training Program.
- Applicants must complete the GRICUA Application for Employment which can be found at <http://www.gricua.net/management-training-program.html>.
- Applicants will be required to pass a background check and drug screening before employment.
- Deadline for filing applications is December 30, 2015 at 12:00 pm.
- Application must be mailed or hand delivered to GRICUA's office at 6636 West Sundust Rd, Chandler, AZ 85226 in a sealed envelope labeled - "GRICUA MTP Application". Applications must be received by noon on December 30, 2015. Faxed and emailed applications will NOT be accepted.

6636 W. Sundust Rd. - Box 5091 - Chandler, Arizona 85226
Office: 520.796.0600 - Fax: 520.796.0672
E-Mail: GRICUAHR@gricua.net
Website: www.gricua.net

Wherever you live... Natural gas is your neighbor.

Natural gas lines can be buried anywhere, even in areas that don't use natural gas, like all-electric or propane neighborhoods. So it's important that EVERYONE knows how to recognize and respond to a natural gas leak, wherever they are.

A leak may be present if you:

- SMELL:** An odor similar to rotten eggs, even if it's faint or momentary.
- HEAR:** A hissing or roaring coming from the ground or above-ground piping.
- SEE:** Dirt or water blowing into the air, unexplained dead or dying grass or vegetation, or standing water continuously bubbling.



If you suspect a leak:

- Leave the area immediately.
- From a safe place, call **911** and Southwest Gas at **1-877-860-6020**, day or night, **whether you're a customer or not.** A Southwest Gas representative will be there as soon as possible.
- Don't smoke or use matches or lighters.
- Don't turn on or off electrical switches, thermostats, or appliance controls; or do anything that could cause a spark.
- Don't start or stop an engine, or use automated doors.

For more information about natural gas safety, visit swgas.com/safety or call **1-877-860-6020**.





Gila River
HEALTH CARE

Respecting People & Culture

Fall Job Festival

Friday, November 20, 2015
3 pm - 6 pm
(2 pm for early sign-in)

GRHC Viola L. Johnson Administration Building

What to Bring: Tribal ID • Resume • High School Diploma or GED Degree or Certifications

- **In order to qualify for an onsite interview and contingent job offer, you must apply online prior to November 13, 2015.**
- **Employment offers will be contingent upon successful background check and pre-employment drug and alcohol screening.**
- **Review positions and apply online: GRHC.ORG/Careers**

Learn about the career opportunities offered by many GRHC departments. Experience GRHC music, arts/crafts and traditional demonstrations. And, don't miss out on door prizes!

For more information, call the GRHC Human Resources Dept. at:
(520) 562-3321 Ext. 1342
(602) 528-1200 Ext. 1342

Public Health Nursing District Flu Clinics

District 1 Service Center
1:00pm to 4:00pm
October 14th & 28th
November 4th & 18th
December 15th & 29th

District 2 Public Health Nursing Office
1:00pm to 4:00pm
October 7th & 21st
November 10th & 20th
December 3rd & 17th

District 3 Elderly Complex on Azule Street
9:00am to 12:00 Noon
October 9th & 30th
November 6th & 19th
December 4th & 18th

District 3 SERVICE CENTER
9:00am to 11:00am
October 14th
November 18th
December 16th

District 4 Public Health Nursing Office
12:30pm to 4:30pm
October 15th, 20th, 22nd 27th & 29th
November 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th 17th 19th & 24th
December 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th,
December 17th, 22nd & 29th

District 5 Service Center
11:30am to 1:00pm
October 14th & 22nd
November 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 18th & 20th
December 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th 16th, 18th, 23rd & 30th

District 5 Elder Center
10:00am to 11:00am
October 27th

District 6 Service Center
District 7 Service Center
9:00am to 11:00am
October 14th & 21st
November 4th & 18th
December 9th & 16th

Ak Chin Service Center
9:00am to 11:00am
October 13th & 27th
November 10th & 24th
December 15th

Ak Chin PHN Office
9:00am to 11:00am
December 1st



Patients 65 and older residing in D4, please contact PHN office at: (520)-418-2845

Flu vaccines can also be given during PHN home visits. For more information contact, Kelci Wallace, PHN Program Coordinator at: (480) 721-5318

Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Loss Workshop

The workshop will focus on hope, healing, and helping those who have been touched by suicide.

Monday, November 9th, 2015
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Viola L. Johnson Administration Building
Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital
Sacaton, AZ

Participants must be at least 16 years of age to attend. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. (Due to the sensitivity of the SOS Workshop, children should not attend)

Pre-registration is required and walk-ins may attend, if space is available. There is no fee to attend this workshop.

For more information please contact: Sandra McNally at: (480)784-1514 Ext. 1219 or GRHC BHS Prevention Program at (520)562-3321 Ext. 7157

Participant fees are sponsored by Gila River Health Care.

Gila River Prevention Coalition

The Coalition meets regularly and hosts Community and school events to bring awareness about issues of underage drinking, substance use, METH and suicide to the community.

November 20, 2015
Sacaton Dialysis Center
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Contact the GRHC Behavioral Health Services, Prevention Program at: 520.562.3321 or email bhsprevention@grhc.org.

2015 November Closures

VETERAN'S DAY

Wednesday, November 11, 2015
(HHKMH, KHC & Ak-Chin Clinic)

THANKSGIVING

HHKMH

Thursday/November 26, 2015
Friday/November 27, 2015
Saturday/November 28, 2015
Re-opens Monday, November 30, 2015

KHC & Ak-Chin Clinic

Thursday/November 26, 2015
Friday/November 27, 2015
Re-opens Monday, November 30, 2015

Call (520) 562-3321 or go to GRHC.ORG/NovemberClosures for information on specific department closure dates.

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 Dr.
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

VETERANS

November 11, 2015

Thank you for your service.

DAY

Honoring all who served.



**Matthew B. Juan • Ira H. Hayes
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

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