

Gov. Stephen Lewis attends Water Summit at the White House as part of World Water Day

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As part of World Water Day, a Water Summit was held at the White House, March 22, to direct attention to water issues, foster ideas and formulate action in the face of climate change.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was the only tribal leader invited to speak at the Water Summit, where he discussed the Community's innovative partnership with the Salt River Project to store the Community's unused Central Arizona Project water to create long-term storage credits for sale. Under this initiative the Community is able to partner with neighbors in the Phoenix-metro area and central Arizona to meet some of their water supply needs, but in a manner that affords the Community the maximum flexibility to ensure its water supply needs are prioritized while generating revenue to establish the Community's permanent water fund.

Gov. Lewis also discussed the Community's managed aquifer recharge site. "This facility, and future facilities like it, not only restore riparian habitat in the Gila River, but also recharge our underground aquifer ensuring that we have a healthy groundwater supply that can be used for agricultural purposes," said Lewis.

During the Water Summit federal and state officials from seven states discussed ways to reserve Colorado River Basin water. During the drought discussion regarding the Colorado River Basin Gov. Lewis expressed frustration that federal officials had not involved tribes in these discussions sooner.

"We want to be at the table. At our hearts, we're stewards of the land. When we start talking about innovation, we have very innovative solutions to water management," Lewis said.

"The feds think the tribes are working with the states and the states think the feds are working with and speaking for the tribes," Lewis said. "Neither happens and the tribes get left out. We have no

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Community members share stories, prayers at Cancer Awareness Day



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Hundreds of balloons floated off into the sky, each with a special note tied to their strings.

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Cancer is a disease that affects everyone, from the youth to the elderly, and has become a growing issue within the Gila River Indian Community, which is why hundreds of Community members came out to the 7th Annual Cancer

The Lights of the World Chinese Lantern Festival is coming to the Gila River Indian Community this winter

Mikhail Sundust
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Hundreds of extravagant lamp structures will fill the parking lot of Rawhide Western Town from Nov. 18, through the holiday season to Jan. 30, 2017.

The U.S.-Chinese Cultural & Educational Foundation partnered with the City of Phoenix, the City of Chandler and the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority to bring one of the largest Chinese lamp festivals in the country to Rawhide.

"The Lantern Festival is a Chinese festival celebrated on the fifteenth day of the first month in the lunar Chinese calendar. It marks the final day of the traditional Chinese New

Awareness Day on March 19, to educate and support one another by sharing their own personal experiences with the deadly disease.

The event, organized by the Westend Health Committee was held at the Boys & Girls Club – Sacaton Branch. The program began with an early morning 3-mile walk/run that sent participants

Year celebrations," said the hosts in a memo. "The lantern festival was meant to celebrate the 'declining darkness of winter.'"

throughout the streets of Sacaton. Shortly after, Community members streamed into the club's gymnasium, where they received an event T-shirt and visited informational booths covering a variety of health related topics.

Gila River Indian Community leadership was fully represented at the event with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and Council Representative Carolyn Williams sharing their own experiences with the disease and how it affected their own friends and families.

Keynote Speaker, Virginia Warren, Office Chief for Arizona Cancer Prevention and Control, spoke on how poor lifestyle choices aided in the growth of cancer and stressed the importance of screening for the disease.

During her speech, Warren emphasized that while many women regularly see their doctor, men tend to put off seeing their health care provider the most. She urged women in the audience to encourage the men in their lives to see a doctor and get screened, especially if they are experiencing chronic symptoms.

Several Community members, who are currently battling cancer, took to the stage and talked to the audience about their own hardships and how the disease affected their lives.

One Community member spoke about how the disease made it difficult to stand, complicating their job security. The Community member said that while the disease had made life more difficult, they would not give up, and would

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The organization said, "The lanterns can symbolize people let-

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Dr. Song Yang, director of the U.S.-Chinese Cultural & Educational Foundation, and GRIC District 5 Council Representative Robert Stone sign a ceremonial agreement to commence work on the Lights of the World Festival.

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Students get out of the classroom and into Symphony Hall

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Students from the St. Peter Indian Mission School visited the Phoenix Symphony Concert Hall to hear musical scores of Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and John Williams during the “Express Yourself” symphony for the schools day on March 23.

The “Express Yourself,” symphony concert day is the culmination of the “Symphony for the School – Classroom Concert Series” education outreach program, which in the past has visited St. Peter Indian Mission School.

The Office of Special Funding Program Administrator, Cheryl Pablo, said the Phoenix Symphony Music Education Partnership was made possible by funding provided by the Community.

The grant was able to make the education program possible, allowing them to bring a variety of orchestral music to each of the five schools they visited.

On the day of the “Express Yourself” event, the St. Peter Indian Mission School students joined other schools from around the valley filling the lower concourse of the symphony hall.

They came to hear the sounds of famed composers Pyotr Llych Tchaikovsky and Ludwig Van Beethoven courtesy of the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra led by Assistant Conductor Matthew Casper and Moderator Michael Carey.

Casper said the event is to explore some of the greatest composers that expressed their thoughts, emotion and vision through music.

Carey provided an interactive experience for the students like making the sounds of rain, thunder and wind through the clapping of hands or rubbing them together to make whirlwind effect.

Beethoven’s 6th Symphony, 4th Movement was just one of the musical scores used to illustrate the fury and excitement of a thunderstorm and how he interpreted



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Above: Students from St. Peter Indian Mission School attend the “Express Yourself” symphony concert day at the Phoenix Symphony Concert Hall on March 23. Below: Students from St. Peters Indian Mission School sit back as the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra takes the stage led by Assistant Conductor Matthew Casper.

these observations through music.

Carey explained how music can be inspired by the environment, an affection or attachment to a place or thing and can incor-

porate other forms of art that are integrated to create imaginative compositions.

To end the event a musical score from Star Wars was per-

formed to demonstrate how music it is used to set the tone of a particular scene in a movie or to emphasize the importance of a character.



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GRIC Files Lawsuit vs. Veterans Administration Seeking Better Care For Military Veterans

Sacaton, AZ – The Gila River Indian Community and Gila River Health Care filed suit in the Federal District Court of Arizona, on March 22, 2016, to ensure that Veterans who are eligible for health care services through the federal Veterans Administration (the “VA”) and through Community health care programs have access to all of the health care options and choices that they are entitled to under the law.

On March 23, 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the “ACA”) was signed into law by President Obama, and included specific provisions designed to improve health care access, delivery and choice for veterans, by requiring the VA to reimburse Indian tribes for Veterans who choose to receive service at a tribal

health care facility.

Stephen R. Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, said: “Access to quality health care is critical for every veteran who has served our Country. It is a shame that the Community has had to file a lawsuit against the Veterans Administration in order to make sure that veteran care is fully reimbursed under the law. Through this lawsuit we hope that we can secure the ability to provide more services for Veterans who choose to receive their care through Gila River Health Care. Every veteran deserves quality health care. They risked their lives for us, and providing quality health care is the least we can do for them.”

The ACA is clear that if an eligible Veteran chooses to receive health care ser-

vices through an Indian tribe or tribal organization, the VA must reimburse the cost of the services provided. This requirement is a key to ensuring that eligible Veterans will have the health care choices they are entitled to. Despite the plain and mandatory language of the ACA, the VA has refused to provide reimbursements called for under the ACA, unless Indian tribes and tribal organizations agree to conditions and limitations that are not prescribed by law.

Because of the VA’s refusal to follow the law and their insistence that tribes waive their legal rights in writing, the Gila River Indian Community has decided to seek enforcement of these legal rights in Federal Court.

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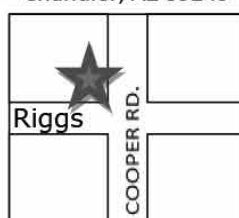
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On Mar. 28 the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of appeals ruled in favor of the Tohono O'odham Nation in a lawsuit filed by the State of Arizona, Gila River Indian Community and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community regarding the TON's West Valley Casino.

Gila River Indian Community Press Statement on Ninth Circuit Court Decision in Tohono O'odham Casino Lawsuit

Sacaton, AZ – A statement from Gila River Indian Community spokesman Manuel Johnson on today's ruling by the 9th Circuit concerning the Tohono O'odham Glendale casino:

"The Gila River Indian Community believes that the core issues in this dispute still have not been addressed, and it will continue to explore all legal actions to ensure that the Tohono O'odham Nation is eventually held accountable for its actions.

"The decision today by the Ninth U.S. Circuit of Appeals is disappointing and reinforces the urgency for Congressional action because Tohono O'odham's

use of sovereign immunity continues to prevent claims fraud and misrepresentation from being adjudicated by the courts.

"Simply put, the Nation broke its promise to Arizona voters and to its sister tribes across the state by negotiating in bad faith and opening a casino off traditional reservation lands -- something Nation leaders for years assured one and all they would not do.

"As we explore our legal options, we again call on the U.S. Congress to take up the Keep The Promise Act, a measure meant to hold the Tohono O'odham to its promises."



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

At the March 16 Community Council Meeting, State Sen. Carlyle Begay poses with Council after his presentation.

Sen. Begay visits Council, discusses bid for Congress

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Arizona State Senator Carlyle Begay (R), a representative of the Legislative State District 7, went before the Gila River Indian Community Council during

a regularly scheduled meeting to talk about his bid to run for Congress and to represent 1st Congressional District of Arizona on March 16.

If Begay wins a seat on congress, he plans to

create more opportunities for young American Indians to be in positions of change and for improvements in the tribal education system.

Begay noted his track record of promoting higher education opportunities for

American Indians through initiatives he has sponsored and for increased health care for tribes, including increased cooperation between tribal and non-tribal governments on key issues.

Your Vote Counts: Special election on proposed constitutional amendments, May 3

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community is holding a special election on proposed constitutional amendments on May 3, during the tribal elections for council representatives. Absentee ballots will be available for registered GRIC voters who are unable to vote at a polling site on Election Day.

Voter participation is a major key to the completion of the special election ballot initiative.

Your participation in the ballot initiative is vital because 30 percent of registered GRIC voters must participate, with a yes or no vote, for the referendum to be deemed valid.

There are currently over 6,000 registered voters in the Gila River Indian Community, which means more than 1,800 voters must go to the polls or submit an absentee ballot.

This initiative is a direct result of the TCRP, the Tribal Constitution Reform Project, which, from April 2006 to January 2009, gathered input from GRIC members, documented their opinions and concerns, and provided a means for them to voice their recommendations on amendments to the GRIC Constitution.

The GRIC Constitution was adopted in 1960, and amended for the first time in 1977 to reduce the eligible voting age from 21 to 18.

Many voters will re-

member that in 2013 the Community held the first vote for constitutional reform with the Secretarial Election in which Community members voted in favor of the amendment to remove the U.S. Secretary of Interior from the constitutional amendment process for all future revisions.

What Are We Voting On?

There are proposed revisions to seven articles of the constitution, all of which address basic amendments, as recommended by Community members. The amendments are divided up into five ballot questions, as follows:

Question 1: ARTICLE VI – Qualification of Officers

A YES vote will provide for additional qualifications of officers by increasing from 60 days to one year, the time requirement that a person running for Council has to be living within their district; requiring officers to be registered to vote; requiring officers to have a high school diploma or GED; and increases the prohibition for running for office, for convictions of crimes of moral turpitude from 1 year to 5 years.

Question 2: ARTICLE VII – Appointed Officials and Committee Members

A YES vote will increase the term of the Treasurer from 3 years to 4 years and will increase the term of the (Council) Secretary from 1 year to 4 years and will add specific

duties to the Treasurer.

Question 3: ARTICLE IX – Vacancies

A YES vote provides for a line of succession in the absence of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the Council shall select an interim Governor from within the Council, until a successor is elected.

Question 4: ARTICLE VIII – Tenure of Office and ARTICLE X – Elections

A YES vote will increase the term of Council persons, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Judge and Associate Judges from 3 years to 4 years. Elections of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Judge and Associate Judges will be held every 4 years.

Question 5: ARTICLE III – Membership (Section 6) and ARTICLE XV – Power of the Gila River Indian Community Council

A YES vote will remove the Secretary of the Interior from the Ordinance and Resolution approval process. Currently the Secretary of the Interior has authority to review membership ordinances enacted under Article III. Membership, as well as certain laws enacted under Article XV. Powers of the Gila River Indian Community Council.

A NO vote on any of these ballot measures will maintain the current Constitution language.

[Where Can I Learn More?](#)

More detailed information regarding the proposed changes can be found in a booklet produced by the Communications & Public Affairs Office, which will be mailed to all registered voters and made available at all Community Service Centers. These informational packets include sample ballots for the special election initiative and all

of the precise verbiage for both the current version of the articles and the proposed amendments. The official ballots will only have the proposed amendments, and will not include the current versions of the articles.

The Community Council and Tribal Elections Office strongly encourage you to learn more about the pro-

posed amendments on your own.

It is extremely important that all registered Community members have their voices heard during this election. Again, 30 percent of all registered voters must participate to deem this vote valid. Progress in the Community tribal government requires participation by all registered voters.

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April 23rd, 2016

Sexual Assault Awareness Event
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FMA Live! show dazzles, entertains, and educates SMS students

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Sacaton Middle School students were treated to a slick production, March 28, featuring live performers dancing and singing, all-the-while teaching Sir Isaac Newton's three laws of motion in a highly stylized multi-media package.

SMS students may have entered the school's gymnasium thinking they were just going to see another humdrum educational show, but were soon clapping along to the catchy beats and laughing out loud to the show's highly entertaining live demonstrations.

FMA Live! Forces in Motion is a stage show sponsored by Honeywell and NASA supporting their science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education program. The show, which is currently on a 10-week tour and has preformed for almost half-a-million students since its 2004 inception, is a hands-on spectacle that enlists the help of student volunteers, teachers, and the audience to take part in the live demonstrations.

"It's completely exciting and energetic," said



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN
Fifth and sixth grade students receive FMA Live! T-shirts before the performance.

John James, FMA Live! show captain. "It is very rewarding to see the kids getting into the music and dancing."

And energetic it was, with students launching themselves from a springboard onto a Velcro wall, teachers wrestling one another while wearing sumo suits, and even SMS Principal Phillip Bonds sitting under a vat of applesauce as students slingshotted balls at targets, triggering the release of the slimy fruit-based snack.

However, the show is not only entertainment, it's main focus is to teach students about physics, more specifically, Newton's three laws of motion.

"For example, [we

use] Newton's second law, force equals mass times acceleration, $F=ma$, which is where we get [the show's] name," said James. "We use two different demonstrations [for this]. One of our student volunteers comes up to kick three different sized soccer balls, which illustrates that by using the same amount of mass and acceleration, their force of kicking the soccer ball has to somehow change in order to kick a larger mass," he said.

The end goal of teaching science, technology, engineering and math to America's middle school youth is to inspire them in pursuing careers in those fields.

"Many of today's en-



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN
Above, teachers, student volunteers, Honeywell representatives, and the FMA Live! show cast entertained the student audience on March 28.

gineering challenges will be solved decades into the future by the next generation of engineers and scientists," said Honeywell Hometown Solutions President Mike Bennett in a Honeywell news release. "To prepare students to become tomorrow's innovators, Honeywell invests in programs like FMA Live! to ignite that spark of inspiration in fun and relatable ways."

For more information about FMA Live! visit fmalive.com to access classroom materials, videos, and live demonstrations.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN
SMS Principal Phillip Bonds sits under a vat of apple sauce as students attempt to hit the target.

DEQ updating reclaimed and wastewater ordinance for the Community

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Department of Environmental Quality has introduced an updated wastewater and reclaimed water management ordinance, which includes how reclaimed water can be used for domestic, commercial

and industrial reuse.

The Gila River Indian Community is one of the few tribal nations that is developing a comprehensive wastewater and reclaimed water ordinance.

DEQ Water Quality Program Manager, Glenn Stark said, "The Gila River Indian Community is on the

forefront of having an ordinance like [this]."

The ordinance is key to establishing a guideline for performance standards of water quality limits for wastewater treatment, septage and reclaimed water, by allowing the Community to utilize resources without having to take away from naturally occurring sources of water or water that is used for drinking and other amenities.

The ordinance also establishes a more defined classification system for each of the wastewater treatment facilities located in the Community as a measure to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Community by regulating wastewater and reclaimed water. The wastewater facilities located in the



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Purple signs indicate the presence of reclaimed water, which is used for agriculture, dust control and other applications.

Community are classified under a Type A, B and C based on their treatment performance.

DEQ Hydrologist Elisabeth Kahn said, "[This] ordinance is primarily for entities like the Department of Public Works, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project, Gila River Irrigation and Drainage District and the end users of reclaimed water."

In 2005 the Community started receiving reclaimed water from the City of Chandler and Mesa.

DEQ's first version of the ordinance was adopted in 2008, but after a while it was time to start revising

the ordinance to meet the Community's expanding usage of water.

The reclaimed water that is used for indirect recharge, where reclaimed water is placed into a surface basin for recharging underground aquifers, must meet a Category I (Cat I) water quality requirement.

A typical application of reuse is for agriculture, dust control and at golf courses like the Whirlwind Golf Course located in the Wild Horse Pass area.

The availability of Cat I highly treated reclaimed water allows farmers, under a permit from the DEQ, to utilize it for agricultural

activities.

Category II is another type of reclaimed water that is mainly used for street cleaning and, in some situations, for dust control.

Due to the design of the Community's irrigation system, reclaimed water is not available for residential uses.

Various water utility and environmental departments throughout the U.S., use the color purple on signage to identify where reclaimed water is coming from, such as an irrigation pipe, valve, from a water truck or a section of canal where reclaimed water is flowing.

2016

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GRIC SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

In conjunction with GRIC Community Council Elections

Tuesday May 3, 2016

Gila River Indian Community will be holding a Special Election to make amendments to the tribal constitution.

This election will ask voters to amend only the following articles:

- A) ARTICLE VI-QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS
- B) ARTICLE VII-APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS;
- C) ARTICLE VIII-TENURE OF OFFICE;
- D) ARTICLE IX-VACANCIES;
- E) ARTICLE X-ELECTIONS;
- F) ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP; SECTION 6 ONLY;
- G) ARTICLE XV-POWERS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Other amendments maybe considered at a November 2016 election.

Voting Poll Hours: 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Poll locations: All districts (1-7) Service Centers - with exception of District 5 polling location will be at their Veteran's Memorial Building

Please bring one of these forms of identification when you come to vote:

- Tribal Identification Cards Arizona
- State Identification Card
- State Drivers License



For more information please call:
GRIC Communications & Public Affairs Office at (520) 562-9715
Or email, info@gric.nsn.us

A'AGA Something to be told

By Billy Allen

April – Kwi Hiosik Masad or Mesquite Flower Blooming Month. March is Kwi I'ivakidak or Mesquite Leaves Emerge. Both names show Kwi as a "tree of life" in southern Arizona. Our forefathers looked forward to once again seeing our desert blooming with different foods.

Lenora Curtin was an ethnobotanist who spent four spring seasons between 1939 and 1942 documenting Salt and Gila River members' plant knowledge. Over 75 wild plant foods were identified and two plants that required human hands, the bottle gourd and wheat. Even back then, many felt a lot of our knowledge was lost, but Curtin felt there were elders who remembered foods from the land. She was right and a keli or old man told her why. When the river or akimel stopped running in the 1870s, O'otham and Piipaash resorted to gathering wild foods. In the early 1940s Curtin could already see the unhealthy changes the "tin can" diet was having on us.

Among her botanical notes, she also commented on our delightful sense of humor, witty conversation, and dark skin. World War II interrupted her study, but she had enough notes to publish "By the Prophet of the Earth" in 1949. The last sentence in the book's introduction reads, "It was only during my fourth and last season that sufficient friendliness and confidence were established for such intimate, well-guarded secrets to be shared."

Sections of the book are The Plants and their Uses, Arts and Industries, Games, Legends, Miscellaneous Beliefs, and Informants. In the Informant section, forty O'otham or Piipaash people are mentioned. Even though they have long walked to the other side, they are still sharing their wisdom. Very O'otham, very Piipaash, very Native.

Biographical snippets about the informants brought a lot of smiles and chuckles to me. This Sun Devil has to give the University of Arizona due cred-

it. The book, "By the Prophet of the Earth," is available for free viewing on-line. Here are just a few excerpts.

Domingo Blackwater told of how his grandfather had his name Americanized. When his grandfather was asked his name, he replied "Wihom." (In O'otham, it meant lightning.) The non-Indian heard William and asked "William" where he was from. Wihom replied Blackwater and thus William Blackwater he became.

When Co-op calendar stick keeper Paul Head died, his oos:hikbina or calendar stick was buried with him. Charles Allison had listened to the stories so much that he made a copy and could recite the same stories.

As a boy, José Henry was sent to Carlisle Indian School, did not like it and walked all the way home from Pennsylvania. He never married and cared for his mother for the rest of her life. He was one of last to live in an olas ki or round house at Salt River. He kept a koi or rattlesnake in his olas ki as a pet. When José was away, a neighbor killed the snake.

Mrs. Emma Howard claimed she had the best keli or old man/husband in the world: he did not gamble or drink. She had a two-room adobe home with a piano, radio and sewing machine. Her stepfather, Mason McAfee was also known as José Juan and lived in an olas ki at Kuiva or the West End. Mr. McAfee was born at Sacate, and remembers when he was 12 or 13, the flour mill at Vah Ki or Casa Blanca washed away in a flood. Stephen Jones said he was twenty when the flood took away the Vah Ki mill. Mr. Jones was born at Wetcamp or Rso'tuk, and claimed to be 103! (Since the settlement was close to the akimel, when one camped overnight, their bedding would be damp the next morning.) A wood chip blinded him in one eye and the people gave him a new nickname, "one who makes faces at someone." Space does not allow including more anecdotes of Jumbi Juan, Tashquith, Lewis Nelson, Josie Taylor, Mrs. Adolph or George Webb. It's time to sit outside, let the tash or sun warm me up and share a moment with my ancestors.



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Gov. Lewis discusses the Community's innovative water plan at Water Summit from page 1



Photo: Ian James/Desert Sun

The White House hosted a Water Summit on World Water Day March 22. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (photo right) was the only tribal leader invited to speak. He talked about the Community's partnership with the Salt River Project to store the Community's unused CAP water to create long-term storage credits for sale.

more time left. We all look forward to being proactive and working together in a collaborative fashion."

The Community controls the largest individual share of CAP water, 311,800 acre-feet, and is concerned that a plan to reduce CAP water deliveries to conserve water in Lake Mead could disproportionately impact the Community.

The White House stated in a news release, that the Water Summit was partly in response to recent

events, including the water-quality crisis in Flint, Mich., drought in the West, and flooding in the Southeast. On a more national level, the White House said many communities across the United States facing water challenges have cost the country billions of dollars and affected millions of people's lives. Additionally, communities affected the most typically have a minority population, are poor, and live in rural areas.

In response to these

issues, which also span the globe, over 150 external institutions joined the U.S. Federal government in announcing new endeavors to further improve water sustainability in the U.S. through improved water resource and infrastructure management.

A few of the endeavors, according to the White House news release, are listed below;

- Nearly \$4 billion in private capital committed to investment in a broad range of water-infruc-



Photo courtesy of Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

ture project nationwide.

- More than \$1 billion from the private sector over the next decade to conduct research and development into new technologies.

- A Presidential Memorandum and supporting Action Plan on building na-

tional capabilities for long-term drought resilience in the U.S.

- Nearly \$25 million this year in Federal grants from the Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National

Science Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to support cutting-edge water science.

- Release of a new National Water Model that will enhance the Nation's river-forecasting capabilities.

Chinese Lights of the World lantern festival from page 1



Courtesy of Lights of the World Lantern Festival

A rendering of an opera house that will be featured at the lantern festival.

ting go of their past selves and getting new ones... In ancient times, the lanterns were fairly simple, and only the emperor and noblemen had large ornate ones." But today, lanterns have been modernized and embellished.

The lantern festival has traveled to more than 21 cities around the world since 2002. According to the Foundation, 90 percent of the high-tech LED lanterns are produced in Chengdu City, China, which is a Phoenix Sister City partner.

In recent years, the fes-

tival has been hosted in the United States in Louisville, Atlanta, and Houston. Over 300,000 guests are expected to visit the lantern festival in Gila River this year.

At an opening event on March 22, WHPDA Assistant General Manager David White thanked the Foundation for working with GRIC and said the event has the potential to positively impact the economies of, not just the Community, but all of the greater Phoenix area.

Mr. Junying Zhu, Board of Directors of the

Chinese Chamber of Commerce, added, via a translator, that he hopes the festival will be an opportunity for cultural exchange.

Afterward, the Hashan Kehk Basket Dancers shared a bit of O'otham culture and a dancer from China performed a traditional Chinese dance.

Be on the lookout for more information in the GRIN and online. Visit the festival's website at www.lightsoftheworld.net or search "Lights of the World Lantern Festival" on Facebook.

Former MLB catcher, Hall of Fame broadcaster and local philanthropist, Joe Garagiola dies at 90



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Joe Garagiola greets students in a photo from Oct. 18, 2012.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Legendary Major League Baseball announcer and professional baseball catcher Joe Garagiola passed away at the age of 90 on March 23.

Garagiola, who is a member of the MLB announcer's Hall of Fame, was not only a local legend for announcing Arizona Diamondbacks games, he was also a close friend to St. Peter Indian Mission School in Bapchule, who contributed his time and efforts to the school over the years.

An example of those efforts was Garagiola's assistance in acquiring a new bus for the school in 2012. According to a Nov. 12, 2012 Gila River Indian News article "Joe Garagiola, Sr. visits St. Peter," the

school's former bus was aging, had no air conditioning and would frequently break down. Once Garagiola found out about the less-than ideal conditions of the older bus, he sprung into action, reaching out to his contacts and other schools. The brand new bus was delivered to the school on Oct. 18, 2012.

Garagiola, who has been a long-time supporter of the school, said of the Community, "It's easy to make a connection with the people here at Gila River because they're all good people."

And it was only just recently that St. Peter Indian Mission School teachers and staff sang happy birthday to the baseball legend on his 90th birthday inside the school's church on Feb. 12.

The passing of the baseball icon not only affects Community members and the St. Peter Indian Mission School, it also weighs heavily on the baseball world as a whole.

Garagiola's family said in a statement:

"Joe loved the game and passed that love onto family, his friends, his teammates, his listeners and everyone he came across as a player and broadcaster. His impact on the game, both on and off the field, will forever be felt."

According to arizonasports.com, the family is asking that instead of sending flowers to mourn Garagiola, donations can be made to St. Peter Indian Mission School or charity organization, the Baseball Assistance Team.

7th Annual Cancer Awareness Day

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continue to move forward and live life by pursuing a master's degree at a local university.

"It is inspiring," said Devin Pablo, Community Health Education Specialist for the Gila River Indian Health Department, "because here are these individuals who are battling cancer, who have battled cancer, they still have joy in their lives, they are not taking it as something that is going to conquer them, they still have that positive outlook in life, they can still laugh and go on."

And while the event was held to support Community members in their own struggles with cancer, whether a personal struggle or family member stricken with the disease, it was

also to educate and promote awareness.

"That's one of the major goals of the event," Pablo said.

"[It's] to open eyes and minds to get them to look at [cancer] in a different way and say 'Wow, I could be at risk'," Pablo said.

"It is different when you haven't had it yourself or if you have never been affected by it." Which is why they started this annual event, he added, because cancer is more prevalent than people realize and it is important to raise awareness about this disease.

According to the American Cancer Society, one in two men and one in three women are at risk for getting cancer with more than 1 million people being

diagnosed with the disease every year. The Arizona Department of Health Services' Cancer Prevention and Control recommend both men and women follow these five steps to protect themselves and their families.

- Eat Well
- Be Active
- Be Tobacco Free
- Get immunized with the HPV vaccine
- Get screened

Additionally, men and women are at risk of developing different types of cancers at varying stages of life. To the right are two charts explaining what to look out for, as a man or woman, during your next doctor's visit.

Tips for females to reduce cancer risk.

USE THE FOLLOWING TIPS TO TALK TO YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ON HOW TO REDUCE YOUR CANCER RISK

KIDS & TEENS

- Teach your children to be sun-safe. Wear sunscreen with 30+ SPF when in the sun and avoid tanning beds and sun lamps.
- HPV vaccine prevents certain cancers in your future - get all three shots. The HPV vaccine is available for boys and girls beginning at ages 11 and 12 years.

20s

- Get a pap test every 3 years starting at 21 years old.
- Do a Clinical Breast Exam (CBE) every 3 years.
- Do a skin self-exam to check your skin for changes.

30s

- Get an HPV test and Pap test every 5 years (or) Pap test only every 3 years.

40s

- Get a Mammogram every year starting at age 40.

50+

- Get screened for colon cancer. Talk to your doctor about options.
- Get screened for lung cancer if you smoke or quit recently and have a 30 pack/year smoking history. Talk about screening options with your doctor.
- Get tested for Hepatitis C.



Tips for males to reduce cancer risk.

USE THE FOLLOWING TIPS TO TALK TO YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ON HOW TO REDUCE YOUR CANCER RISK

KIDS & TEENS

- Teach your children to be sun-safe. Wear sunscreen with 30+ SPF when in the sun and avoid tanning beds and sun lamps.
- HPV vaccine prevents certain cancers in your future - get all three shots. The HPV vaccine is available for boys and girls beginning at ages 11 and 12 years.

20s

- Do a skin self-exam to check your skin for changes.

30s

- Do a Testicular Self-Exam and report concerns to your doctor.
- Get a testicular exam during your yearly checkup.

40s

- Get screened for colon cancer. Talk to your doctor about options.

50+

- Get screened for lung cancer if you smoke or quit recently and have a 30 pack/year smoking history. Talk about screening options with your doctor.
- Get tested for Hepatitis C.
- Create a plan for your prostate health with your doctor.



Info Courtesy of ADHS and Cancer Prevention and Control

GILA RIVER STUDENT SERVICES

College NIGHT

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April 12th, 2016
 District 2 Service Center
 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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- Food
- Raffles
- Guest Speakers

For more information contact the Student Services Department at (520) 562-3316

Initiative brings Teach For America to the Gila River Indian Community

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Sacaton Elementary School will host a unique teacher training program during the 2016 summer session.

In June when summer school starts, SES will be the host for the Teach for America Native Alliance Initiative teacher training program where a corps of teachers will gain valuable experience working with Native students.

TFA is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1989 and has spread to serve under represented schools across the country.

It has developed a portfolio of initiatives that support different groups of people, offering an opportunity to receive specialized training.

As for NAI, they have set their sights on building partnerships with tribal organizations, governments and tribal school systems to enrich the quality of education for the students.

The Tribal Education Director Issac Salcido said, "The goal is to have teachers from the TFA-Native Alliance Initiative have the opportunity get to know the Community and possibly return and teach at our tribal schools."

He said the NAI program at SES offers the Community a look at what is possible and contributes to the student's success by having an educator who is trained in being culturally aware of the students' background.

NAI has have been in-

involved in five other states since 2010 and is continually recruiting teachers of Native American or Hawaiian decent.

Since the program's first year of 40 alumni, NAI has successfully brought 200 additional teachers into the classroom to begin teaching.

Where the core principals of TFA remain the same as they are with non-tribal schools, NAI has developed a "Culturally Responsive Teaching" model to enhance cultural awareness in the classroom.

Additionally this process contributes towards the success of Native students in achieving better grades and test scores in core subjects like math and reading.

"It benefits both sides for the teachers and the students, because it provides [us] the opportunity to have well-trained educators here at SES," said Salcido.

Teachers at the SES training this summer will be going out to other tribal schools across the country in the fall and TFA will consider assigning NAI teachers to schools in the Community the following year.

He said, "We are looking at each of the other schools in the Community as possible sites for teachers to be placed at during the 2017 school year."

With the corps of students arriving at SES this summer, it will be a learning experience for both the school and the teachers, but most of all it is an opportunity to build a partnership of good will.

MISS GILA RIVER AND JR. MISS GILA RIVER 2016-2017



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Miss Gila River Oriana Apkaw with her parents Kevin Apkaw and Cynthia Garcia.

Oriana Apkaw sets sights on year ahead as Miss Gila River

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

As Oriana Apkaw starts her reign as Miss Gila River 2016-2017, she is ready to continue the long tradition of talented young women representing the Gila River Indian Community.

She is the daughter of Kevin Apkaw and Cynthia Garcia and is from Lower Santan in District 4.

Apkaw is 22 years old of Akimel O'otham and Tohono O'odham descent and is very much involved with learning about her heritage and the Community.

She's big on all things Arizona State University and likes to root for her favorite team the Arizona Cardinals and is not one to steer away from rodeo competitions.

She places a lot of emphasis in learning O'otham traditions from her grandmother Eugenia Apkaw and her mother Cynthia.

At the recent 54th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo, Apkaw experienced the grandeur of the fair and got to know many of the Community members in attendance.

"I thought to myself [wow]. It was such a humbling feeling, because I represent all of [these] people [here]," she said.

Looking back at the Miss Gila River pageant she talked about how proud her family was and that it was especially memorable to have her

grandmother present.

Apkaw said her grandmother was instrumental in helping her prepare for the pageant to help her understand more about the Community's culture and activities most youth aren't aware of like picking and cooking of the prickly pear and the assembly of the ku'ipad (harvesting stick).

"My grandmother made [me] realize how important it is to speak the language."

She isn't apprehensive about being looked upon as a role-model. She said that many considered her a good candidate for the MGR title because of her involvement in numerous extracurricular activities like softball, basketball and rodeo.

Currently she is a sophomore attending Tohono O'odham Community College in Sells, Ariz. on the Tohono O'odham Nation to obtain a degree in Liberal Arts.

After she completes her degree program at TOCC, she will be transferring to ASU in the fall to major in Anthropology.

"Once I graduate I'll be back up [here], I'm excited to be transferring [there] after I complete my program a TOCC. I'll be closer to family," said Apkaw.

Her decision to major in Anthropology is inspired by memories of her family's involvement in the reburial of excavated remains that were given a new resting site and

she wants to have a career that will connect with the Community's ancestors.

Her platform will focus on advocating for greater involvement of the youth in health and wellness and learning about traditional O'otham foods to eat.

"If we can bring more awareness about [it], we can bring our healthy foods back into [our] daily diets," she said.

In addition to promoting traditional healthy foods, she also wants to bring attention about how to build a higher self-esteem mentally and spiritually.

Her earliest recollection competing in rodeo was around age 4 or 5 as a wooly rider or riding sheep.

With a horse and rope in hand, she is a regular competitor in the team-roping event with her mother working as the "header," the one who ropes the head of the steer.

If things weren't exciting enough, she rides steers in the women's division, where she recently won top honors in her age category at the 2015 90th Annual White Mountain Apache Tribal Fair & Rodeo All-Women's rodeo.

"When I travel to All-Women's Rodeos I actually do steer riding, that's [my] thing," said Apkaw with a smile.

Despite a lot of her accomplishments and talents, Apkaw doesn't view herself any different from her peers.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Jr. Miss Gila River Deirdre Copper holding an award at the Jr. Miss pageant.

Deirdre Copperfield looks to make her mark as Jr. Miss

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

At 16, Deirdre Copperfield, Jr. Miss Gila River 2016-2017, demonstrates character and class beyond her years. She received her coronation with confidence and congeniality, a reflection of her even-keel demeanor and a prime example of her qualification as royalty.

This year the old woven crowns of Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss Gila River were replaced with new crowns, darker in color and made of Devil's Claw.

Donning the crown of Jr. Miss Gila River had special meaning for Deirdre because her great grandmother Rikki Francisco is the basket weaver who made the new crowns for Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River this year.

"I'm very blessed to say that I am given this honor," she wrote in an email.

Deirdre grew up in District 5, raised by her parents David Copperfield and Rechelle Jackson, and is the youngest of four girls. She attended St. Peter Indian Mission School for elementary school and transitioned to Centennial Middle School in the seventh grade. Now she is a sophomore at Casa Grande Union High School.

In middle school, Deirdre played violin and was on the softball and basketball teams, but when she got to high school, she said, "I got more interested [in] other school things such as clubs."

Deirdre is a mentor for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Program in Sacaton, where she mentors a "little sister" and a "little brother,"

and she is an active member of the CGUHS Amerind (American Indian) Club. On weeknights, if she's not at club meetings or BBBS, Deirdre spends time after school wisely budgeting her time and finishing homework early.

Now she can add GRIC Royalty to her list of extracurricular activities.

"It's good to see her involved in something," said Rechelle. "And it's good to see the progress here in our tribe...it makes me feel proud to be a member of our Community."

Her parents describe Deirdre as self-reliant and outgoing.

"I would say she got that from going to public school [and] getting out of her comfort zone," said her father, David.

Deirdre agrees that public school helped her come out of her shell, but credits her grandmother as her greatest influence. She was always close with her grandmother, Darlene Jackson, who helped raise her and her sisters.

"She always treated everybody with kindness. She didn't judge anybody, and I really took that in," said Deirdre.

Sadly, Grandma Darlene passed away on Christmas Eve, 2014. Deirdre chose to honor the memory of her grandmother in the pageant with a traditional dress in purple.

Deirdre stood apart that night, not just because of her beautiful dress, but especially because of her tremendous singing voice. For a traditional talent, she sang the Blackbird Song and surprised nearly everyone in the audience, including her own parents.

"Her voice was so

powerful and she sang so confidently, it was a proud moment that day," said Rechelle.

Deirdre began taking choir classes in high school, but hadn't shared her talent with others until the week of the pageant.

The week leading up to the Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River Pageants is a challenging time. Contestants spend a lot of time together learning about the Community and preparing their presentations. It's a competition, but it's a friendly competition.

"It's a sisterhood," said Deirdre. "We actually bonded pretty well."

That week, Deirdre turned 16 and turned down her parents' offers for a birthday party, choosing instead to focus on pageant preparations.

Deirdre already shares a connection with one member of the royalty delegation, Miss Gila River Oriana Apkaw, who also went to St. Peter school.

"Even though Oriana is older than her...she and Oriana are [good] friends," said Rechelle. "As parents...we have a good family bond there."

Like any teenager, Deirdre's favorite pastimes include hanging out with friends and family. She likes movies, music, and reading fantasy and sci-fi books, but said she'll read anything "that's interesting and something I could learn a few things from."

"I would just like to thank everyone for all the support that they have given to me and all advice that I have been given," she said. "I'm just looking forward to learning more about the Community [and] representing the Community well."

Community skateboarders keeping the scene alive in GRIC

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

For decades, two Gila River Indian Community skateboarders have been slashing and carving their way through the Community's seven districts, always on the lookout for the next great skate spot. But as the years have passed, Paul Molina and Reuben Ringlero have lessened their skating excursions and become more interested in hosting skate competitions for the future generations of the Community.

The duo's commitment to holding skate competitions over the past decade has led to them becoming fixtures in the Community's skate scene, which is why the two came together this spring to put on the Spring Break Skate Contest at District 7's Pee-Posh skate park on March 18.

The skate contest was sponsored by Elemental Awareness Foundation, which provided skateboards and prizes for the participants. The District 7 Recreation Program provided food and drinks for the event.

The contest attracted 20 skaters who were split into three groups, the 7-to-9-year-old, 10-to-15 year-old, and 16 and up divisions. Each skater was al-

lowed two one-minute performance runs that were scored by judges.

While all skate competitions pit each skater's skill against one another, the atmosphere of the events is always one of positivity, community, and fun. And for Ringlero, emcee of the Spring Break Skate Contest, the sport is more than just performing kick-flips and ollies, it's about community.

"The purpose of the skate contest is to get the kids to come out and show their skills," said Ringlero. It also keeps them out of trouble and focused on something they are passionate about. It keeps them thinking about skating and training for the next competition, and through the years we've seen these kids get better and better," he said.

Molina, owner of Seven Layer Army Skateboards, believes that skating is more than just a sport, it's something that allows people to tap into their creative side.

"Skateboarding in general is...really independent," he said. "It's not an average sport, it is more individualistic, it's being



Photo Courtesy of Deanna Ringlero

From left, Steven Thin Elk, Stacy Jackson and Adrian Thomas.

yourself and [it's creative]. These skate competitions are just another way of us expressing ourselves and watching other kids express themselves," he said.

As the sun dipped below the horizon and evening turned into night, several Community skaters were awarded skateboards for winning their age division and all participants received prizes as well.

In the end, the skate competition brought out the next generation of Gila River skaters to participate in a healthy and fun activity, instilling camaraderie and community in a sup-

portive environment.

"You have to experience it," said Ringlero. Once people experience a competition, they say "Wow, what an amazing community event, with a positive atmosphere!" Ringlero said. That's what motivates me to continue putting on these competitions, he said.

Molina and Ringlero will be hosting two more skate competitions, a Five Tribes event on April 9 in District 7 at the Pee-Posh skate park, and a Go Skateboarding Day event in District 3 on June 21.

Donations for event



Photo Courtesy of Paul Molina

Reese Jay won the 10-15 year old Division.

prizes, DJ's, and live bands are always welcome. For more information email Paul Molina at sevenlayerarmy@gmail.com or visit www.sevenlayerarmyskateboards.com

Spring Break Skate Competition placements by division:

7-9 year-old Division

1st - Samuel Aleman

10-15 year-old Division

1st - Reese Jay
2nd - Ashton McDaniels
3rd - Pilar Aleman

16 and up Division

1st - Stacy Jackson
2nd - Adrian Thomas
3rd - Steven Thin-Elk
4th - Caleb Jackson
5th - Antonio Thomas
6th - Frankie Mendivil
7th - Angelo Garcia

Native American Camp Meeting 2016

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
THROUGH
SUNDAY APRIL 3



MARICOPA
VILLAGE
SDA CHURCH

THEME:

"Coming Home," (Luke 15:10)

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Deb Claymore-Cuny, Native American Ministries Director, (North and South Dakota)
- Pastor Charlie Whitehorse, Native American Ministries Director (Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, Hawaii)
- Scott Turner, Medical Missionary, Health Evangelist

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Maricopa Village Christian School (MVCS) students, the Tongan Youth choir, and special guests

Friday, April 1

7:00 pm Evening Worship

Saturday (Sabbath) April 2

7:30 am Morning Devotion
10:00 am Sabbath School
10:00 am Kids' Games and Activities
11:00 am Sabbath Divine Worship
2:00 pm Health Presentation
6:00 pm Evening Program

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be served Saturday April 2)

Sunday, April 3

8:00 am Morning Devotion/Closing Program



Maricopa Village Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Church
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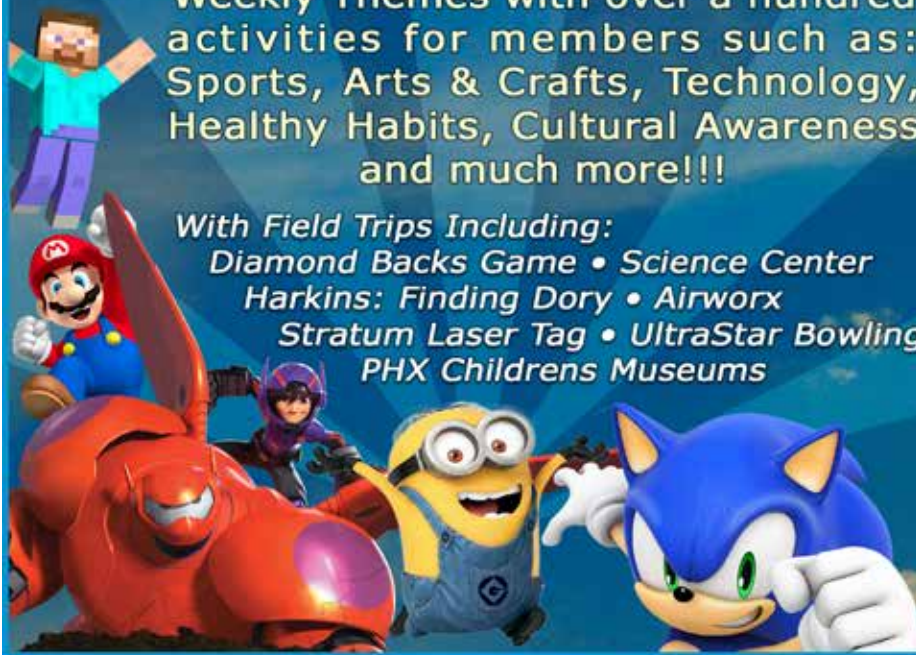
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • March 16, 2016

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 March 16, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:11 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Sandra Nasewytewa

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (4:37)

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

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., Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird (9:34)

Council Members Absent:

D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

1. State Senator Carlyle Begay

Presenter: Carlyle Begay

LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE PROVIDED A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF SENATOR CARLYLE BEGAY. SENATOR BEGAY PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND WELL WISHES.

2 1. Introduction of Dr. Deborah Dennison

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED DR. DEBORAH DENNISON. DR. DENNISON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

3 2. Feeding Matters Presentation

Presenters: Chris Linn, Executive Director, Kristie Leshinskie, Director of Development

MS. CHRIS LINN AND MS. KRISTINE LESHINSKIE PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE PROVIDED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

4 3. Kimberly Antone, Land Use Planning & Zoning Director

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

MS. PAMELA THOMPSON INTRODUCED MS. KIMBERLY ANTONE. MS. ANTONE PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR EXPRESSED WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:25 A.M.]

REPORTS

1. GRICUA Report FY16 1st Quarter (October 01, 2015 – December 31, 2015)

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

REPORT HEARD

2. The Caring House Transition Report – 03/02/16

Presenter: Renee Manda, CNO

REPORT HEARD

3. FY2015 Domestic Violence Report

Presenter: Pamela Thompson, Sunshine Whitehair

REPORT HEARD

4. Gila River Sand & Gravel FY-15 4th Quarter Report

Presenter: Michael Morago, Bob Gazis

REPORT HEARD

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A

90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:11 P.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Office Of The General Counsel FY2015 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Linus Everling

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To the United States Department Of Homeland Security Assistance To Firefighters Grant (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval

Presenter: Thomas Knapp

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Approving Gila River Health Care As

The Primary Grantee On Behalf Of The Gila River

Indian Community For The FY2016 Tribal Maternal,

Infant, And Early Childhood Home Visiting

(MIECHV) Program; Implementation and Expansion

Grant Program (G&MSC motion to forward to

Community Council with recommendation for

approval, HSSC concurs)

Presenters: Priscilla Foote, Lisa Kaiser

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving A Programmatic

Agreement Among The Federal Highway

Administration, Gila River Indian Community, Gila

River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation

Office, Arizona State Historic Preservation Office,

Arizona Department Of Transportation, And The

Advisory Council On Historic Preservation,

Regarding The Implementation Of Federal-Aid

Transportation Projects In The State Of Arizona

(G&MSC motion to forward to Community Council

with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Barnaby V. Lewis

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing

Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2015 Agreement

Between The Gila River Indian Community and

Osborn Maledon, P.A. (G&MSC motion to forward to

Community Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving A Limited Waiver of

Sovereign Immunity For The Purpose Of Resolving

Repossession Disputes Between Gila River Farms

And Williams Scotsman, Inc. Regarding The Lease

Of A Modular Building For Gila River Farms

(G&MSC motion to forward to Community Council

with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Tiffany Horne

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Requesting The Secretary Of The

Department Of The Interior Or His Lawful Designee

To Take No Action Against Kinder Morgan Upon

The Expiration Of A Right Of Way Agreement On

November 15, 2015 To Allow Additional Time For

The Gila River Indian Community And Kinder

Morgan To Finalize The Terms Of A New Right Of

Way Agreement (G&MSC motion to forward to

Community Council with recommendation for

approval; ESC concurs with added language;

NRSC, CRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving A Remediation Plan And

Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila

River Indian Community And The United States Air

Force Regarding the Closure Of The Gila River

Space Surveillance System Field Station and

Restoration Of The Site To Its Original Condition

(G&MSC motion to forward to Community Council

with recommendation for approval; CRSC & EDSC

concur)

Presenters: Barnaby V. Lewis, Elizabeth Antone,

Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving 14.1052 Acres Of Tribal

Community Land In District Three For The Purpose

Of Constructing, Operating And Maintaining A

District Service Center And Recreational Facilities

As Shown In Drawing No. 40314-1278 (NRSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenter: Wally Jones

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable

Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment

4595 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District One

Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable

Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment

2057 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District One

Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

11. 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: Nancy House-Sanchez

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable

Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment

3385 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

13. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable

Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment

375 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

14. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable

Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment

736 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

15. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-

Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease

On Allotment 704 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

16. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-

Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease

On Allotment 496 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

17. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable

Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment

1560 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five

Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

18. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1387 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

19. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1846-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

20. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1474 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

21. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1273-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

22. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2554 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

23. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 4078 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

24. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2670 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Seven Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

25. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2568 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

26. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 4078 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Duane Johns

APPROVED

27. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America, For Westside IE And Westside IF Pipelines And Associated Laterals On Portions Of Community Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

MOTION MADE, SECOND AND WITHDRAWN TO APPROVE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE RESOLUTION 27, RESOLUTION 28; AND HAVE DISTRICT SEVEN HOLD A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING REGARDING THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS AND COME BACK THROUGH THE PROCESS

28. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America For Reach Westside IE And Westside IF And Associated Laterals On Portions Of Allotted Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Reservation And Setting The Amount Of Compensation Due To The Community For The Community's Undivided Interests In Such Allotted Trust Land (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

DISPENSED AT RESOLUTION #27

29. A Resolution Rescinding GR-108-87 Which Approved A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Phyllis Machukay, And Approving A Fifty Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Teresa Giff, Located In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30615-0580 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:37 P.M.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*1. VAWA Implementation - Request for Direction (LSC forwards to Council for discussion)

Presenter: Michael Carter

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Constitution Amendments – Sample Ballot and Booklet Proposal (LSC forwards to Community Council with additional information included)

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Shannon White, Javier Ramos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS FINAL BALLOT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO WITH THE SIDE BY SIDE BOOKLET AND PROPOSED AMENDED CONSTITUTION SUMMARY; FOR PUBLISHING FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS INFORMATION

3. Constitutional Amendments – Regarding Enrollment Data (LSC forwards to Community Council for discussion and possible action)

Presenter: Jane Johnson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AFFORD EACH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THEIR CONSTITUENTS

NEW BUSINESS

1. City of Maricopa General Plan Review (NRSC forwards to Council for discussion and action)

Presenters: Nona Baheshone, Seaver Fields

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE OGC PROVIDE A LETTER WITH GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE TO REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION FOR THE COMMENT PERIOD TO THE CITY OF MARICOPA

2. Enrollment Petition Information (LSC forwards to Council for discussion)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

ITEM DISCUSSED

3. WHPDA Annual Plan – Request For Special Council Meeting (EDSC motioned to request a Special Council Meeting for WHPDA Annual Plan on April 1, 2016 with a tour starting at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting to start at 10:00 a.m. with the place TBD)

Presenters: Dale Gutenson, WHPDA Board of Directors

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 1, 2016, BEGINNING AT 9 A.M. AT RAWHIDE

4. Education Standing Committee Declaration of One (1) Vacancy Community At Large Member (ESC motion to forward the vacancy for (1) Community At Large Member subject to the Code of Conduct advertised for (60) Days)

Presenters: Education Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE

VACANCY, SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADVERTISED FOR (60) DAYS

5. Government & Management Standing Committee Declaration Of One (1) Vacancy Community At Large Member (G&MSC motion to forward the vacancy for (1) Community At Large Member subject to the Code of Conduct advertised for (60) Days)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE VACANCY, SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADVERTISED FOR (60) DAYS

6. Natural Resources Standing Committee Declaration of One (1) Vacancy Community At Large Member (NRSC motion to forward the vacancy for (1) Community At Large Member subject to the Code of Conduct advertised for (60) Days)

Presenters: Natural Resources Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE VACANCY, SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADVERTISED FOR (60) DAYS

7. Health & Social Standing Committee Declaration of One (1) Vacancy Community At Large Member (HSSC motion to forward the vacancy for (1) Community At Large Member subject to the Code of Conduct advertised for (60) Days)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE VACANCY, SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADVERTISED FOR (60) DAYS

8. Legislative Standing Committee Declaration of One (1) Vacancy Community At Large Member (LSC motion to forward the vacancy for (1) Community At Large Member subject to the Code of Conduct advertised for (60) Days)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE VACANCY, SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADVERTISED FOR (60) DAYS

9. Cultural Resource Standing Committee Declaration of One (1) Vacancy Community At Large Member (CRSC motion to forward the vacancy for (1) Community At Large Member subject to the Code of Conduct advertised for (60) Days)

Presenters: Cultural Resource Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE VACANCY, SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADVERTISED FOR (60) DAYS

1. Economic Development Standing Committee Declaration of One (1) Vacancy Community At Large Member (EDSC motion to forward the vacancy for (1) Community At Large Member subject to the Code of Conduct advertised for (60) Days)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE

VACANCY, SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADVERTISED FOR (60) DAYS

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

11. Request for Special Council Meeting - HOT Team

Presenter: Councilman Franklin Pablo, Sr.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON APRIL 21,

2016, 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. IN CCSO

CONFERENCE ROOM B&C GOVERNOR

STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED TO SUSPEND

THE RULES TO ADD NEW BUSINESS #12

GAMING UPDATE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Gaming Update (Executive Session)

Presenter: Governor Stephen R. Lewis

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MINUTES

1. November 18, 2015 (Regular)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>ESC WORK SESSION THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

>DISTRICT 6, FELICIA DOMINGO'S SERVICES ARE

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016 AT DISTRICT 6 LEARNING

CENTER AND SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016 AT ST.

JOHNS MISSION

>INVESTMENT MEETING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

AT 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:01 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



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MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURE

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Clinics, Komatke Health Center Clinics, and the Ak-Chin Clinic will be closed

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

If you need medical assistance, call 9-1-1 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

SCHOOL AND SPORTS PHYSICALS

The Primary Care and Pediatrics Departments located at the HHKMH Campus anticipate a busy summer.

CALL NOW TO SCHEDULE A SCHOOL/SPORTS PHYSICALS APPOINTMENT!

We encourage you to schedule with your provider at any of our campuses. For a limited time in April, we will also offer clinics at HHKMH (only) on Saturdays.

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2016 CANCER AWARENESS DAY



Gila River Health Care proudly sponsored the 2016 Cancer Awareness Day.



2016 MUL-CHU-THA



GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE Mul-Chu-Tha Parade 2016

WE WORK FOR YOU!

GRHC employees proudly marched in this year's event. The GRHC people entry boasted a message of health and wellness and a vibrant exhibition of the "cupid shuffle." The Caring House placed first place, and GRHC placed second place in the Department/Entities category. The Emergency Medical Services Department nabbed first place in the Marching Unit category.

ELDER'S CIRCLE

GRIC Elder's Meeting
May 11, 2016, 9:00 am
D1 Service Center

Topic: Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services - Suicide Prevention

2016 DAY OF HOPE

2016 Day of Hope for Elders, Adults, and Youth
"Building a Legacy of Health Through the Generations"

Friday, May 6, 2016
Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Conference Center

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(520) 550-6007.

Important Patient Information

INFECTION PREVENTION

Speak up for your care!

If you are having surgery, ask if you should shower with a germ-killing soap ahead of time.

Take medication as directed.

Ask about safe injection practices. Remember: One Needle, One Syringe, only One Time.

If your room looks dirty, ask to have it cleaned.

Every day, ask if you still need your catheter.

Sneeze & cough into your elbow, not your hand

Clean your hands and make sure everyone does around you too.

Who are infection preventionists?

Infection preventionists use their detective skills to find the bad germs & make sure everyone is doing the right things to keep you safe.

Health care workers will clean their hands before and after they care for you.

Your health care workers will wear gloves, gowns, & masks at the right times. If you are in isolation you & your visitors may need to do this too.

Your room & any equipment that is used on you will be clean.

Catheters or other devices will be placed in your body after your skin receives proper cleaning.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Marcy Hamblin
Infection Prevention Specialist
(520) 662-3321 Ext.1556

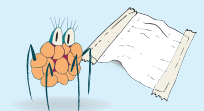
What are health care-associated infections?

Health care-associated infections are a result of germs entering your body during medical care.

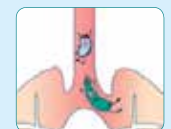


Catheter-associated urinary tract infections
When germs travel along a urinary catheter and cause an infection in your bladder or kidney.

Bloodstream infections
When germs enter the blood by way of a catheter or tube that is placed in your vein.



Surgical site infections
An infection that happens after surgery in the part of the body where the surgery took place.



Pneumonia
Infection of the lungs.

INSULIN MEDICATION CHANGE

THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE PREFERRED BASAL INSULIN AT GILA RIVER HEALTHCARE. YOUR PROVIDER MAY PRESCRIBE LEVEMIR INSULIN INSTEAD OF LANTUS INSULIN.

• **What are Levemir and Lantus?** Both are basal insulins that are slowly released after a dose is injected. The injections are given once or twice per day. Both are clear liquids. • **Why was I prescribed Levemir insulin instead of Lantus insulin?** Medication purchasing contracts change, and when there is a substantial change, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee may recommend a different, preferred medication. This is only done with careful review of the medications, and it must have approval of the Medical Executive Committee as well. The change will give us a better value with the same efficacy. • **What is the difference between Levemir and Lantus?** Both are effective basal insulins. The formulation is slightly different, and it may take a little bit more Levemir to reach the same result as Lantus. There are no other significant differences. • **How do I get the best results with the new insulin?** Continue to monitor your glucose at home regularly. Contact your provider if your numbers are running higher or lower than is normal for you. • **What if I have more questions?** Contact the Pharmacy or Primary Care Provider or team so they can help.

• **Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital** •
Primary Care Department: (520) 562-3321 Ext. 1495
Pharmacy: (520) 562-3321 Ext. 1405

• **Komatke Health Center** •
Primary Care Department: (520) 550-6000
Pharmacy: (520) 550-6000 Ext. 6022

• **Ak Chin Health Clinic:** •
(520) 568-3881

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CONSTRUCTION

In an effort to positively enhance your experience at Gila River Health Care, we are continuing to make improvements by: Expanding and remodeling the Primary Care and Pediatric Departments' areas at HHKMH.

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	2013 Honda Accord \$15,999		2012 Dodge Challenger \$17,999
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	2014 Chevy Cruze LTZ \$269/mo.		2012 Nissan Maxima \$13,999
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	2014 Kia Optima \$13,999		2014 Toyota Corolla \$215/mo.
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	2015 Dodge Dart \$215/mo.		2015 Hyundai Sonata \$13,999
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TRUCKS



2011 Dodge Ram 1500
\$399/mo.



2012 Chevy Colorado
\$12,999



2009 Toyota Tundra
\$389/mo.



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FIVE TRIBES TREATY OF PEACE CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Gila River Indian Community's | District 7 Service Center & Park
8035 S. 87th Ave., Laveen, AZ 85339 (83rd Avenue, South of Baseline Road)

Thursday April, 7, 2016 - Elders Volleyball Tournament

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Competition/Tournament: Skateboard, 5K Run/Walk, Tug-of-War, Bird Dance, Pow Wow, Red Chili, Fry Bread, Tortilla, Horseshoe, Billiards, Domino.

Entertainment: Traditional Dance Groups and Live Bands.

Kids Games: Sack Race, Water Balloon Contest, Three-Legged Race, Watermelon Eating Contest, Bounce House.

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