

## Heard Museum Honors American Indian Veterans with Sunset Ceremony

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**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

In a tribute to the service of American Indians in the military, the Heard Museum hosted an event giving thanks for the role they played in past conflicts and as one of the largest minorities within the armed forces.

The Ira H. Hays American Legion Post 84 raised the colors of the Ameri-

can flag, POW and Arizona State flag at the 4th Annual Sunset Tribute to American Indian Veterans Nov 8.

The ceremony included one of Post 84's own members Jeffery Begay who is a Vietnam Veteran and member of the Navajo Nation provided the invocation for the evening's ceremony.

Begay spoke about the loyalty of

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Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 posted the colors at the Heard Museum Sunset Tribute to American Indian Veterans Ceremony.

## St. Peter Students Pray for O'otham Brethren in Honor of Native American Heritage Month

**Mikhail Sundust**  
Gila River Indian News

Students from St. Peter Indian Mission School visited the Governance Center in Sacaton on Thursday, Nov. 5 to sing traditional songs and perform dances for visitors and staff in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

The instructors were careful to point out, however, that the

songs and dances they performed were not merely a series of motions handed down for generations, but were blessings meant to strengthen and encourage O'otham and Native American people.

"What we're doing here is to give blessings out to all people, to make us stronger as a people," said Culture Teacher Corina Harrison.

Native American Heritage

Month takes place in November each year and is a federally ordained period of observation to recognize and honor Native American history and culture.

Culture Teacher Aide Bryson Hall opened the celebration with a smoke blessing, while Albert Cruz Jr., also a culture teacher aide, offered the opening prayer. Hall said eighth grader Philip Morales has demonstrated exceptional com-

mitment to learning this year and was chosen to assist in the smoke blessing.

Throughout the celebration, various young men from the junior high school class presented the songs and explained their significance.

The set list included the Song of Light, Quail Song, The Swing, and Cripple Dance. They closed the celebration with two social round dances to White Butterfly and Creation Song. The students exited the Governance Center lobby to the Swallow song.

Cruz said while it is very fun teaching the children the customs and traditions of their culture, the responsibility to pass those lessons on rests will all O'otham people.

"In your homes, in your community, be that person to stand up and to show them our ways and teach them or find somebody that knows the ways and taking your kids to them," he said.

Cruz ended the event by thanking the people at the Governance Center for allowing them to share what the students have learned and recognize Native American Heritage Month. "It's an honor for us to do this and take part in the celebration."

**Photo: Students dance and sing traditional songs for Native American Heritage Month.**



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

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# 2015 WATER RIGHTS CELEBRATION

*"Our Water: nourishing the sacred relationship with our land, our people and our spirit"*



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**Myra Jones-Norris's family gives thanks**

Your life was a blessing,  
Your memory a treasure...  
You are loved beyond words  
And missed beyond measure.

On behalf of the family of the late Myra Jones-Norris we would like to extend our deepest heartfelt Thank You to the following individuals, choirs, and Departments for your prayers, words of comfort, and generous contributions during our time of loss.  
Thank you!

Reverend Aaron Johns  
Councilman Devin Redbird  
Colleen Stone & Family  
Councilman Robert Stone  
Janice Johns & Family  
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Joaquin Sisters  
Travelers for Jesus Choir  
Voices of the Desert  
The White Family  
Harold & Patsy Patrick  
Shauna & Hector

**Family of JR says, 'Thank you'**

It has been over a month now since our brother and uncle has left this world, but the memories of him will remain in our hearts forever.

When death comes to a family things start to happen so quickly with the funeral arrangements and so forth. Then comes the time you start thinking about all the people that were there for you and your family. Sometimes people that should be mentioned are forgotten in the "Thank You" note. That's what happened for us.

So now we would like to take this time to recognize and say thank you to the following: Gila River Police Dept. Officers, Gila River Fire Dept., and Crisis Response Team. We know that it's your job to take care of the Community, but you all went over and beyond to make sure the remaining family was comfortable and well taken care of. Most of all, thank you for your kind words and compassion.

Last of all we would like to say thank you, Earl Antone for the cross that you made for JR. You have a very special talent and we are very happy that you shared it with us by doing that for him. We are so sure JR would have been so proud of it. The cross says it all! It's all him. Earl, you are Blessed to have children that follow your footsteps with that wonderful talent.

Thank you all, may many special blessings come to each and every one mentioned for being there for the Miles, Pedro and Jose families.



**Casa Blanca  
Community School  
November Events**

- 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

**CORRECTIONS**

In a photo caption for the District 5 Facts of Life Program graduate in the Nov. 6 edition, District 5 Council Representative Robert Stone was misidentified as being a representative of District 4. We apologize for the oversight.

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](mailto:grin@gric.nsn.us)

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**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.

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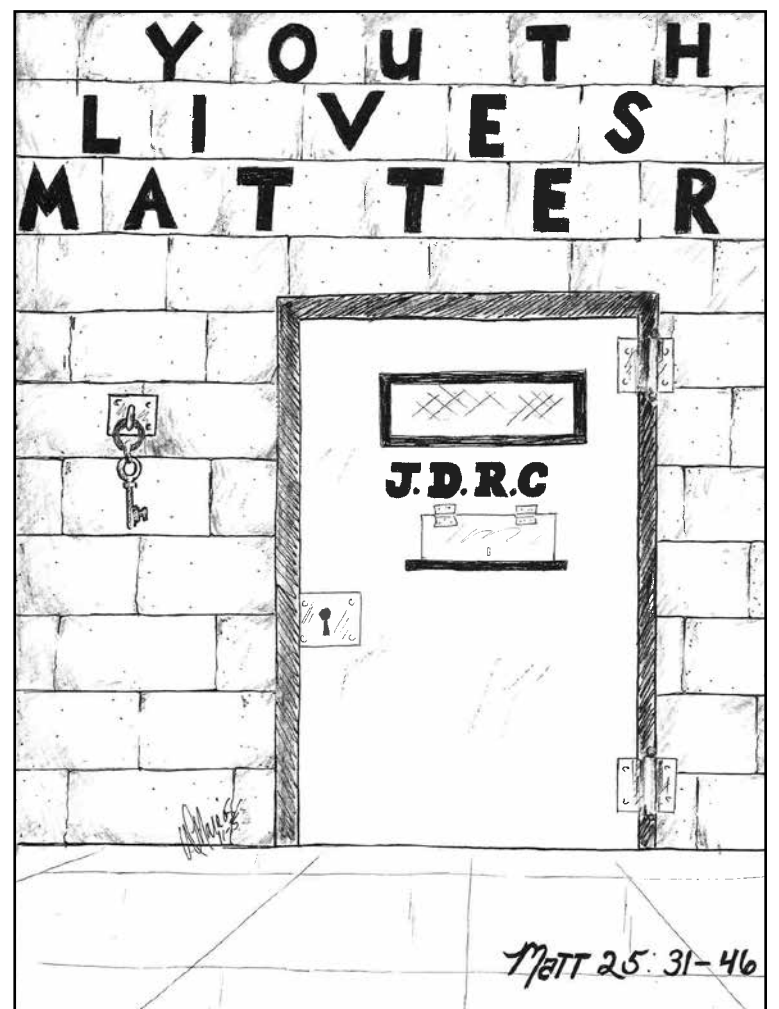
**A poem by Community member Anna Dixon**

*Siblings.*

I MISS THEIR TINY HANDS, AND THEIR TINY FEET.  
I MISS THEIR WONDERFUL SMILES THAT MAKE MY LIFE COMPLETE.  
AND I MISS THEIR LAUGHTER THAT WARMS MY HEART.  
BUT KNOWING I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE THEM EVERYDAY TEARS ME APART  
I WON'T GET TO WATCH THEM GROW & PLAY, OR OBSERVE AS THEY STAY IN THEIR OWN LITTLE WORLD ALL DAY.  
THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKES ME TERRIBLY SAD  
AND IT ALSO MAKES ME REGRET WAKING AWAY FROM THE LIFE I HAD

*Anna Dixon*  
11, 2015

**Artwork by Wayne Narcia**



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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.*

From a Gila River Indian Community Press Release

November 17, 2015

## Gila River Indian Community Conducts Special Council Meeting to Discuss Future of Housing

SACATON, AZ – On November 2 and 3, 2015, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) held a Special Council meeting at Wild Horse Pass Casino to review and discuss the future of housing for the Community.

The two-day meeting focused on presentations provided from stakeholders who are responsible for the infrastructure and housing development in the Community.

The meeting included the following:

- Update of the Housing Owners Team (HOT)
- Department of Housing Development (DHD) o Current Projects Update/ Operations Update
- Department of Community Housing (DCH) o George Webb Village/Scattered Home Site Update
- Department of Public Works Infrastructure (water/sewer/septic) Update
- Land Use Planning & Zoning (LUPZ) o Provide a status report on the current “land use process” for home assignments; and
- Recommend changes to the current process for greater efficiencies and to provide the construction readiness land review up front to decrease potential of delays in the building of home within the Community
- Present options for apartment construction or purchase (Treasurer’s Office)
- Homelessness Initiative Summary Update (Lt. Governor)
- Recommendations and options offered by the Executive Office and the Community Managers Office for GRIC Tribal Council consideration

Governor Lewis stated, “My administration understands that housing remains a critical need in our Community. The housing needs of our elders, veterans, disabled and homeless members are a priority. However, we cannot dismiss the competing priorities of school construction and critical infrastructure as a growing Community.

As we move forward there are financial threats that we must address head on that require us to practice sound decision making and realistic planning to protect the Community’s future.”

The Community Council and Executive Office will attend a special Government and Management work session in December to review the financial impact statements as well as pending legal and legislative issues.

## Community Events

### Monday, November 23

District 6 Service Center  
Thanksgiving Giveaway of assorted items and prizes  
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
For more information, please call: 520-550-3805

### December 3 - 17

Pima Language Classes - O’oth-am Neok 2015  
District 3 Service Center  
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
For more information, please call: 520-562-2724

### Thursday and Friday, November 26-27

Gila River Indian Community  
Utility Authority Thanksgiving Office Closures  
For more information, please call: 520-796-0600

### Friday, December 4

Winter Bird Count  
7:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
Hosted by Department of Environmental Quality  
For more information visit [www.gricdeq.org](http://www.gricdeq.org) or call 520-562-2234

### Saturday, November 28

Waila Festival at  
Rawhide Western Town  
11:00 am to 11:00 pm  
For more information go to: [www.wailafestival.org](http://www.wailafestival.org)

### Saturday, December 5

Community Swap Meet  
District 4 Service Center  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
For more information, please call: 520-418-3661

### December 2-16

Community Nutrition Education – Crock Pot Cooking Classes at the  
District 3 Service Center  
6:00 pm  
For more information, please call: 520-562-2706 or 562-5126

### Sunday, December 20

District 7 Movie Night at the Pee Posh Multipurpose Building  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
For more information, please call: 520-430-4780 ext. 2313

## PER CAPITA CORNER

Per Capita Schedule for this Quarter	
<u>Quarterly Deadline</u>	<u>Payment Date*</u>
Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015	Monday, Feb. 1, 2016
<b>Trust Early Disbursement Request</b>	
Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015	Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 (Checks mailed)

### PAY CARD TROUBLES CAN BE RESOLVED....

Pay Card Activations. There are still a few cards that have not been activated. If you need assistance with activating - come on over to the office and the PCO staff will assist you with activating your new Bank of America Card. Or, call the BofA pay card center at **866-213-8564**.

Pay Card Lost. If you think you should have been paid on the new BofA pay card but have not received it - call the PCO and our office will order another card for you. Or, call the BofA pay card center at **866-213-8564**.

Pay Card Payment Changed to Check Pick -up. If you were on the old pay card and never received a new BofA pay card you may have been changed (defaulted) to Check Pick-up. Your check may be here, in the PCO! Please call us to find out. Also, you may get right back onto the new BofA pay card - just let us know. All we need is your simple request, your new address or new telephone number.

**Happy Thanksgiving from the PCP Staff !**

### OTHER REMINDERS....

Returned Statements and Checks. Always keep your address and telephone number current at the Enrollment Office. Then, submit an “IRS W-9 Form” to the PCO to show the address change.

New Adult Applications. Members turning 18 years old by January 31, 2016 and applying for adult Per Capita must apply by December 15, 2015 to be eligible for the February 1, 2016 pay-out.

Payment Method Change. To change your payment type, submit a “Payment Method Change Form” by the deadline date. No need to submit a new application; approved applications for Per Capita are permanent.

Power of Attorney (POA) for Per Capita Distribution. This form is the ONLY POA form acceptable for PCO use. The fully completed form is valid for one year from the date it is notarized. The POA form must be on file by the deadline date (45 days before a payout) to be in effect for this same pay-out date.

IRS 1099 Forms. Per capita pay-outs are taxable. The 1099 forms for the 2014 per capita will be mailed out to the current mailing address before January 31, 2016.

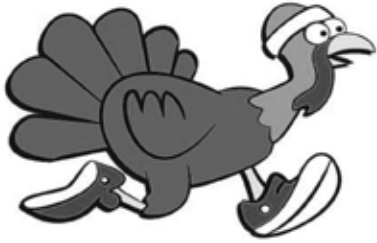
### PER CAPITA MINOR TRUST ACCOUNTS

Submit your request to Providence First Trust as early as possible in the quarter. Early submittal will give Providence a chance to review your request and notify you if further information or a correction is needed. Call Providence at (800)350-0208 or (480)282-8812 if you have questions.

### PER CAPITA OFFICE INFO

The PCO is open Mon. - Fri., 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. You may call our direct line (520) 562-5222 or (866)416-2618. Information and forms are also available on the Community website [www.mygilariver.com](http://www.mygilariver.com), and we can mail the information to you.

# Casa Blanca Community School 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Turkey Trot



Come run like a Turkey with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool Program

*Fun Family Event  
Healthy Snacks and Water  
For All Participants!*

**WHEN:**  
Monday, November 23, 2015  
3:00PM-4:30PM

**WHERE:**  
District 5 Service Center  
3500 Casa Blanca Rd.  
Bapchule, AZ 85121

**CONTACT INFO:**  
Ms. Harrison or Ms. Whitehat  
Casa Blanca Community School  
(520)315-3489 ext. 2507

Event Schedule	
2:45pm	Booths/Vendor Set-Up
3:00pm	Run/Walk Sign Up
3:20pm	Turkey Trot Starts
3:45pm	Turkey Raffle Sports Equipment Raffle
4:00pm	Visit Booths
4:15pm	Closing

**CBCS Partners:**

- Genesis Youth Wellness Program*
- Conscious Community Yoga*
- Gila River Police/Fire/EMS Department*
- Gila River Prevention Coalition*
- District 5 Service Center*

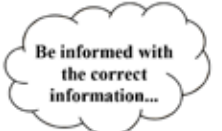
## Pesticide Control Office

### 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](http://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](mailto:GRIC.Pesticide.Office@GRIC.nsn.us)  
Web - [www.gricdeq.org](http://www.gricdeq.org)

### OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- Collaboration, facilitation and support of GRIC services during a disaster
- Disaster Preparedness
- Community Emergency Plans
- Community Right-to-Know (C-TERC)
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

A disaster can strike at any time, any location, with little or no notice.

These disasters or emergencies create significant impact on the health of individuals, cause property damage, and economic hardship to individuals and the Community.

Community departments, in response to a disaster will take actions to mobilize and utilize resources to save and protect lives, property and resources.

#### OUR MISSION

*The Office of Emergency Management is committed to leading the Gila River Indian Community's emergency operations through a comprehensive system of emergency preparedness activities that enables efficient response to emergencies and disasters*

### PUBLIC SAFETY NUMBERS

Emergency Number 911

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Non-Emergency Number (520) 562-7139

FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Non-Emergency Number (520) 796-5900

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE  
Non-Emergency Number (520) 796-4580

### OTHER EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Animal Control  
(520) 562-5100 EXT. 3

Department of Public Works  
(520) 562-3343

Department of Transportation  
(520) 562-0950

Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA)  
(520) 796-0600

### DISTRICT SERVICE CENTERS

- District 1 (520) 215-2110
- District 2 (520) 562-3450
- District 3 (520) 562-3334/2700
- District 4 (520) 418-3661/3228
- District 5 (520) 315-3441/3445
- District 6 (520) 550-3805/3806
- District 7 (520) 430-4780

## GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY



### OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM)

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- FAX (520) 796-3759
- HOTLINE (520) 562-9595

# Element Drops Into Gila River

**Mikhail Sundust**  
Gila River Indian News

After spending months neglected and gathering dust behind locked gates, the Sacaton skate park opened its doors to Elemental Awareness (a non-profit organization connected to the Element Skateboards company), who dropped in on the Gila River Indian Community Saturday, Nov. 7 with a free skate event, demos, competitions and tons of free swag.

Tim Terry, from Hashen Kehk, opened the skate park with a traditional blessing, while the GRIC and EA skaters joined him in

prayer. Terry told the kids to be grateful for the park and not take it for granted. He asked them to keep it clean, respect it, and to skate hard.

Soon after, the park was swarming with skaters flying around on their boards. Kids from 8 years old to teenagers shared the ramps with adult pro-skaters.

The Elemental Awareness crew handed out free T-shirts, sweaters, decks, wheels, stickers, hats, bags, and more. They had a competition for who could jump the highest off a ramp to win a bag full of goodies, among other games. Dozens of kids got to spray paint brand new decks with an EA stencil

and take home the decks for free and EA even bought everyone pizza.

Elemental Awareness is on a tour of American Indian reservations right now.

“Once a year we do a tour and...visit communities that are a little bit off the beaten path and we stoke ‘em out, we hook ‘em up,” said EA Director Todd Larson. “We bring a lot of product, we bring professional skateboarders, and hopefully we’re bringing a good vibe.”

Larson hopes that communities see the passion kids have for skateboarding, the effort they put into it and that it inspires them to support the youth. “The goal is to...make them smile and just show the parents and community that there’s a positive side to skateboarding.”

EA’s greater mission is to “to connect [kids] to nature through skateboarding.” They do environmental education programs, camping and wilderness training, and host a skate camp in Northern California every summer to teach young skaters about nature and conservation. “It builds confidence and it gives a greater appreciation for the outdoors,” said Larson.

“Our son has been skating for a long time and he interned at Element Camp,” said Dana Anselmo, a Community member originally from Blackwater. Her husband David used to take their son Skyler to the EA Element Camp when he was younger. This year, Skyler, now 20, worked at Element Camp as an intern.

Dana and David say skateboarding is misunderstood.

“It’s a positive outlet



**Top: Caleb Jackson, District 3, catches some major air during the Elemental Awareness event in Sacaton, Nov. 7. Bottom: Dozens of skateboarders, young and old, from Gila River and surrounding communities visited the Sacaton skate park to hang out and skate all afternoon. Left: Nick, D3, applies an Element sticker to his new board. Elemental Awareness handed out a lot of free skate gifts to inspire the young rez skaters to keep on skating. (Photos by Mikhail Sundust, GRIN.)**

for kids,” said Dana. She said having older skateboarders there showing respect and positivity helped the community of skaters

in Gila River. “The more kids that skate, the more stress-relieving it is, so it’s something we support.”

Learn more about the

EA Rez Tour and watch a video from last year’s tour at [elementalawareness.org](http://elementalawareness.org).



**WailaFest 2015**  
Featuring the Circle of Art & Culture  
Free Admission - \$5 Rawhide Parking Fee

**Southern Mumsigo**  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**The Gomez Band**  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Friends Band**  
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Valenzuela & Company**  
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Come enjoy the best of traditional O’odham Waila  
Saturday, November 28, 2015 11:00 am to 11:00 pm  
12 Hours of Music, Food, Fun & Dance  
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# Community members present new O’otham language children’s books

**Mikhail Sundust**  
Gila River Indian News

Thadai is your friendly desert tour guide in a series of new children’s books written entirely in the O’otham language. The books are the first publications to be written using the official orthography adopted by the Gila River Indian Community Council in 2009.

Authors Arlanna Jackson and Marcella Hoover debuted their work with a book reading at the Huhugam Heritage Center First Friday event Nov. 6.

A number of families with young children attended the book reading, and more than a dozen children from the Residential Programs for Youth home helped fill the small room. Everyone left with a free copy of one of the books of their choice.

In all three books, Thadai (roadrunner) is the central character, who teaches readers the names of colors, how to count to ten in O’otham and introduces them to various other desert creatures using different O’otham greetings.

“Bap tho hi:?” says Thadai to Chemmaimak (the horned toad) in the friends and greetings book.

“Mañ tho hi: gamo na’a,” replies Chemmaimak. Jackson helped the children count to ten with Thadai in the numbers book. “Hemako, go:k, vaik, gi’ik, hethasp, chu:thp, ve’vam, gig’gik, hemachkam, vesthmam!”

Jackson, originally from Sacaton, and Hoover, from Vah Ki, didn’t set out to become published authors. Two years ago, the books started out as a college class project to develop a language-learning tool.

“Our whole purpose was to get the kids familiar with the phrases so we wanted repetitious [words] on each page so they could practice saying it,” said Hoover.

Hoover and Jackson are not fluent speakers of O’otham, but creating the books has been a part of their language-learning journey. Early in the project they turned to O’otham cultural and language expert Joyce Hughes for help.

Hughes, from Santa Cruz in District 6, is an uncredited contributor to the books, but her input was indispensable. Hughes is one of the creators of the GRIC-adopted orthography and helped the authors translate their ideas into the

language in a natural way. “We want the language to be revitalized,” said Jackson. “We want people to be speaking it...in the Community and to be able to...greet one another in the language.”

Conscious of the fact that O’otham is not uniform across the land, each book opens with a note on dialects and encourages readers to ask others, especially elders, how they would pronounce words in their village.

The books have no English translation because they are designed to generate conversation in a learning environment. In fact, they were written for the purpose of education and language revitalization, according to Anthony Gray, the Tribal Education Department’s Acting Cultural Coordinator.

The Tribal Education Department commissioned the books, which were printed and designed by Vesuvius Press, Inc. out of Phoenix.

The authors contributed to the design of the books too, by submitting photos they took of the GRIC landscape, which were artistically modified by Vesuvius and are presented as the backdrop to

the colorful pages. They didn’t want the books to have any old desert theme, they said, but wanted them to be filled with imagery familiar to the Community.

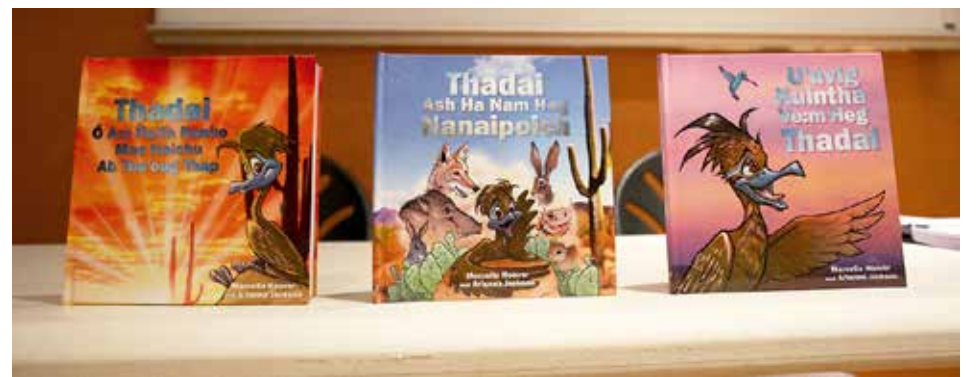
There are a limited number of prints available, which the Education Department will be distributing to schools and at various upcoming language events.

“We’re going to have future events where we’re...going to be teaching [from] the books” and giving them out, said Gray. He encouraged

families to come to the events and take home some books so they can read them to their children.

Teachers can do language classes at school, he said, “but what better way to learn the language than in our homes as well?”

Be on the lookout for future book readings and event announcements. Until then, as Thadai says at the end of each book, “Manthova epom ñei! (See you later!)”



**Top: Marcella Hoover and Arlanna Jackson read their books to children at the Huhugam Heritage Center First Friday event Nov. 6. The children, mostly from the Residential Programs for Youth, were delighted to hear the language read aloud and to take home a copy of one of the books each. Bottom: The three children’s books written by Community members Marcella Hoover and Arlanna Jackson. (Photos by Mikhail Sundust, GRIN.)**

## Soa:m Mashath

### ‘Yellow/Brown Month’

Soa:m Mashath means the yellow/brown month in the Akimel O’otham language. The name refers to the plant-life that goes dormant during the winter months.

This month is also Native American Heritage Month, honoring the heritage of all Tribes in our nation. Important to many Tribes are the relationships with the natural universe especially Birds of Prey. The feathers, down, claws and other parts are used in ritual ceremony and curing practices.

Our Hekiu O’otham named several birds that live on our community. These birds, which are commonly known as raptors by scientists, have special places in our cosmology. Two of these raptors that are important to us are the Golden Eagle and Sonoran Desert Bald Eagle. Both are known by the same name, Ba’ag in our language. Another raptor that can be seen in our community during its fall and spring migrations is the Vakoan Ba’ag known in milga:n as the Osprey. Its name translates as the Heron-Eagle which references how this raptor hunts fish as a primary food source and has an ability to dive into water sources to catch its prey. It also has the ability to hover in the wind motionless until it finds prey and dives down to catch it with its claws extended forward.

We are very familiar with Haupal (Red-tailed Hawk) since they live with us year-round, their familiar calls are distinct and easy to identify. Their kosh (nest) is also easily identifiable due to their large size. One raptor that spends the winter with us is the Vakav (Northern Harrier). An alternate name for this bird is S-he:p ua’atham as it is said that this bird is the bringer of the cold during the winter months.

Vakav can be seen flying low over fields and brushy areas and its distinct white patch on its backside makes it easy to identify. Thobav (Harris’ Hawk) primarily hunt the desert cot-

tontail rabbit and are known to hunt in groups. They can be identified by the red feathering on their shoulders and upper legs and the yellow coloring of their beak and legs.

In the classification called Falcons in milga:n our Hekiu O’otham named three birds that are known for their swiftness and ability to dive extremely fast to catch prey. Vishag (Prairie Falcon) is known to live on high rocky ledges and cliffs and will protect their nests if approached by diving swiftly near the intruder while giving warning calls. Che:thag Vishag (Peregrine Falcon) is another bird that lives on high ledges and cliffs, some have taken up residence in cities and make their nests on skyscraper window ledges. They are known to dive after prey from high ledges or from high in the air. They are known to dive very fast and often attack its prey repeatedly with a series of short quick dives. Sisik (American Kestrel) is the smallest falcon that lives on our community. They are known to move into old woodpecker holes to set up their nests. This is another falcon that is known to hover in the wind before diving down to catch its prey of insects and small rodents. They are easily seen perching on power lines along roadsides.

All the Birds of Prey mentioned above are very important to us and are mentioned in our Creation Stories, hunting songs, war songs and social songs.

This month’s word match will feature Birds of Prey. We encourage you to learn the bird names and use them in your everyday lives. We also encourage you to get outdoors and observe these Birds of Prey in their natural habitats. From all of our families here at the Huhugam Heritage Center to yours we wish you a S-he:kig Thova Thash! (Happy Thanksgiving!)

## HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER



Match the Birds of Prey with their Akimel O’otham name!

Ba’ag



Ba’ag



Vakoan Ba’ag



Haupal



Vakav



Sisik



Thobav



Che:thag Vishag



# Elders' Day 2015



Above: Two ladies from Komatke look at their raffles tickets during a prize drawing. Right: A group of elders go through a series of stretch exercises during a segments of the day's activities. (Photos by Christopher Lomahquahu, GRIN.)



**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

A long-standing tradition of recognizing the Community's wisest members, Elders' Day highlights how they are part of the passing down of traditions and values.

The Community Services Department hosted the 20th Annual Elders Day event at the District 2 Multipurpose building on Nov. 13.

Many of the elders

were up and at it early in the dawn hours to see old friends and to discuss how things are going with their families.

Masters of Ceremony Antonio "Gohk" Davis and his younger brother Joe Davis added comedic relief to the agenda.

Antonio connected with the audience as one of the few Community members of the younger generation that is doing

his part to keep the language and culture alive.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis emphasized the importance of cultural preservation and values to teach the youth.

Gov. Lewis said, "We need to reunite those young generations. [They] need to know more about our elders and about the stories and about what [you've] been through."

He said, "We need more good role models for

[our] young people that are coming up."

He pointed to Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington as one example a young Community member who shares the Community's culture with her peers.

Lewis said that in order for the youth to succeed, they need a sense of identity reinforced by an awareness of the Commu-

nity's culture.

"Your such a positive force in raising them and trying to keep [them] from getting in trouble," he said to the elders.

Whittington said, "I'm proud to be a liaison for the Community. I've learned a lot about our own history serving as Miss Gila River."

Whittington plans on pursuing a Master's of Education from Northern

Arizona University.

CSD recognized the eldest of the elders and the eldest veterans from each of the Community's seven districts.

Many of the elders in their own way have set the example Gov. Lewis hopes will inspire the next generation as they take on jobs as farmers, public servants, tribal leaders and military service members.

## Pony Express Rides into Town

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

A bit of history rode into Sacaton on Nov. 13 when a band of horse-backed riders came to pick up the mail.

In an annual tradition the Pony Express riders stopped by to greet Community representatives.

The Pony Express coincides annually with the Gilbert Days Rodeo when Gilbert Mayor John Lewis writes a letter of invitation to leaders of other communities to join them in celebrating their history.

The event celebrates the west-

ern heritage of Gilbert through rodeos, a parade and other activities from Nov 13 to 22.

Gilbert Promotional Corporation Chairwoman Julee Brady said, "It's a community outreach event that we like to share the traditions of Gilbert's past with others."

Junior Miss Gila River Charisma Quiroz was present to greet the riders and to share a bit about the Community's culture as a member of Gila River Royalty.

Before the express hit the dusty trail, Quiroz handed them the mail, saying it's a great way to share each other's traditions and values.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Jaime Jackson/CPAO

Top: Jr. Miss Gila River Charisma Quiroz represented the Community in a meet-up with Julee Brady, Chairwoman of the Gilbert Promotional Corporation, and the Pony Express on Nov. 13. Bottom: The riders line up for a photo before the next leg of their day-long ride.

# RIVER OF LIGHTS

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# COMMUNITY VETERANS UPDATE

## Veterans Day in District 1

By GRIN staff  
Gila River Indian News

Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post 51 hosted the Veterans Day celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 11 in District 1.

The event featured a parade, with a number of clubs and organizations enthusiastically supporting veterans in their float designs and other parade creations.

The day began with a run, followed by a somber 21-gun salute in honor of all the brave soldiers who gave their lives in the line of duty.

The post played taps and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis accompanied the veterans in the ceremonial laying of the wreath.

The parade ended at the District 1 ballpark, where guests received a free lunch and enjoyed the day with live entertainment.



Left: Veteran Cruz Lewis, District 1, pilots a tank float in the District 1 Veterans Day Parade. Right: A combined choir sings at the D1 ballpark on Nov. 11. (Photos courtesy of District 1 employee Joanne Brewer.)

## Two from Post 84 Inducted into Veterans Hall of Fame

Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

Two Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 members were inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame last month.

The Arizona Unified Veterans organization hosted the induction ceremony

at the Phoenix-Tempe Marriott on Oct. 23.

Henry A. "Sonny" Brown and Robert S. Delsi joined the 2015 class of Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame.

Brown is a retired U.S. Army Staff Sergeant, who served as an Aerial Scout aboard helicopters in Viet-

nam veteran, and served 32 years in the military before retiring in 2004.

Since his retirement he has become an active member of ten organizations including the Elks Tempe Lodge 2251, Chapter 432, Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion Post 84 and the State Veteran Home in Phoenix.

Brown takes veterans on fishing trips, to picnics to places like Steele Indian School Park, and to barbe-

cues at the Elks Lodge. He also works with the Military Family Support Group, which ships care packages to troops serving overseas.

Delsi comes from the small Southern Arizona town of Patagonia, 19 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border. He is a 1969 graduate of Coolidge High School, and soon afterward enlisted in the US Marine Corps.

After basic training he was quickly deployed to Vietnam, where he earned

the Purple Heart from combat related injuries.

His injuries were significant enough to send him stateside. After recovering, he served at Camp Pendleton, Calif. and Kaneohe Bay in Oahu until his honorable discharge in 1974.

Delsi was a Campus Police Officer at Central Arizona College and he worked for Ross Abbott Laboratories for a number of years.

Delsi is very active in the Arizona veteran's community, he speaks at schools, and is an advocate for awareness of post-traumatic stress disorder. He supports suicide awareness and volunteers at Veteran Stand Down programs throughout the state.

He is involved in at least 12 organizations including the Marine Corps Toys For Tots, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Patriot Guard, and the Marine Corps League as an officer.

Brown and Delsi are honored to represent Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 and the Gila River Indian Community as ambassadors for veterans.

## Sunset Celebration

From Page 1

Native people serving in the military.

He said, despite the past difficulties American Indians have had with the federal government, they are willing to join the military to protect their homeland.

He said, "We serve this country, because it's our land; this our home. [We] have a sacred purpose to protect [this] place."

Retired U.S. Army Lt. Colonel Joey Strickland a Choctaw Indian, said it is important to acknowledge the patriotism Natives have shown fighting in conflicts and willing serving when their nation called upon them.

Strickland said, "Native Americans have participated with distinction for over 200 hundred years with a very strong fighting tradition that cannot be overlooked."



Photos from the Veterans Hall of Fame induction, Oct. 23. Left: Henry H. Brown (left) with Arizona Department of Veterans Services Director Wanda Wright (Right). Right: Robert S. Delsi (Center) with Arizona Secretary of State Michelle Reagan (Left) and Wanda Wright. (Photos by Christopher Lomahquahu, GRIN.)

## Gila Crossing Community School Honors Veterans

Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

Gila Crossing Community School students paid tribute to the sacrifices made by service members in a morning program on Nov. 10.

"It's a great day for

us to be here, because I know some of [you] have a family member that has served in the military," said GCCS Principal Jeremy Copanhaber.

Students decorated the cafeteria with posters thanking the veterans for their service.

School Information Technology Manager Eric Daw, spoke about life as a soldier in the U.S. Army.

As a Reserve in the 98th Signal Battalion, he said that life is hard because of the long spans of time training and preparing for deployments.

"It's my duty to protect this nation. My duty is so that [you] guys live free, each and everyone of [you]," said Daw.

Private First Class Daw said he wanted to experience something special that only the military could offer.

"I wanted to be someone that people could depend on," said Daw.

In between speakers,

groups of students gave presentations on each of the branches of the military, highlighting their history and the types of missions they do to protect the United States.

Many of the students presenting mentioned at least one veteran from their family.

To reflect on those who served during wartime, District 6 Community member

Mr. Bruce, a helicopter crew chief in the U.S. Army, talked about the importance of looking after each other.

Upon entering the Army he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne "All Americans," training as a paratrooper to jump out of planes and into the battlefield.

He said his experience was far different than that of most soldiers, because he went from jumping out of airplanes to flying in helicopters in his reassigned unit, the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles."

As a young man deployed to Vietnam in 1968, there were a lot things a soldier needed to know, but what he remembers the most is looking out for his fellow soldier and working together.

"What I want you guys to instill into your lives is to try to and help somebody and give them a hand, because they will appreciate it the most," said Bruce.



Left: Students in the Gila Crossing Community School Color Guard posted colors to open the school's Veterans Day Ceremony. Right: Army veteran Eric Daw talked to the students about the commitment and sacrifice of veterans. (Photos by Christopher Lomahquahu, GRIN.)

# Pinal families expand on National Adoption Day

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**Brian Wright**  
Maricopa Monitor

FLORENCE -- Elisia Manuel doesn't sugarcoat the challenges of adoption and parenthood. But those things have also filled her heart and given her a purpose in life.

Manuel, a 33-year-old mother who lives in Casa Grande, adopted her third child on Saturday at the Pinal County Superior Courthouse in Florence. It was the third child she and her husband, Tecumseh, have adopted.

The Saturday event in Florence was one of many that took place across the country to celebrate National Adoption Day.

A couple of days before the adoption, Manuel talked about her prior experiences and how she was looking forward to officially adopting her third child. Adoption provided her and Tecumseh, who have been together 11 years, the opportunity to be parents.

"We always wanted children; I found I wasn't able to have children (myself)," she said.

Last year, Manuel adopted two children, a boy and a girl -- both are just a few months shy of their third birthday.

But they have been in Manuel's custody almost since birth. She said the adoption process can take a year or longer. It took 14 months for the adoption to be "fully finalized" with those children from last

year's adoption, Telisia and Tecumseh Jr.

All three children the Manuel family have taken in are from the Gila River Indian Community; Tecumseh, 34, is a GRIC member.

Adoption attorney Tamera Shanker said Arizona has more than 18,000 foster children, and approximately 2,400 of those are "legally free" to be adopted.

If a child is "legally free" to be adopted, a couple can adopt them immediately, without the long wait that accompanies adopting other children whose biological parents are still finalizing paperwork through the court system to release their child.

Manuel is promoting adoption to the masses because she said there aren't enough foster families participating.

"I encourage everyone to get involved and think about foster care and adoption," she said. "A lot of kids end up in group homes."

The child Manuel adopted Saturday, a son named Micah, has been in her custody for a year-and-a-half, since he was two days old. But Manuel said it's a different feeling when things become official and finalized for adoption.

"I've been counting the days down for a month ... I'm so excited," she said. "My heart skips beats and my stomach is in knots because I know he'll be mine forever."

Manuel's passion for adoption led her to create a nonprofit organization

called Three Precious Miracles -- more information can be found at [threepreciousmiracles.com](http://threepreciousmiracles.com).

The nonprofit, which Manuel said is in its infant stages and run out of her garage, provides care packages for foster families who want to adopt Native American children. She said many families have trouble providing basic necessities like shoes and clothes to the foster children.

Three Precious Miracles has sent care packages to about 100 foster kids so far, Manuel said.

When asked what the foster parent experience has been like, Manuel acknowledged it isn't always easy.

"It has its ups and downs; there's a lack of resources in Native (areas)," she said. "We appreciate the fact that we've been given the opportunity. It's been such a blessing for us."

Donna McBride, a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) supervisor and co-chair of the adoption

day event, said Pinal County is proud to be involved with National Adoption Day.

"By giving these children stable, loving environments, you can make a powerful difference in their lives," she said. "And our communities, in return, will experience incredible joys and rewards."

According to a Pinal County news release, more than 100,000 children are in the United States foster care system. Every year, more than 4,000 adoptions are finalized across the country on National Adoption Day.

More than 22,000 children turn 18 annually without having a foster family.

Shanker, the adoption attorney, said potential foster families don't need to look outside Arizona to find a foster child.

"We need not go beyond the borders of our state to create a family through adoption, as we have thousands of our state's children that are looking for a forever home," she said.



Many attended the event at the Pinal County Courthouse. (Photo by Robby Gal, Coolidge Examiner.)

# GRIC teens earn royalty spots in Casa Grande Union High School AmerInd Club Pageant



Community members Adam Laws and Bianca Hernandez received honors at the AmerInd Club Pageant held at Casa Grande Union High School on Nov. 7.

Laws was crowned Mr. AmerInd and Hernandez was given the title of Miss AmerInd First Attendant. In addition, Sandra Pablo, another Community member, was recognized for participating in the pageant. This year's Miss AmerInd crown went to Johnae Fan from the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Contestants participated in modern attire, traditional attire and modern talent categories, including answering impromptu questions. (Photos by Ashley Pasqual, GRIN.)

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# JACL Cleans Up Japanese Internment Camps

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Japanese Americans came out to show appreciation for one man's legacy who chose to serve his country during World War II while his family and others were interned at a relocation center.

Members of the Japanese American Citizens League from Phoenix and Los Angeles visited the

Butte Camp Memorial at the site of the Gila River Relocation Center in District 5 on Nov. 8.

The outing, led by Ted Namba, President of the Phoenix JACL, was a partnership with the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 and the Gila River Indian Community, to clean and restore the memorial site.

It was also a moment to reflect on the efforts of Masaji "Mas" Inoshita who was an internee at the relocation center until he joined the war effort, serving in the U.S. Army's Intelligence Services.

On July 16, Mas passed away at the age of 95. He lent a great amount of service to many of the former internees and descendants at the Gila River Reloca-

tion Center.

Namba said it is important to know that his efforts will continue through the work done at the clean-up and with future plans to restore the memorial.

By the authority of a signed executive order by President Roosevelt in February of 1942, more than 100,000 Japanese Americans were forced into ten relocation centers across

the Western part of the United States.

On the 22 of August 1942 and at 22 years old, Mas and his family were relocated to the Gila River Relocation Center from their home in Fresno, Calif.

The sprawling location near farm fields that gave way to a desert landscape was separated into two camps: Butte Camp and Canal Camp.

The Gila River relocation Center at it's peak housed over 13,348 internees at one time, but is notable for the over 1,500 men from the camp who volunteered to join the military.

Decades later the place where living quarters and other amenities stood are no more and all that is left are the foundations they were built upon.

In it's place stands the Butte Camp Memorial that serves as a reminder of the people who called it home from 1942 to 1945.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone appreciated the turnout for the cleanup seeing the two cultures work together to make a positive mark on one of the nation's disparaging times in history.

"We respect each other's traditions and both of our cultures. [We] have come together to teach each other about the history of this place," said Antone.

She made parallels about the sacrifices and historical trauma the two cultures have endured, but pointed out the contributions of notable individuals like Mas, Ira H. Hayes and the Community's veterans.

Antone said, "It's about the two communities coming together and every one of you that shared stories and came out to clean-up the memorial."

She emphasized the need to maintain the Butte

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Left and Top Middle: Members of the Japanese American Citizens League of Phoenix cleaned graffiti and litter from the Gila River Relocation Center Butte Camp, Nov. 8. Bottom Middle: A plaque at the site of the camp commemorates the people who were detained there from 1942-1945. Right: Musician Ken Koshio played the fiddle and drum in memory of the tens of thousands of Japanese Americans placed in internment camps during World War II. (Photos by Christopher Lomahquahu, GRIN.)

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The flags correspond to the colors of the Air Quality Index (AQI). The AQI is an index for reporting daily air quality. It tells you how clean or polluted the air is, and what associated health effects might be a concern for you. The table below shows when and how to modify outdoor physical activity based on the Air Quality Index.

Air Quality Index	Outdoor Activity Guidance
<b>green</b> GOOD	Great day to be active outside!
<b>yellow</b> MODERATE	Good day to be active outside! Students who are unusually sensitive to air pollution could have symptoms.*
<b>orange</b> UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS	It's OK to be active outside, especially for <b>short activities</b> such as recess and physical education (PE). For <b>longer activities</b> such as athletic practice, take more breaks and do less intense activities. Watch for symptoms and take action as needed.*
<b>red</b> UNHEALTHY	Students with asthma should follow their asthma action plans and keep their quick-relief medicine handy. For <b>all outdoor activities</b> , take more breaks and do less intense activities. Consider moving <b>longer or more intense activities</b> indoors or rescheduling them to another day or time. Watch for symptoms and take action as needed.*
<b>purple</b> VERY UNHEALTHY	Students with asthma should follow their asthma action plans and keep their quick-relief medicine handy. Move <b>all activities</b> indoors or reschedule them to another day.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is promoting the Air Quality Flag Program to organizations across the country and the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality is proud to involve the Community in this initiative. In addition to raising flags, on-going education and outreach will be provided to the Community to learn more about air pollution, how it affects us, and what we can do to make the air cleaner.

If your organization is interested in participating in the Air Quality Flag Program or would like to schedule a presentation, please contact Althea Walker, GRIC DEQ Education & Outreach Specialist, via email at [althea.walker@gric.nsn.us](mailto:althea.walker@gric.nsn.us) or by phone at 520-562-2776.

The following is printed per a Community Council directive.



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY Office of the Community Council

Written Reprimand

On October 23, 2015, pursuant to the Special Investigator's Findings and Recommendations in the investigation of the Code of Conduct Complaint against Anthony Hill, Chief Judge of the Community's Court, Community Council approved a motion directing this firm to draft a written reprimand for publication in the Gila River Indian News and for posting at the district service centers. What follows is the proposed language for the written reprimand:

As a result of the investigation of allegations contained in a Code of Conduct complaint against Chief Judge Anthony Hill, and following a hearing on October 23, 2015, the Community Council has found that while in office Chief Judge Hill placed his personal interests before the interests of the Community, misused staff, and otherwise violated the Code of Conduct by:

- (1) Knowingly giving false testimony to a Pro Tempore Judge of the Community Court.
(2) Improperly attempting to restrict a former employee's right to speak freely.
(3) Misusing staff in pursuit of a restraining order for Chief Judge Hill's personal benefit.
(4) Attempting to interfere with the outcome of investigations into the allegations against Chief Judge Hill.
(5) Misusing the bailiff supervisor position for Chief Judge Hill's personal benefit.

This conduct amounts to improper official conduct that put at risk the best interests of the Community, and a misuse of staff. Chief Judge Hill's conduct violated the Code of Conduct, Sections 1.403(C)(1) and (I), 1.401(D)(8), and 1.402, and the Administration of Community Affairs Code Section 1.201.

Chief Judge Hill is hereby publicly reprimanded for his conduct in violation of the Gila River Indian Community Code of Conduct. Council has voted to initiate removal proceedings against Chief Judge Hill under Article XII, Section 2 of the Community Constitution. The impeachment hearing related to Chief Judge Hill's misconduct will occur on November 30, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Council Chambers, Governance Center, Sacaton, Arizona.

Governing Code Sections:

The intent of the Code is: "[T]o protect the Community from government decisions and actions resulting from, or affected by, undue influences or conflicts of interest, and ensure a standard of care requiring that any decision of, or action taken by, Officials shall be one that would be made with the

degree of care that would be exercised by a reasonably prudent and competent person seeking to preserve of the Community's financial resources. Code of Conduct § 1.401(C).

The Community Affairs Code prohibits "improper official conduct," which is any action "carrying out or purporting to carry out the official duties of the office that compromise or put at risk the best interests of the Community." Community Affairs Code § 1.201(A).

"Officials shall not have a contractual, property, financial, or economic interest, or engage in any contractual, property, financial, or economic transaction, or engage in any activity that involves a conflict of interest. Officials shall seek to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to any transaction." Code of Conduct § 1.403(C)(1). A "conflict of interest" is defined in pertinent part as "using or attempting to use any official or apparent authority of one's office or duties which could reasonably be perceived as: (a) placing private economic gain . . . before those of the Community, whose paramount interests they are intended to serve; and (b) interfering with one's own disciplinary proceeding." Code of Conduct § 1.401(D)(8).

"No Official shall employ, with funds of the Community, any unauthorized person(s) who do not perform duties commensurate with such compensation, and shall use authorized employees and staff only for the official purposes for which they are employed or otherwise retained." Code of Conduct § 1.403(I).

CIVIL SUMMONS

In the Gila River Indian Community Court, State of Arizona
Floyd D. Toledo Jr., Plaintiff/Petitioner
vs.
Teresa Blackwater, Defendant/Respondent
Case Number: DV-2015-0165
TO: Teresa Blackwater
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.
YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on the following date and time at the place set forth below:
Sacaton Community Court

721 West Seed Farm Road
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(520)562-9860
DATE: Friday, December 18, 2015
TIME: 09:00 AM
YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.
If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.



Office of the United States Attorney, John S. Leonardo District of Arizona

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Friday, November 06, 2015

MAN INVOLVED IN SALT RIVER POLICE OFFICER MURDER SENTENCED TO 27 YEARS IN PRISON

PHOENIX – Today, Joey Michael Thomas, 22, of Scottsdale, Ariz., a member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Steven P. Logan to 27 years' imprisonment. Thomas previously pleaded guilty to second degree murder (aiding and abetting).

Thomas was involved in the murder of Salt River Police Officer Jair Cabrera. On May 24, 2014, Thomas was driving a car that was stopped by Officer Cabrera on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The front seat-passenger, Elijah Arthur, got out of the car and shot Officer Cabrera, killing him. The investigation revealed that Thomas purchased the murder weapon approximately one month before the shooting. Thomas is a documented member of the Eastside Bloods street gang.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Scottsdale Police Department, the Mesa Police Department, and the Arizona Department of Public Safety. The prosecution was handled by Thomas Simon and Tracy Van Buskirk, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

CASE NUMBER: CR-14-848-PHX-SPL
RELEASE NUMBER: 2015-113\_Thomas

The following are printed per a Community Council directive.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Post Office Box 2138
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(520) 562-9720
FAX: (520) 562-9729

~ OFFICIAL MOTION ~

I, Shannon White, Secretary of the Gila River Indian Community Council, hereby attest to the following Motion passed by the Gila River Indian Community Council at a SPECIAL Meeting held Thursday, November 12, 2015, 9:00 a.m., in the Community Council Chambers, Governance Center, Sacaton, Arizona.

SUBJECT: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Homesite Revocation Gila Butte #1 Subdivision, Lot 3

MOTION: Councilman Christopher Mendoza stated, I like to make a motion for the Community Council to revoke homesite assignment for Gila Butte #1 Subdivision, Lot 3, located in District 4, pursuant to Section 20.215C of the Homesite Ordinance; the Community Council finds that the current situation is an extreme case and the revocation of the homesite is in the best interest of the Community and necessary to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the Community; the homesite shall be vacant no later than December 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.; once vacated the homesite will be taken back to LUP&Z inventory, the home shall be demolished by DHD by December 31, 2015; second by Councilman Franklin Pablo, Sr.

Vote: 11 Council Members Present – 10 For; 1 Oppose; 0 Abstain; 5 Absent; 1 Vacancy; MOTION CARRIED

ATTEST:



Shannon White
Community Council Secretary

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~ OFFICIAL MOTION ~

I, Shannon White, Secretary of the Gila River Indian Community Council, hereby attest to the following Motion passed by the Gila River Indian Community Council at a SPECIAL Meeting held Thursday, November 12, 2015, 1:00 p.m., in the Community Council Chambers, Governance Center, Sacaton, Arizona.

SUBJECT: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Homesite Revocation Gila Crossing Subdivision, Lot 34

MOTION: Councilman Albert Pablo stated, motion for the Community Council to revoke homesite assignment agreement for Ms. April Rayes located in Gila Crossing Subdivision, Lot #34, District 6, pursuant to Section 20.215C of the Homesite Ordinance; from the evidence presented, the Community Council finds that the situation presents an extreme case and the revocation of the homesite assignment agreement is in the best interest of the Community in order to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the Community; also the homesite shall be vacant no later than December 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.; and the homesite will be taken back into LUP&Z inventory for the next eligible recipient; second by Councilwoman Nasewytewa

Vote: 13 Council Members Present – 13 For; 0 Oppose; 0 Abstain; 3 Absent; 1 Vacancy; MOTION CARRIED

ATTEST:



Shannon White
Community Council Secretary

Match the Birds of Prey with their Akimel O'otham name! SOLUTION!

Diagram showing bird names (Ba'ag, Vakoah Ba'ag, Haupal, Vakav, Sisik, Thobav, Che:thag Vishag) connected to images of various birds of prey.

# Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday, November 4, 2015**

**ACTION SHEET**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, November 4, 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 9:12 a.m.

**INVOCATION**

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

**ROLL CALL**

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Angelia Allison, Christopher Mendoza; D5-Brian Davis, Sr. (9:20), Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7-Devin Redbird (10:29)

Council Members Absent:

D5- Vacant,

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

APPROVED AS AMENDED

**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)**

\*1. First Things First Presentation To Committee & Community Council Eddie Basha Award

Presenters: Melissa Madrid, Cathy Brown

MS. CATHY BROWN PROVIDED THE BACKGROUND OF THE EDDIE BASHA AWARD. MS. BROWN FURTHER EXPLAINED THE PLAQUE WAS PRESENTED TO THE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE. COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG PROVIDED FURTHER EXPLANATION OF THE BOARD'S NOMINATION AND FURTHER SUPPORT OF THE BOARD. LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF APPRECIATION.

**REPORTS**

\*1. Winter Bird Count (2014)

Presenter: Ondrea Barber

**REPORT HEARD**

\*2. First Things First Update: State Legislature Fund Sweep Proposal & FTF Board Opposition

Presenters: Cathy Brown, Melissa Madrid

MOVED TO NEW BUSINESS #3 AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Sacaton Middle School Annual Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Philip Bonds

**REPORT HEARD**

4. Public Policy Partners (P3) 2014-2015 Year End Report

Presenters: Meghaen Dell'Artino, Scot Butler, Public Policy Partners

**REPORT HEARD**

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Gila River Gaming Enterprises – Monthly Report September 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Janice Ponziani, Joseph A. Magliarditi, Board Of Directors

**REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:57 P.M. AND REMAINED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION]

6. Gila River Gaming Commission – Monthly Report September 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

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

Presenter: Sharon Harvier-Lewis

**APPROVED**

2. A Resolution Approving The Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity For The Purpose Of Resolving Any Disputes Between The Gila River Farms And Wells Fargo Financial Leasing, Inc. Regarding The Lease Of John Deere Farming Equipment For Gila River Farms (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel, Gila River Farms

**APPROVED**

3. A Resolution Approving The Attached Gas Station Management Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community c/o Wild Horse Pass Development Authority And Express Stop AZ, LLC ('Express Stop') (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Dale Gutenson, Jason Croxton

**APPROVED**

4. A Resolution Approving The Articles of Incorporation Of Gila River Broadcasting Cooperation, Inc. A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary Of Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Bruce Holdridge, GRTI Board Of Directors

**APPROVED**

5. A Resolution Extending The Certificate of Convenience And Necessary Of Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. For An Additional Twenty-Five Years (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Bruce Holdridge, GRTI Board of Directors

**APPROVED**

6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 723 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

**APPROVED**

7. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 4010 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

**APPROVED**

8. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1805 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Two Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

**APPROVED**

9. A Resolution Modifying GR-95-95, Which Established The Mainstem Alignment For The Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project As Defined In The Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, To Reflect Changes In Community Priorities And To Reduce The Reach Of The P-MIP Baseline Irrigation Water Delivery System Across The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council for discussion and action)

Presenter: David DeJong

**APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Update On The Refund Of Improper Taxation Of Native American Veterans By The State Of Arizona (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council to receive concurrence from Community Council, concurrence was received from the Government & Management Standing Committee) Presenters: Frank Pablo, Scot Butler, Office Of General Counsel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE CONTINUED COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY LOBBYIST ON MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PURPOSED PLAN WITH THE STATE OF ARIZONA LEGISLATURE AND DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN SETTING UP A FUND THAT WILL DISTRIBUTE REFUNDS TO THE ELIGIBLE NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Keeping the Promise Update

Presenter: Linus Everling

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 3:35 P.M.]

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Certification of Qualifications for the District Five 2015 Special Community Council Election Candidates (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of Certification of Duane Leon Johns, Marlin Dixon, Gwendolyn L. Thomas, and Ronald Lewis Sr.)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DUANE LEON JOHNS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY MARLIN DIXON

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY GWENDOLYN L. THOMAS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY RONALD LEWIS, SR

2. SIE Grant Brochure Discussion (ESC forwards to Community Council with corrections and additional information, for discussion and action)

Presenter: Committee

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

\*3. First Things First Update: State Legislature Fund Sweep Proposal & FTF Board Opposition Presenters: Cathy Brown, Melissa Madrid

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT FIRST THING FIRST TO WORK WITH OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION STATING SUPPORT OF FIRST THINGS FIRST OPPOSITION TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE'S FUND SWEEP

**MINUTES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015, 9 A.M.

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE JOSE FAMILY OF DISTRICT 6

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE RIVER'S FAMILY OF DISTRICT 5

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR EVERETT WILSON

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR MYRA NORRIS

>SPECIAL LSC MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015, 9AM – 2PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:44 P.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

**Wiring the Rez: Expanding the Borders of Indian Country through E-Commerce**  
Second Annual Tribal Government E-Commerce CLE Conference

The Indian Legal Program at the ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law is hosting the Tribal Government e-Commerce conference at the Wild Horse Pass Casino & Hotel, Feb. 11-12, 2016.

"The goal of this conference is to explore the ongoing need for tribes to build infrastructures that facilitate economic growth on their reservations, according to a college press release.

"Join us in exploring the emerging world of Tribal Digital Sovereignty and the way it can provide jobs, economic growth, and necessary governmental funds for Indian nations.

"This conference ... will explore the Tribal Digital Sovereignty Revolution that holds potential promise in ameliorating the geographic challenges imposed on many Indian nations by colonialism, removal, and relocation."

Agenda, speakers bio and online registration available at: <http://conferences.asucollegeoflaw.com/ilp-wiringtherez/>

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

**NOVEMBER 2015**

CALL OR TEXT 520 371-0132

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO CLINIC	3 NO CLINIC	4 NO CLINIC	5 NO CLINIC	6 NO CLINIC
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				<b>SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY!</b>

## JACL Cleanup

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Memorial, so that it can stand as a symbol of the work done and to never forget the history of the place.

District 5 Councilman Frank Pablo said Mas was an amazing individual who had the foresight of seeing what could be done to keep the Butte Memorial preserved.

Pablo said, "The respect, honor and selflessness goes a long way," because Mas was always a welcome individual to Community veterans functions.

He said there are many of the Community's elders who remember the relocation center that spoke of the camaraderie they formed as kids with their counterparts in the camps, even wondering what happened to them after the relocation center's closure.

In the decades since WWII, Mas was a member of Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84, as well as a regular attendee of the annual Iwo Jima Flag Raising and once presided as the grand marshal for the parade event.

He was a long-time member of the Arizona Buddhist Temple and with JACL served as advocate for civil rights for the Japanese community of Arizona.

Carrie Morrita, an activist from Los Angeles who became close friends with Mas, said there is

much to owe him for keeping the relocation center's history alive.

Like Mas, her father was also a WWII veteran, having enlisted into the all-Japanese American U.S. Army 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

She had similar memories of the sacrifices made in light of the situation at home.

Mas's grandson Michael Tang and daughter Marilyn Inoshita-Tang both spoke about the passion he had for the Community and the place that he once called home.

Marilyn said that it is a lifelong duty to preserve the site and to educate people about the Japanese American citizens interned there. "I am really happy that [we] are able to have [that] connection to the Community," she said.

Mas had vision to use the place to educate others about the history of his people, said Michael. "His thought's were never in question about this place and his cause."

After Mas's passing, the family came across a letter and a container of soil from the Butte Camp.

As a final request, the letter he wrote instructed them to spread the soil with his ashes.

Tang said, "It was the camp itself that was a part of him, because it meant so much to him down to his marrow."

## RAWHIDE CELEBRATES ITS THIRD ANNUAL RAWHIDE SNOWY CHRISTMAS AT WILD HORSE PASS

*Snow, lights, entertainment, holiday stunt shows and Santa are all part of this year's celebration*

**CHANDLER, Ariz. (Nov. 11, 2015)** – Rawhide Western Town and Event Center announces its third annual *Rawhide Snowy Christmas* where the magic of the season sings, "Let it Snow" all season long beginning 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 26.

The Town will be decked out with holiday décor and thousands of lights through January 3, 2016. Rawhide will feature holiday festivities nightly during general public hours, which are Fridays 5 – 10 p.m, Saturdays Noon – 10 p.m, and Sundays Noon – 8 p.m. In addition to regular town hours, Rawhide is open on Thanksgiving Day at 11 a.m. Admission and parking are free, excluding special events.

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 5 – 9 p.m., Santa will lead the official tree lighting ceremony and be available for photos. Kids and adults alike will enjoy the nightly snowfall down Main Street.

Visitors can drop off letters to Santa at Rawhide's "Delivery to the SW Pole" Post Office; every child who sends Santa a letter will hear back from Ol' Saint Nick. Are you on the Naughty or Nice list? Families can get their holiday photos with Santa nightly at the Photo Emporium.

Rawhide is the perfect destination for holiday shopping as its specialty shops and boutiques have also been stocked to the brim for the season offering a myriad of western themed gifts, leather goods, jewelry, apparel and home decor – making perfect holiday gifts for friends and family.

Sweet Sally's candy store features unique stocking stuffers including homemade fudge and old fashion treats that will take visitors back in time. Buy a pound of fudge and get a half pound FREE November 26 – January 3, during hours of operation.

Rawhide Mercantile is a western lifestyle upscale boutique featuring regional, community and western artists. Shoppers will find exquisite furnishings, hand-made jewelry and brands they won't find anywhere else. From traditional to trendy, Rawhide Mercantile carries a full line of apparel, jewelry, accessories, gifts and home decor. Until the end of the year, shoppers will receive 50% off all regular priced items in the Mercantile store, offering the perfect one-of-a-kind gifts.

Rawhide gift cards are always a great gift idea and can be used at the Steakhouse, retail shops or attractions.

Advance reservations are highly recommended during the holiday season at Rawhide's Steakhouse because of pre-booked corporate events. Rawhide's Town Grill and Pizza Tavern offer great food options for guests enjoying town. Stay warm around our fire pits and make your own s'mores with family and friends. Reservations can be made at (480) 502-5600 or [reso@rawhide.com](mailto:reso@rawhide.com).

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**Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA)**

1215 East Brown Rd.

Mesa, AZ 85203



## 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 20, 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](http://GRHC.ORG/Careers)

Learn about the career opportunities offered by many GRHC departments. Experience GRIC 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

## 2015 Thanksgiving Closures

**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/November-Holiday-Closures](http://grhc.org/November-Holiday-Closures) for information on specific department closure dates.



Gila River Health Care is committed to increasing the employment of its Community members by launching the Navigator Program, a program that provides upward mobility for aspiring Community members desiring career paths in health care.

The Navigator Program will prepare candidates to meet the minimum qualifications of designated health care positions, including: Human Resources Recruiter, Digital & Video Coordinator, Mammography Coordinator, Radiologic Technologist, RN & LPN, Eligibility Clerk, Patient Registration Clerk and Collector.

For more information, contact Gwynn Simpson, at (520) 562-3321 Ext.1342 or [gsimpson@grhc.org](mailto:gsimpson@grhc.org) Or go to [www.grhc.org/navigator](http://www.grhc.org/navigator)

[GRHC.ORG](http://GRHC.ORG)

### Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

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Sacaton, Arizona 85147

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17487 S. Health Care Drive  
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### Ak-Chin Clinic

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623-478-1624 | [PromenadeDentalGroup.com](http://PromenadeDentalGroup.com)  
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520-568-2800 | [MaricopaSmilesDental.com](http://MaricopaSmilesDental.com)  
W. Maricopa Casa Grande Hwy & Porter Rd

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520-426-3639 | [PromenadeSmiles.com](http://PromenadeSmiles.com)  
Off the I-10 & Florence

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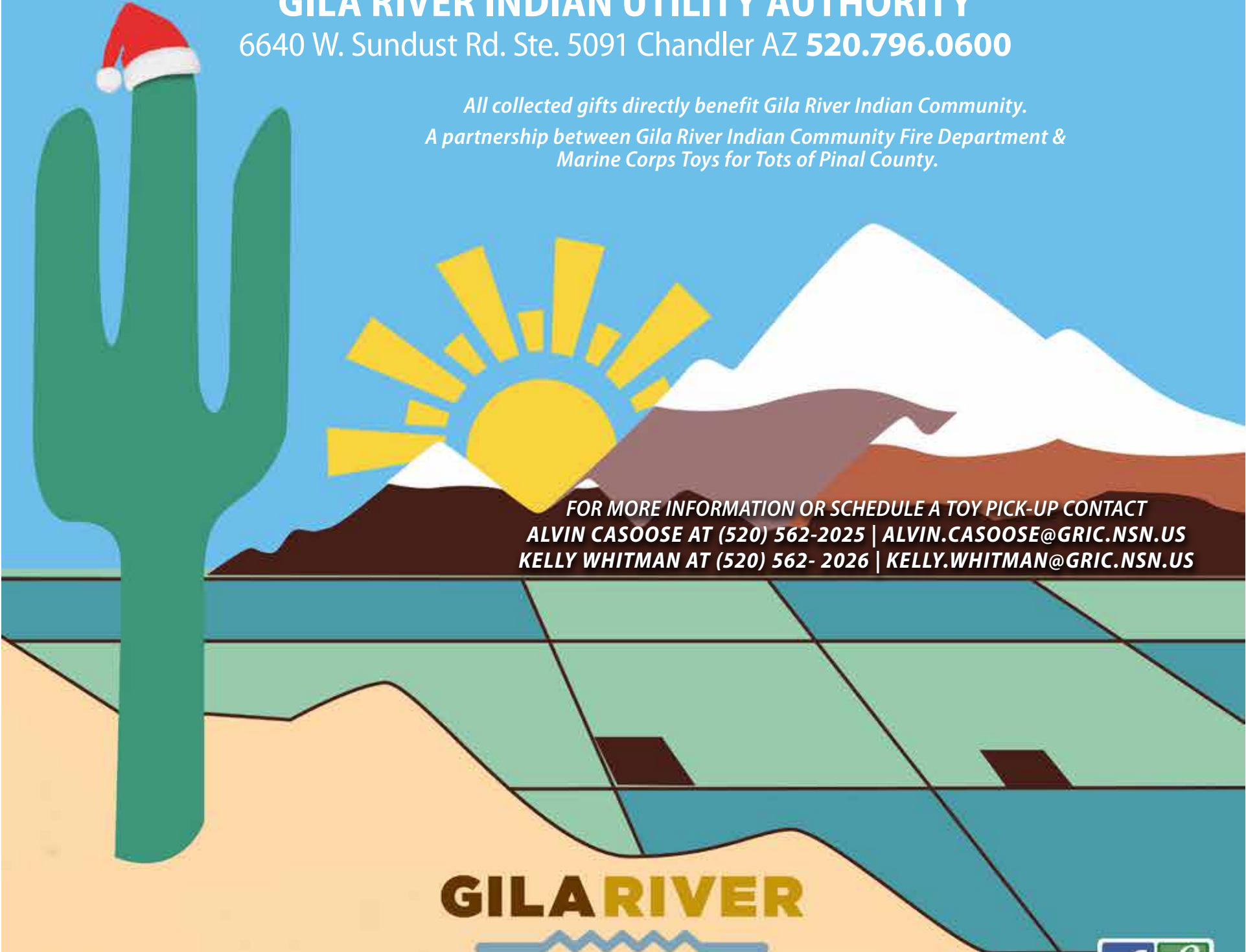
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