

GRIC students make historic trip to Space Camp

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Twenty-six students from the Community made a historic trip to Huntsville, Ala. to attend the U.S. Space & Rocket Center's Space Robotics Academy and Aviation Challenge camps on July 18-22.

It was the first time in the center's history to host a large group of Native students from a tribal community.

The center is dedicated to space exploration and features a vast display of rockets and spacecraft for students and visitors to see.

It houses three separate programs the Space Camp, Space Robotics Academy (SRA) and Aviation Challenge (AC).

The GRIC students joined students from across the country and world from the United Kingdom, Taiwan, China and Dubai.

Space camp emphasizes math and science through its curriculum, which includes robotics and engineering.

The space camp keeps pace with the changing landscape of advancing robotics technology, which will need a younger generation of robotics engineers.

For some of the students, attending the camp is a big deal, because it gives them a look at what is needed to pursue a career in space exploration and technology.

Nick Lewis (D3) is one of those students that has aspirations of working in the robotics field.

He said being a part of the Sacaton Middle School robotics program allows him to get a better



Students from the Community stand with the GRIC flag in front the Pathfinder Shuttle at Space Camp in Hunstville, Ala. on July 21.

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understanding of his true potential to create something that is more than just a toy.

Anthony Antone (D4) said, "The most important thing I came here to learn about was on teamwork and leadership."

At the other end of the center's campus the AC program educates high school students about the elements of flight and what information is needed before they take to the virtual skies.

They receive an extensive overview of learning how to fly aircraft like the F/A-18 Hornet (a

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomes the students home from Space Camp at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport on July 23.

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GRIC Urban Members celebrate anniversary



At the Urban Member Association anniversary, Arizona Cardinals mascot, Big Red, handed out backpacks full of school supplies which were provided by the Three Precious Miracles non-profit organization on July 30.

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Generations of urban Gila River Indian Community members, from elders to the very

young, packed the rooms and hallways of the GRIC Urban Members Association's (GRIC-UMA) new office building located in

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The Citrus sump will be drained and signs placed around the reservoir warning of pathogenic bacteria.

Non-toxic Vibrio cholerae presence confirmed in District 5 reservoir

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The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Health Department is asking Community members to not swim in or drink the local canal and reservoir sump water

after confirming the presence of non-toxic Vibrio cholerae in a District 5 reservoir in June.

Ralph Jones, Environmental Health Supervisor for the Tribal

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HHKMH FRONT ENTRANCE CLOSED UNTIL SUMMER 2017 TEMPORARY LOBBY CLOSED SATURDAYS ONLY

Construction UPDATE!

IMPORTANT - Saturdays only, the HHKMH Temporary Registration Desk in the Temporary Lobby will be closed.
All patients will need to check-in at the Main Registration Desk on Saturdays.

Questions? Need assistance? Please call (520) 562-3321 ext. 1424.

Updated Information about Your Medical Transportation Vendors

In March 2016, new transportation regulations were implemented for patient safety and security and must be strictly followed in order to continue operating within the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC). As of July 10, 2016, all non-emergent transportation vendors must be compliant with these regulations. This is a collaborative effort between the Gila River Indian Community and Gila River Health Care.

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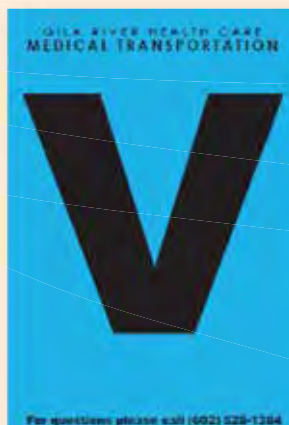
For more information or questions, please contact Gila River Health Care Medical Transportation Services at (520) 562-3321 ext. 1715.



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JVN Room Move

With the recent closure of the HHKMH Front Entrance, the Optometry's Joslin Vision Network (JVN) room **has been relocated** to the new, Temporary Registration waiting room on the east side of the hospital (near the former Administration Building).

For more information, contact Patricia Smith 520-562-3321 ext. 7352.

LABOR DAY CLOSURE

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, the Komatke Health Center, and the Ak-Chin Clinic will be closed on **Monday, September 5, 2016.**

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Saturday Clinic will be open September 3.

If you need medical assistance, visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital or call 911.

Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

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Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, the Komatke Health Center, and the Ak-Chin Clinic will be closed on **Friday, September 16, 2016.**

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Saturday Clinic is closed Saturday, September 17, 2016.

If you need medical assistance, visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital or call 911.

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In Memory of Gene Harlan Bohnee



Gene Harlan Bohnee
Born: December 20, 1965
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Gila River EMS division chief retires after 22 years



To the Gila River Indian Community, tomorrow will be my last day as an employee with Gila River. It is time for me to retire. I would like to thank you for allowing me to be part of many of your lives for the last 22 years. Gila River EMS hired me as a Paramedic in February of 1994. In 2003 I became part of the management team at GREMS and have worked in that capacity ever since. I have enjoyed taking care of the sick and injured throughout the Community for all these years. My heart will remain with all of you as the years go on. You have given me a wonderful life. Thanks again.

Char Dillenbeck, Division Chief, GREMS
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GRIN Upcoming Deadlines

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Friday, August 19
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Friday, September 16

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Monday, August 15
Monday, August 29
Monday, September 12

Words of Appreciation

On behalf of myself and family, I would like to thank each of you for your support and votes, allowing me to serve another tribal council term representing the District 3 Community. During the past term there were many difficult decisions that had to be made. In doing so not everyone will agree or concur with the final decision or outcome.

However, it is important to understand that we have a responsibility as Tribal council delegates to pass or not pass ordinances, resolutions, policy, budgets and other items that require the approval of the Community Council.

Wellness Camp Testimonial

Here is a great story from Gila River District 5 resident, Gayle Sunna:

"I had reached my all-time heaviest and I wasn't feeling good. I also have a Hypothyroid condition. According to the doctors, all my levels were fine and that I should be fine. But I wasn't fine and I knew it was my weight. For years I have tried to lose the weight, but I never had long term success. So as I started my journey. I was clueless as to where I was going to start. And then I saw a flyer for this class and I thought maybe I could get some help from this. And that is where my journey began. I attended 2 classes the first year and that's where I met Stephanie with FitnessFest. She was an inspiration to me from the beginning and I thought if she could do this, then so can I. And 30 pounds lighter later, I can't wait for Stephanie to see me this Saturday at the next Wellness Camp!"

There is a process in place where the people can participate in the decision making process. This usually occurs at the local district meetings. Therefore, I encourage each of you residing in the District 3 Community to attend the meetings and express your concerns and voice your opinion on matters that affect you, your family and others. I will work hard to keep the Community well informed, strongly advocate on your behalf and represent each of you to the best of my ability.

My life and heart is dedicated to the Gila River Indian Community, my goal has always been

to work for our people in addition to exercising our sovereign rights as Native People. Let us move forward and put aside our differences and work together to build a progressive future for our children and grandchildren while keeping our traditional and cultural values, history, development process and the legacy we leave them.

Again, thank you District 3 Community and Elders for your support in making my personal dream a reality!

Respectfully Submitted By,

Carolyn Williams
District 3 Representative

Gila River 2016 Men's and Women's Wellness Days

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8/13: D-3 & D-4 at D-4 Service Center
8/20: D-1 & D-2 at D-2 Service Center
8/27: D-6 & D-7 at D-7 Service Center

Visit FitnessFest.org/GilaRiver or call 480-461-3888

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Rep. Ben Ray Luján visits GRIC

U.S. Representative has a round table discussion with tribes during recent visit to Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino

By Kristina Morago
Ak-Chin Runner

Voting rights, border protection and diabetes were some of the topics of discussion during a recent tribal roundtable with U.S. Representative Ben Ray Lujan from New Mexico, held at the Wildhorse Pass

Casino & Resort on Saturday, July 9th.

Hosted by Gila River Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, he welcomed Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, Arizona District #1 Congressional candidate Tom O'Halleran, and invited tribal leaders from neighboring communities.

The two-hour lunch gathering gave leaders the opportunity to express concerns on issues and receive verbal updates from Rep. Lujan who is also the Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

The afternoon dialogue included an introduction of

candidate O'Halleran who answered questions about his platform and position on key issues facing communities.

Attending were Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, Pascua Yaqui Chairman Robert Valencia, Gila River and Salt River Council members.



Photo Courtesy Kristina Morago

From left to right: Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Barney Enos, Jr., Arizona D1 Congressional candidate Tom O'Halleran, Robert Stone, Carol Schurz, Christopher Mendoza, US Representative Ben Ray Lujan D-NM, and Marlin Dixon.

Urban Members from page 1

Phoenix, July 30, in celebration of the group's 17th Anniversary.

Over 100 urban members were treated to breakfast, a cultural presentation by Ginger Martin, and speeches by urban members Bernice Nelson and Reuben Jenkins. Shortly after, the Hashan Kehk dance group performed in the main conference room as dozens of Community members took photographs and video.

As the young dancers finished their routine, former Arizona Cardinals wide-receiver Frank Sanders took to the front of the conference room and talked about his upbringing, from his family working in the fields shucking corn to playing for the Cardinals in the National Football

League.

Sanders said that his mother had worked hard to give him opportunities and a better future, and receiving an education was the key to his success. To get that red bird on his shoulder, Sanders said, it all started in elementary school, then to junior high school, high school, and finally college. Without successfully meeting the challenges of academia, he would have never made it to the NFL.

Sanders asked Community members in the room, children and parents, to focus on their education and to follow their dreams.

After Sanders's rousing speech, Cardinals mascot, Big Red, ran out into the room and began handing out backpacks full of

school supplies to Community children. The backpacks were provided by the non-profit organization Three Precious Miracles, which aims to provide resources to foster youth and families.

Anthony Newkirk, UMA Chairman, said the association, which was initiated in 1997, was formed to address the needs and concerns of Community members living off the reservation.

"Although we are urban," said Newkirk. "We are still part of the tribe and although we are living in an urban setting, we are trying to...keep our culture."

"We want to be running towards the tribe, we don't want to be running away from it," he said. "We



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Over 100 Community members attended the GRIC Urban Members anniversary celebration at the organization's new office location in Phoenix on July 30.

want the tribe to recognize that we are part of the Community. We have a lot to offer. We are here, we are everywhere and...the Community should be proud of

that."

A few of the services that GRIC-UMA provides its members are bus passes for transportation, gym memberships, delivery of

the GRIN, assistance with resume writing, minor home repairs, utility assistance, elder outings, transportation to GRIC events, and much more.

*** GRTV News Weekly and GRIC Events showing at 6:30am, 10:30am, 3:30pm & 8:00pm. ***

	Sunday 8/7	Monday 8/8	Tuesday 8/9	Wednesday 8/10	Thursday 8/11	Friday 8/12	Saturday 8/13
12:00pm	The Young Ancestors <i>Story of the burgeoning movement by Natives to save their languages.</i>	We Are The Indians <i>Their ancient way of life has shielded them from Westernization.</i>	2016 EARTH DAY EVENT Sacaton, AZ	LaDonna Harris: Indian 101 <i>Taught to members of Congress and other agencies for 35 yrs.</i>	People of the Beautiful River <i>Moments that will trace the history and rebirth of this nation.</i>	American Outrage <i>US government spent millions prosecuting two elderly women.</i>	Sculpting In Wood and Words <i>The Art of Kent</i>
12:30pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens & Eagles <i>In Our Blood</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Fraser River Pt. 1</i>	Ravens and Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Fraser River Part 2</i>	Ravens & Eagles <i>Carrying on the Tradition</i>	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Southwest Desert Cuisine</i>
1:00pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Champions of the North
1:30pm	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Desert Southwest Cuisine</i>	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Native Nation Building <i>Tribal Service Delivery</i>
2:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit <i>Terry McCue</i>	From The Spirit <i>Dale Auger</i>	From The Spirit <i>Tim Paul</i>	From The Spirit <i>Sean Couchie</i>	From The Spirit <i>April Mercredi</i>	People of the Pines <i>Legacy of Casinos</i>
2:30pm	2016 COWBOY & INDIAN DAYS RODEO Casa Grande, AZ	Creative Native <i>Indigenous Prophecies</i>	Creative Native <i>Havasupai</i>	Creative Native <i>Domestic Face Lift</i>	Creative Native <i>We Are What We Eat Pt. 1</i>	Creative Native <i>We Are What We Eat Pt. 2</i>	Making Regalia
3:00pm		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS
3:30pm		Working It Out Together <i>Nutrition</i>	Indian Pride <i>Tribal Relations w/U.S.</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride <i>Culture, Traditions, Celebrat</i>	Storytellers in Motion	The Other Side <i>Headingley: "Love More"</i>
4:00pm		Back In The Day <i>Performing</i>	Oskayak Down Under	Common Ground	Down The Mighty River <i>More Power Than We</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian and Aliens <i>Harry Snowboy</i>
4:30pm	Mohawk Girls <i>Offers a surprising look at Native youth in the 21st Century.</i>	First Talk <i>Residential Schools</i>	First Talk <i>The Sun Run</i>	First Talk <i>Easy Workout</i>	First Talk <i>Women In Power</i>	First Talk <i>Thriving vs. Survival</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Living Service / Dreamer</i>
5:00pm	Native Voice TV	Native Report	People of the Pines <i>The World of the Serrano</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Invasion and Response</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu <i>The Creator's Touch</i>
5:30pm	Behind The Blue Veil <i>Tuareg chief sets out on a journey to save his culture known as the blue people.</i>	LaDonna Harris: Indian 101 <i>Taught to members of Congress and other agencies for 35 yrs.</i>	People of the Beautiful River <i>Moments that will trace the history and rebirth of this nation.</i>	American Outrage <i>US government spent millions prosecuting two elderly women.</i>	Sculpting In Wood and Words <i>The Art of Kent</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People <i>Native Report</i>	
6:00pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Wapos Bay <i>Making It Right</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Patients</i>	Wapos Bay <i>A Time for Pride</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Breakin Too</i>	Wapos Bay <i>It Came From Out There</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Making It Right</i>
6:30pm	Fish Out of Water <i>Tseycum Canoe Tours</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Blackfoot Crossing</i>	Fish Out Of Water <i>Metis Crossing</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Hay River Dene</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Oujebougomou</i>	Fish Out Of Water <i>Kahnawake</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Blackfoot Crossing</i>
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8:00pm	Hand Game: The Native American Game of Power & Chance	2016 WATER RIGHTS ANNIVERSARY Chandler, AZ	Sacred Steps: <i>Remembering Sand Creek</i>	California Indian: A tribal Story <i>Nick Thomas is forced back to the rez to help his brother Chi lead the Tule Lake Rancheria out of danger.</i>	O'ODHAM TASH PARADE Casa Grande, AZ	Dances of Life <i>Through the eyes of people who practice it as an art form and way of life.</i>	2016 IWO JIMA PARADE Sacaton, AZ
8:30pm	The Young Ancestors <i>Story of the burgeoning movement by Natives to save their languages.</i>	GILA RIVER BROADCASTING CORPORATION ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY	Journey of Hope <i>Leaders address the youth's needs and share encouraging prayers.</i>	Fractured Land <i>A young Indigenous law student fighting to protect his land and people from the ravages of neocolonialism.</i>	2016 EARTH DAY EVENT Sacaton, AZ	When I Hear Thunder <i>Finds the tradition of boxing intact on reservations across Arizona.</i>	Horse Tribe <i>An epic story about the connection of human to animal, grief to resolve, and values to action.</i>
9:00pm	Incas Remembered <i>A wondrous people who once ruled half of S. America before falling to Spanish Conquistadors.</i>	Dances of Life <i>Dance through the eyes of the people who practice it as an art form and as a way of life.</i>	Smoke Traders <i>The story of the contraband tobacco trade and the effect on individual lives and</i>	LaDonna Harris: Indian 101 <i>Taught to members of Congress and other agencies for 35 yrs.</i>	Return of the Red Lake <i>Walleye</i>		
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Vibrio cholerae from page 1

Health Department emphasized that the form of non-toxic Vibrio cholerae found in the Citrus sump reservoir is native to the Gila River water system and mostly produces very mild illnesses that sometimes infect people who go swimming in contaminated water with open cuts or wounds.

Most individuals infected with the bacteria do not experience symptoms, however, in rare cases the bacteria can cause watery diarrhea, vomiting, rapid heart rate, low blood pressure, thirst, muscle cramps, and restlessness or irritability.

Jones said the presence of non-toxic Vibrio cholerae in no way impacts the Community's regular drinking water and person-to-person transmission of the bacteria is unlikely.

In an effort to keep Community members from contracting the bacteria, Gila River Farms (GRF) has posted warning signs at the Citrus sump, PD sump, and entrance to the farm off of old Highway 93 near canal 11.

Tiffany Horne, General Manger for GRF, said that the farm wants to be proactive in keeping the Community informed that there could be pathogenic bacteria in the water systems.

"There are a lot of people that go out there [to] swim, fish, and collect cattails for basket weaving. Water is a really important resource out here and it is an active area."

Which is why, in addition to posting warning signs, GRF will drain the Citrus sump in an effort to keep Community members safe.

"We don't really need to use it anymore as a means for water control here at the farms," said Horne. "These sumps were put in originally to regulate water flow for agricultural use back in the 70's and 80's, so we can drain them and attempt to control water in other ways."

In addition to posting signs and draining the Citrus sump, GRF's security will also notify any Community members they encounter to stay away from the canals and sump reservoirs.

While GRF has posted signs at the canals and reservoir sumps within their control, there are other waterways within the Community that do not currently have warning signs posted and Tribal Health officials recommend that people avoid swimming in any of the local canals or sump reservoirs.

Additionally, due to



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Barney Compton, Gila River Farms HQ Division Manager holds a sign warning Community members to not swim in the canal or reservoir waters.

the popularity of fishing in the area, health officials will be looking into whether consuming fish from the local waterways is safe.

"This whole thing has caused us to look at that issue and we are in

the process of trying to get a study done that will look at the fish to see if they are safe for human consumption or not," said Jones. "As soon as we get any indications...we will let the Community know, but right now I can't say

whether it is safe or not to eat the fish."

For more information call the Tribal Health Department at 520-562-5133 or email ralph.jonesjr@gric.nsn.us

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GRIC Sluggers attend ASU Baseball Camp



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GRIC baseball players gather together at the ASU Baseball Camp held July 11-13.

Brittany Burnette
Gila River Indian News

Several youth from the Gila River Indian Community attended Arizona State University's baseball camp from July 11-13, at the Phoenix Municipal Stadium, the second session was held on July 18-20.

Campers attended the

session from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., three hours of training in groups with coaches and volunteers, teaching various drills such as running the bases, pitching, catching and batting. This is to learn different strategies that cover all details of the game from offense to defense. The drills lasted 20 minutes so each camper had a chance to

try a new arrangement and strengthen their own play.

The youth were dedicated to learn as much as they could. Even at the ages of eight to 14, all worked tirelessly to be the absolute best for their teams before the season starts again.

Family Foam Fest draws big crowd to WHP Motorsports Park



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Runners make their way through one of the foam stations at the Family Foam Fest Run held at WHP Motor Sports Park on July 23.

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Instead of fast cars racing down the track, a different kind of event was taking place at the Wildhorse Pass Motorsport Park on July 23.

Over 290 walkers and runners braved the heat at the Family Foam Fest Run and Walk, where they got to bask in the sudsy foam stations located along the course.

The event was hosted in collaboration with the Gila River Wellness Center and Communications & Public Affairs Office and featured a 5k individual competitive run and relay.

The walk is also a part of the Gila River Indian Community Health & Wellness Initiative which, offers unique opportunities for families to stay active.

Several informational health booths were set up

to provide education and awareness about physical activity.

Afterwards a meal was provided to all the participants, along with music entertainment by DJ Redline.

Everyone who registered received a snazzy beach towel and shirt.

Be on the lookout for more upcoming events in the Community at a district near you.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The top 5k and 10k winners pose for a group shot after completing the Out Run the Sun race at the Wellness Center on July 16.

Fun Run Series: Out Run the Sun

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

As the light of the rising sun crested over the horizon, runners and walkers put a step into their health as they headed to the trail.

Dozens came out to the Gila River Wellness Center to join in on the "Outrun the Sun" 5k, 10k and 2 mile walk on July 16.

Before the activities commenced, participants of all ages got a chance to meet and greet with one another before converging on

the trail that wended its way eastward from the Wellness Center and back.

After the last runners and walkers crossed the finish line, Recreation Coordinator Alvin Casoose awarded the top three male and female winners in the 5k and 10k races.



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Young runners sprint to the finish line at the Out Run the Sun 5k and 10k on June 16.



Community Notice

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Something to be told

By Billy Allen

Sopol Esabig Masad (August) is the “short planting moon,” but with our changing climate, it’s a month of s-vauhug or sweat. When the power went out during the last big rain, everyone complained about the heat, but would O’otham and Piipaash make a mass migration anywhere else? We once had the opportunity to become “Okies,” but turned it down.

“Indian Agent” John Stout arrived at Gila River on July 24, 1871. The staff consisted of Reverend Charles Cook, a blacksmith,

carpenter, farmer and an interpreter. In 1869, President U. S. Grant had just ushered in his Indian Peace Policy. Using Christian principles, Indians were to be assimilated into American society. The Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Unitarian churches were a few denominations assigned Indian agencies. The Dutch Reform Church was to oversee the Colorado River and Pima agencies. While Agent Stout was informed that the immediate problems he had to handle were the illegal liquor trade, hostility with

neighboring non-Indians, and O’otham and Piipaash distrust of the federal government, he quickly realized that our river water being stolen was the main problem. Settlers upstream were taking water from our akimel, enraging one village leader who called for arms against upstream farmers and towns. The water theft led some O’otham and Piipaash to move to the Salt River, but confrontations between non-Indian farmers and O’otham and Piipaash continued. Since Arizona politicians didn’t see a need to appease O’otham and Piipaash, some possible solutions had no chance of happening: expand our reservation to include Salt River, or buy out non-Indian farmers. Since another goal of President Grant’s Peace

Policy was to place all Natives on reservations, Agent Stout thought that simply moving us elsewhere could solve our human need for water. The idea of relocation to Oklahoma was discussed before a council of village leaders in May of 1872. Antonio Azul wanted the leaders to visit the Oklahoma Indian Territory before a final decision was made. Days dragged on, Grant won re-election and the winter of 1872 was a dry one. More O’otham and Piipaash moved to the Salt which prompted a delegation of non-Indian citizens from that area to confront Agent Stout and imply that if more tribal members moved north, blood might be spilled. The government delayed the trip to Oklahoma and relations between O’otham and

Piipaash and surrounding communities worsened. It reached a breaking point when Antonio Azul’s son was killed near Adamsville during a San Juan celebration of 1873. Adamsville no longer exists but was west of Florence and Little Florence village. The next day, O’otham and Piipaash warriors took the suspect from the courtroom and beat him to death. A military detachment of troops from Fort McDowell had to be stationed outside Adamsville as protection. (Antonio Azul defused the situation by telling the warriors to go home, further bloodshed wouldn’t solve anything.)

The visit to Indian Territory was finally approved and a delegation of tribal leaders left in September of 1873. In their absence, O’otham and Piipaash con-

sensus refused the move, saying that force would be needed. We did not move, a new administration took over and Agent Stout was replaced. O’otham and Piipaash move for various reasons but many return to this land which makes us sweat. To honor those O’otham and Piipaash who did not want to move, I raise my red solo cup. Just like good old boy Toby Keith. Enjoy August while you can, it will take a whole year for it to come back around.

Information was taken from John H. Stout and the Grant Peace Policy Among the Pimas by Robert Trennert. Arizona and the West, A Quarterly Journal of History, the University of Arizona Press, volume 28, number 1, Spring of 1986.

Boys & Girls Clubs and Ira H. Hayes Library receives large book donation



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

L-R: Ira Hayes Librarian Ramona Tecumseh, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, PIC Development Director Kendra Tollackson, and Sarah Bennett of the Boys & Girls Club pose with the donated books from sixth grader Sophia Koss.

Mikhail Sundust

Gila River Indian News

Eziquio Monarrez buried his nose in a new book – Goosebumps: Welcome to Dead House by R.L. Stine. The Boys & Girls Club – Sacaton Branch recently received a large donation of books, among them several stacks of Goosebumps. Monarrez, 9, said he likes to read, play baseball and learn about cowboys from the Eyewitness book series, also from the donation.

“We have our library, but we have a lot of older books so it was good to receive new books to replace some of the old ones that we needed to rotate out,” said B&GC Youth Development Director Soyet Antone.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Phoenix Indian Center, the B&GC library got a healthy boost, as did the Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library, the Boys & Girls Club – Komat-

ke Branch, GRIC Residential Programs for Youth, and a number of schools in the Community.

It all started with a sixth-grade student from Phoenix.

Sophia Koss, a student at Rancho Solano Preparatory School, loves to read and is learning what it means to help others.

Koss organized a book collection as part of a National Junior Honor Society community service project,

and collected more than 1,700 books from her classmates at school, her peers in her karate class, and people at her family’s place of worship.

Koss said in an interview with inthezona.com that she was inspired by the stories of Malala Yousafzai, who fought for girls’ education in Pakistan, and Iqbal Masih, who was not allowed to go to school in Pakistan because he was sold as a child laborer.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

From left, Sylvia Norris-Burnette, Delores Mejia, Georgia Zamorano, Maliyah Poola, and Bianca Hernandez enjoy their donated books during their Boys and Girls Club Sacaton Branch Book Reading Club on July 20.

Meanwhile on the other side of the world, Koss wondered how she could help students like her pursue education in her state.

“I thought that reading during the summer is a very important way to keep kids engaged and excited about learning,” she said. “The Phoenix Indian Center helped me distribute the books to local Native American kids living in Phoenix, and also some kids living [on] reservations.”

The Phoenix Indian Center accepted the truckload of books from Koss and distributed them to Native American communities within the valley and across the state.

“I think we just naturally think of the Gila River Indian Community as a natural partner,” said PIC Development Director Kendra Tollackson.

“It was really heart-warming for us. Not only did she reach out and she wanted to learn more about the Indian Center, she wanted to learn more about the experience of urban American Indians,” she said.

Tollackson said helping Koss distribute the books was a rewarding experience. “It’s just really nice to give a kid a book, isn’t it? It’s an unexpected and wonderful thing...and every kid that gets a book

gets really excited about it.”

For the Sacaton Boys & Girls Club, the timing of the donation could not have been better. The branch started a new book club for the students this summer, which meets weekly. It is open to students of all ages, and contributes to the organization’s goal to continue children’s education to bridge the summer gap between school years.

“Being able to maintain their reading level during their book club... throughout the summer is great,” said Antone. The new books have definitely contributed to that.

OPEN FORUM
GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Meetings

The Gila River Police department is seeking individuals from the Faith based Community, Youth Groups (under the age of 21) and business owners throughout the Community, regarding setting up an open forum conversation. The Police Department would like to host this meeting on a monthly basis where we can give updates and to continue to build trust within the Community.

The Police Department truly wants to hear from the Community and would like to reach out to each group regarding issues which they may find important to them. Each one of the three groups would meet separately where issues and ways to improve our working relationships would be established.

For more information please contact the Police Department PIO Caroline Brown **520.562.7105**.

Space Camp from page 1



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Illianna Miguel accepts a certificate of completion from Space Robotics Academy from retired NASA astronaut Richard Lee Gibson on July 22.

carrier based attack jet) and plan out their flight simulator missions.

The flight simulator serves as the backbone of the curriculum, because it gives the students a chance to apply their flying knowledge.

Many different mission profiles are used to get them familiar with flying under diverse conditions both day and night and against simulated opponents.

Outdoors, they learn how to follow a predetermined course using a map and compass to navigate, which is the most important element of survival for an aviator that has to eject

from their aircraft.

The structure of AC is similar to a Junior Reserve Officers Training Course unit and is meant to introduce students to a life in the military.

Hamilton High School junior Peter Antone (D4) said, "AC has taught me how to bond with other people you don't even know. Once we started to do certain challenges and objectives together then you slowly become a team."

He said that many of the things he learned while attending camp helped him understand how much preparation goes into getting a fighter jet off the

ground and landing on a runway.

Iwalani Stone (D2), a freshman at Arizona State University Preparatory Academy in Casa Grande, said that it was neat to form friendships with new people from around the U.S. and the world over the course of the camp.

"We learned how to use a flight simulator, which are planes and how to fly them and we learned how to use a compass," said Stone.

One of the highlights of their week included a controlled descent from a high-rise tower via a zip-line onto the man-made lake at the AC facility.

While on their spare time the SRA students had time to explore the nearby exhibits at the Davidson Center for Space Exploration, which includes a full scale mock-up of the Saturn V rocket, which was used to launch Apollo missions to the moon.

Other attractions included a Mars climbing wall that simulates traversing the Red Planets rocky terrain and the Space Shot, a tower that launches riders 140 feet up in 2.5 seconds.

At the end of their stay the SRA and AC students were treated to a graduation ceremony and awarded a

certificate of attendance by retired space shuttle astronaut Robert Lee Gibson.

As a final requirement, the SRA groups were graded by their instructors on the performance of their robots in a series of tasks.

The students had to navigate a course and to earn points to determine which group won the robotics challenge.

Adrian Mungia (D4) said that he learned a lot about programming and mathematical equations. He wanted to attend the SRA program and the space camp to work on the robotic exercises.

Another student, Heather Anton (D3) said, "I get to build and program a lot of stuff like making robots...I like building then I like programing them."

She said many of the tasks involved programming the robots to pick up objects like a ball or what is also referred to as an artifact.

For some of the students that attended SRA, their dreams are becoming a reality as they immerse themselves in the field of robotics, which could lead to bigger opportunities ahead.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Students at the Space Robotics Academy program a robot at Space Camp in Huntsville Ala..



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Aviation Challenge student Peter Antone (D4) pilots a flight simulator during one of many missions flown throughout the week.

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PIMMEX offers \$250 reward for vandalized home sites



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

The windows on a new home in the Pedro Subdivision in District 5 were recently vandalized. PIMMEX Commercial and Residential Building Co. is offering a \$250 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

New houses are being broken and abused before they are even finished being built, resulting in damages to the tune of thousands of dollars and delaying move-in dates for families waiting on new homes.

After what the Department of Community Housing is calling “a series of malicious acts of vandalism,” PIMMEX Commercial and Residential Building Co. is offering a cash reward of \$250 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those responsible.

In June, a number of new homes under construction in the Lone Butte, Pedro and Sacate Housing Subdivisions were found with broken windows, spray paint on the walls, torn down drywall, damaged exterior insulating foam, and other marks of vandalism. The houses were being built by PIMMEX under contract with GRIC DCH.

PIMMEX has built over 200 houses for Community members in the four years since it started doing business in Gila River. Over that time, the number of incidents of vandalism at new home worksites has increased.

“They have experienced vandalism in the past,” said Paul Flores, project manager for DCH. “But...they haven’t experienced this amount of vandalism ever.”

Damages

All of the homes under construction in the Sacate and Pedro subdivisions had windows busted. The average cost to replace a busted out window is \$270, and in some cases the vandals can break up to six windows.

“They’re dual pane,” said PIMMEX Field Operations Manager Danny Bowerman. “They break the first one...and then they throw

rocks at the pane on the inside. We can come into a house and there will be 4 or 5 rocks inside the room.”

Other culprits are entering the properties with the intention of stealing copper, presumably to sell as salvage material.

People have destroyed drywall and cabinets in the houses under construction to get at the copper in the walls, said Bowerman. But, “The replacement cost is usually way, way greater than the cost of what they’re getting for salvaged stuff. ... So they get \$50 worth of copper, but it costs us \$2,000-\$3,000 to replace what they took and fix what they destroyed in the process of doing it.”

Other criminals aren’t as particular about the kind of damage they cause.

“We had a project,” a while back, said Bowerman, “where they broke the windows, the cops came, we took pictures, the cops left, and within a couple hours [the vandals] came back and broke more windows. And then they turned the sinks on and they flooded the whole house. So that was about a \$10,000 fix.”

Repair costs quickly add up, plus the contractor has to deal with the associated increase in insurance costs.

Bowerman said, “In the long run it’s costing the Community money and time...because our insurance rates go up. When we bid [to build new homes], we have to account for coming in here and boarding these up like we do... and that cost is (potentially) passed on in the cost of building the house.”

The Community pays, on average, \$200,000 to build each new house.

“They’re not anything cheap,” said Bowerman. “When we’re done, they’re nice-looking, succeeded up and painted up and it’s a nice home for somebody.”

Cost for Families

The primary concern is not just the dollar cost associated with repairing the damage, it’s the time delay caused by the extra work,

which means families have to wait longer for their new house. Broken windows can delay the completion of a home anywhere from a couple weeks to a month, even more if the damage is repeated.

In response to the vandalism, Devin Redbird, District 7 Council Representative and member of the GRIC Housing Owners Team said, “For Community members, owning their own home is a lifelong dream.”

“Many [on waiting lists] have been patient for several years. When they see their house begin to be constructed, it gives them a sense of family and pride. The Community invests a lot of time and money into constructing a home for our members. ... There is no reason for someone to vandalize a fellow relative or Community member’s

home in such a disrespectful manner.”

Security

DCH has a security force that works in conjunction with the Gila River Police Department.

“[They] patrol DCH subdivisions to prevent and reduce crime within the subdivisions as well as monitoring areas where crime is increased, like these subdivisions where construction is going on,” said DCH head of security Derwin Cooper.

To prevent and reduce the incidences of vandalism, DCH recently boosted security in areas where they’ve experienced higher rates of crime, but they still have to leave those areas for mandatory patrols in other DCH complexes or service calls.

Additionally, the contractors put up fences around the houses to pro-

tect the homes, but people either find a way inside, or simply toss the rocks at windows from afar.

DCH suspects the offenders are residents of the neighborhood, most likely juveniles, who are aware of the security forces and know when they have left their neighborhood.

“They monitor [our security forces], they watch the security staff when they’re out there,” said Cooper, but when the security has to leave for any other reason, the offenders seem to know it and take those opportunities to strike.

Not Caught in the Act

So who is committing these acts of vandalism?

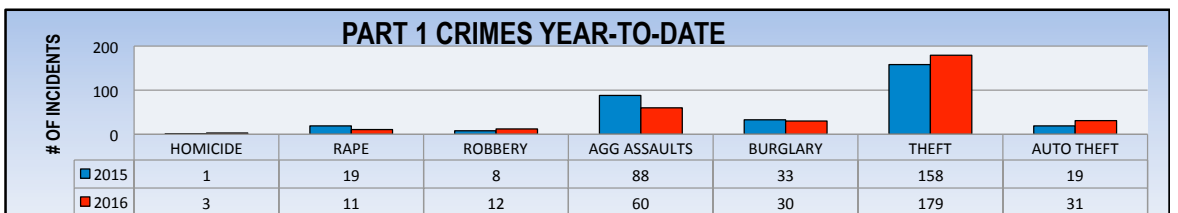
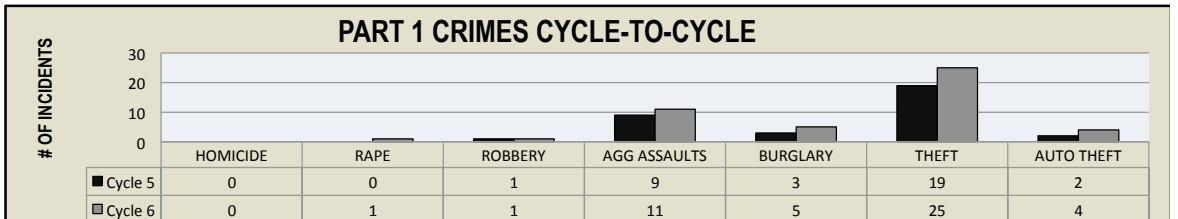
It is hard to say. The police and construction workers haven’t caught anyone in the act of vandal-

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VIOLENT/PROPERTY CRIMES COMMUNITY WIDE

PART I CRIMES CYCLE-TO-CYCLE	Cycle 6 5/17/16 - 6/13/16	Cycle 7 6/14/16 - 7/11/16	% Change	PART I CRIMES TO-DATE	YEAR- TO-DATE	12/30/14 - 7/13/15	12/29/15 - 7/11/16	15/16 %Chg
HOMICIDE	0	0	0%	HOMICIDE		1	3	200%
RAPE	0	1	N/C	RAPE		19	11	-42%
ROBBERY	1	1	0%	ROBBERY		8	12	50%
AGG ASSAULTS	9	11	22%	AGG ASSAULTS		88	60	-32%
BURGLARY	3	5	67%	BURGLARY		33	30	-9%
THEFT	19	25	32%	THEFT		158	179	13%
AUTO THEFT	2	4	100%	AUTO THEFT		19	31	63%
TOTAL VIOLENT	10	13	30%	TOTAL VIOLENT		116	86	-26%
TOTAL PROPERTY	24	34	42%	TOTAL PROPERTY		210	240	14%
TOTAL PART I	34	47	38%	TOTAL PART I		326	326	0%

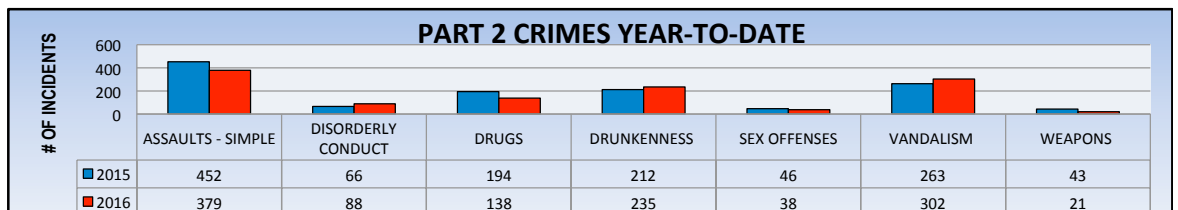
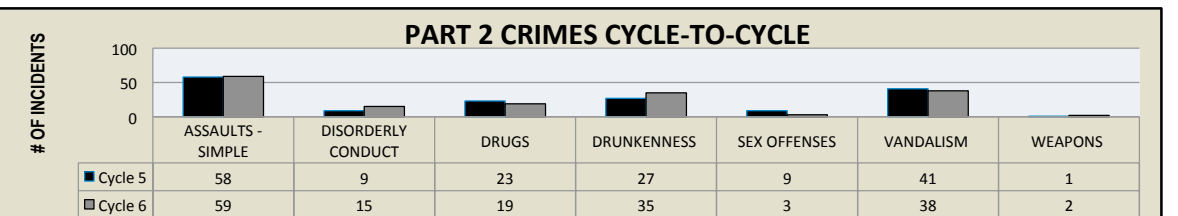


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PART 2 CRIMES COMMUNITY WIDE

PART II CRIMES CYCLE-TO-CYCLE	Cycle 6 5/17/16 - 6/13/16	Cycle 7 6/14/16 - 7/11/16	% Change	PART II CRIMES TO-DATE	YEAR- TO-DATE	12/30/14 - 7/13/15	12/29/15 - 7/11/16	15/16 %Chg
ASSAULTS - SIMPLE	58	59	2%	ASSAULTS - SIMPLE		452	379	-16%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	9	15	67%	DISORDERLY CONDUCT		66	88	33%
DRUGS	23	19	-17%	DRUGS		194	138	-29%
DRUNKENNESS	27	35	30%	DRUNKENNESS		212	235	11%
SEX OFFENSES	9	3	-67%	SEX OFFENSES		46	38	-17%
VANDALISM	41	38	-7%	VANDALISM		263	302	15%
WEAPONS	1	2	100%	WEAPONS		43	21	-51%
ALL OTHER	206	224	9%	ALL OTHER		326	253	-22%
TOTAL PART 2	374	395	6%	TOTAL PART 2		1602	1454	-9%



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Banquet ends successful summer for WIOA youth employees



Brittany Burnette/GRIN

Gila River Police Department Cadets were recognized at the Youth Summer Program Banquet at the District 5 Multipurpose Building on July 22.



Brittany Burnette/GRIN

Tillie Pratt introduced the students in her O'otham Language and Culture class and discussed her successful summer program at the Youth Summer Program Banquet July 22.

Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

The Employment & Training Department ended its Youth Summer Program with a banquet July 22.

Every summer, the program offers job opportunities to GRIC teens at local businesses, GRIC entities and tribal departments. Over 100 students make valuable use of their time between school years working from June to July at places like the service centers, the governance center, and even the police department.

During the course of the program, students also learn valuable skills like

resume building, job interview skills, and financial management.

The program is managed by E&T staff and funded by the federal government's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

The Gila River Police Department features the most consistently popular worksites with its Cadet Program. There, students learn what it takes to become a police officer, the functions of the department, and respect for the community they serve.

"Another area that we recognized this summer was the Community Garden Program with Norman Wellington," said WIOA Training Coordinator Eu-

londa Martinez.

Three youth workers helped maintain the garden, where Wellington taught them about planting, soil, composting, working with other gardens, different types of feed, when to plant, when to water, and livestock like horses, pigs and chickens.

At the end-of-summer banquet, keynote speaker Frantz Beasley shared an uplifting message of positive thinking and self-worth. Beasley is known for his work with the non-profit organization AZ Common Ground, which aims to combat prison/jail recidivism and instill leadership qualities in Arizona youth.

The banquet also high-

lighted the Employment & Training Department's Indian Nations Camp, which took place from July 9 – 15 at Mingus Mountain near Prescott. Students return to the camp year after year because of the positive energy they find there.

Afterward, several youth workers and employers were recognized.

Wellington, who runs the Community Garden Project for the Gila River Irrigation and Drainage District, was named as the program's Outstanding WIOA Summer Youth Employer.

Tristan Kirkpatrick, who worked at Kowee Coffee in the Governance Center, was named the Outstanding WIOA Sum-

mer Youth Worker.

Other student nominees (listed with their summer worksites) included: Ashley Thompson – Gila River Health Care Public Health Nursing, Devan Soke – Gila River Health Care Public Health Nursing, Cierra Pino – Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library, Licia Percy – District 7 Service Center, Racine Charles – Defense Services Office, and Anaiya Enos – Gila River Police Department.

Reuben Ringlero's Film 101 class created their own short film from scratch and presented it at the end-of-summer banquet. More than a dozen students learned the basics of filmmaking from be-

ginning to end, including writing, collaborating, set design, camera operation, lighting, acting, directing and editing.

All of the students in Tillie Pratt's O'otham Language and Culture Class introduced themselves in O'otham and talked about what they learned in the program. The class takes students on a number of field trips during the summer to other Native communities and museums like the Heard Museum and the Arizona State Museum. While in Sacaton, they learn the traditional art form with gourds.

Ringlero and Pratt won the Outstanding WIOA Summer Youth Trainer awards.

nine-month boarding school for 9 through 12th graders, who are required to be of Native American descent from a federally recognized tribe.

According to the school's philosophy statement, they aim to prepare students for collegiate success by offering cultural, academic, physical, and social growth in a safe and caring environment.

The Bureau of Indian Education funds SIHS and students may attend the high school at no cost. SIHS is currently accepting applications for the 2016 to 2017 school year.

For more information or to request an application, call 951-276-6326, extension 382, or visit www.shermanindian.org

Sherman Indian High School is looking for prospective students

Thomas R. Throssell Gila River Indian News

Sherman Indian High School (SIHS) representatives dropped by the Gila River Indian Community's Governance Center on July 19 in an effort to recruit prospective students to the all-Native boarding school located in Riverside, Calif.

SIHS recruiter, Karlene Clifford, said that of the 400 students who attended the school last year, twenty were from the Gila River Indian Community.

Clifford said that students from the Community

can either make the six-hour drive to the school campus or be flown out. "We fly them [here] in August and then they [go home] for three weeks for Christmas break. [Then] we fly them back for second semester and then they [go home] in May for summer break.

Students live in dormitories during the school year and may room with two to four other students.

Clifford said that they are looking for students who want to be in high school and who are looking for a challenge. Attending students have the opportunity to meet other Natives

who come from over 86 different tribes and take part in the school's fully accredited academic programs.

The high school provides a Career Pathways Program for Technical and Vocational Education and varsity sport programs.

The school's campus offers a variety of facilities including dormitories, indoor swimming pool, gym, weight room, computer labs, recreation center, museum, and cultural center.

SIHS first opened in 1892 and is located 60 miles east of Los Angeles and 90 miles north of San Diego. The high school is a



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

GRIC Tribal Education Department Boarding School Advisor, Danielle Allen with Sherman Indian High School Counselors Karlene Clifford and Stephanie McMorris. The two counselors were at the Governance Center on July 18 to recruit students.

PIMMEX Reward from page 9

ism, and without evidence it can be hard to identify the culprits.

That is why DCH and PIMMEX are asking Community members, especially neighbors of the new homes, to step forward if they have any information about the offenders.

Officials suspect the individuals responsible for the damage may be neighborhood juveniles, rather than strangers to the Community, and are asking young people who may have heard talk of the crimes to report it.

The houses under

construction in the Sacate and Pedro subdivisions are meant to be used as rental properties to help low-income families get a home at an affordable rate, based on their income.

"These are actually Community-owned houses [that] are rented back to

Community members," said Bowerman. "So we would hope that somebody in these neighborhoods would be watching out for the Community and realize that they're destroying Community property."

If you have any information regarding these incidents, you can contact the DCH Housing Services Manager Debbie Mercado at (520) 562-3904.

Baby Chef classes teach parents how to prepare nutritious and affordable baby food



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Community members came with their little ones to learn about baby nutrition and how to make their own baby food at a Baby Chef class held inside the Tribal Health building in Sacaton on July 21.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

For new parents, learning how to properly care for their little bundle of joy can be a daunting and exhausting task. From learning how to properly breastfeed to burping and correctly changing a baby, the list of what to do and what not to do seems endless and ever changing. And when it comes to feeding a baby a well-balanced and nutritious diet, the list just goes on and on.

Which is why Nicole

Watson, Nutritionist for the Genesis Program, has been teaching a series of classes called Baby Chef, that aim to educate Community parents about baby nutrition.

The program, which is under Gila River Indian Community's Tribal Health Department, is designed to offer parents nutritional education, recipes, and food demonstrations for babies 6-months and older, who are moving on from formula or breast milk to solid foods.

Watson said that the American Academy of

Pediatrics recommends introducing pureed foods to babies at 6-months of age. Starting even later, at the ages of 7 or 8 months and even 12 months is OK, however, solid food feeding before the age of 6 months is not typically recommended because it can increase overeating and obesity, she said.

Babies who are under 12-months of age must continue to consume breast milk or formula as their main source of nutrition but starting the practice of eating pureed foods can be a fun and educational tool.

"Early solid feedings are mostly for fun and practice," said Watson. "As they develop, they are learning how to grab stuff, they are learning how to put their tongue or lips over the spoon and take food off of it, this is a practice [and] learning stage for them."

When babies start eating solid foods, there is a sequence of foods that should be followed, said Watson. First, parents should start feeding their baby cooked and pureed cereals, then after several weeks introduce vegetables then fruits, and finally cooked proteins.

"The reason, is if your baby [has an] allergic reaction, you know where it came from. If, in a week, you do all different kinds of foods, you are going to have no idea where the allergic reaction is coming from," said Watson.

Watson's Baby Chef classes include lessons on how to prepare and store baby food, how much and how often to serve solid foods, and how to create a nutritionally healthy environment for the whole family.

While learning about proper baby nutrition is the focus of the Baby Chef classes, teaching Commu-



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Mothers and fathers attended the class taught by Genesis Nutritionist Nicole Watson, to learn the foundation of nutrition for their own children.

nity parents how to make quick and affordable meals is also part of the curriculum.

Watson said that baby food can be expensive and making homemade meals is a more affordable and healthier option. "It is like \$2 for a little [jar], whereas if you go and you buy two carrot sticks [for \$1], then you puree it...and separate the pureed carrots into eight compartments in an ice tray, that's eight little meals for your baby. And you [can] store it in the freezer and it can last for up to 3 months," she said.

Watson added that some pre-prepared baby

foods available at stores have more sugar added and avoiding that extra sugar is important for a growing baby's health.

The next series of four Baby Chef classes will all be held at the District 6 Tribal Health Department from 6 to 7 p.m. on August 10, 17, 24, and 31. Community members who are parents of children zero to 7 years-of-age and attend all four classes will receive a free blender.

For more information about Baby Chef classes call Nicole Watson at 520-562-1237.

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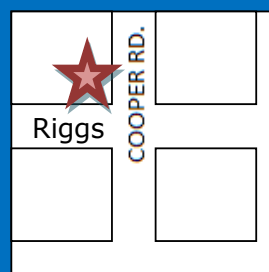
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ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday July 20, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:07 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

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 (10:09), Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone; D6- Charles Goldtooth, Sandra Nasewytewa (9:35)

Council Members Absent:

D4- Barney Enos, Jr.; D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.; D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)

1. Kevin Taylor, Candidate for Pinal County Sheriff

Presenters: Kevin Taylor

MR. KEVIN TAYLOR PROVIDED A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF HIS BACKGROUND AND HIS PLATFORM. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME

REPORTS

1. GRHC Dental Update

Presenter: Dr. James Jennings

REPORT HEARD

2. GRHC Behavioral Health Services Overview

Presenter: Priscilla Foote

REPORT HEARD

3. Sovereignty in Indian Education Year 2 Cohort 1 Quarter 3 Report

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Aaron Allery

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:12 A.M.]

4. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report-FY16 Qtr 1 & 2

Presenters: Michael Morago, Robert Gazis

REPORT HEARD

5. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.-Federal Communications Commissions Form 481

Presenters: GRTI Board, Bruce Holdridge

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Gila River Gaming Commission Report For May 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Monthly Financial Report Ended June 30, 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Pamela Thompson

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Authorizing The Tribal Health Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Interior, Bureau Of Indian Affairs, FY 2017 BIA Indian Highway Safety Program Child

Passenger Safety Seat Program (G&MSC Motioned To Forward To Community Council For Recommendation Of Approval)

Presenter: Christina Floyd

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*2. A Resolution Approving The Amendment No. 2 Of Final Amended Plat Of Casa Blanca Subdivision Lot 4 Located In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 40515-0680-FP (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

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

Presenters: Office of General Counsel

APPROVED

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

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Consenting To And Approving The Acquisition For Right Of Way For A Grant Of Easement For Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Project No. ROW_0407.D5.10 Crossing Allotted And Community Land Parcels For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Roadway And Utilities Corridor By The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Located In District 5 And As Shown In Drawing Number 40512-0130-EA, Page 1 And Page 2 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Megan Jackson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. A Resolution Consenting To And Approving The Acquisition For Right Of Way For A Grant Of Easement For Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Project No. ROW_0499.D7.11 Crossing Allotted Land Parcels For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating,

Managing And Maintaining A Roadway And Utilities Corridor By The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Located In District 7 And As Shown In Drawing Number 30712-0064-EA, Page 1 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Megan Jackson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

*1. Update on TAP and Request for Direction (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval of option B)

Presenters: Brian Romer, Chief Kathleen Elliott

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. First Things First 2016 Needs and Assets Report (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval under New Business)

Presenter: Cathy Brown

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. National Indian Education Association (NIEA) 47th Annual Convention, Reno, Nevada, October 5-8, 2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for any council members to attend)

Presenters: Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ANY

INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND

4. GRIC Constitutional Rights Issue & Legal Judgment (LSC forwards to Community Council for discussion and possible action)

Presenter: Joseph M. Perez

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

MINUTES

1. April 20, 2016 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

>G&MSC/LSC JOINT MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016, 9AM

>GRWS MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016, 9AM

>VIETNAM VETERAN CELEBRATION MOVED TO JULY 30, 2016, 8AM, IN DISTRICT 3

>WIOA YOUTH PROGRAM END OF YEAR BANQUET, THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016, 1PM, D5 SERVICE CENTER ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:17 p.m.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



Gila River Police Department

Citizen's Police Academy

August 9, 2016 – November 1, 2016

Please join the Gila River Police Department for our upcoming Citizen's Police Academy starting August 9, 2016. This Academy is a 40-hour program which includes both classroom and "hands-on" instruction presented by members of the Gila River Police Department.

Classes will meet on various days from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Gila River Police Department in Sacaton.

To register, please complete the application and return it to the Gila River Police Department by August 5, 2016.

No applications will be accepted after that date.

To participate in the Citizen's Police Academy you must:

✓ Be a minimum of 18 years old

- ✓ Enrolled member or reside in the Gila River Indian Community
- ✓ Employees of the community or any of its enterprises
- ✓ No Misdemeanor or Felony convictions
- ✓ Must have a valid Arizona Driver's License
- ✓ Successfully pass a Criminal background investigation

**** Class size is limited so get your application in early!**

For more information about the Citizen's Police Academy please contact:
Officer Caroline Brown
Gila River Police Department
(520) 562-7105
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****PICK UP APPLICATIONS AT ANY DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER OR AT THE GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT****



Gila River Police Department Incident Log July 17 - July 23, 2016

Certain reports may not be available or currently under investigation which GRPD holds the right to restrict public release.

Community Events

It's the beginning of the school year for a lot of our children in the Community. Please remember to obey all traffic laws regarding buses that are stopping for the children.

District One-

Theft- The victim stated that a person entered her home and had stolen her food stamp card, social security papers, and voter registration papers from her purse. There were no signs of forced entry; the victim states the suspect may have a key.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two:

No incidents regarding Part I crime

District Three:

Theft - An elderly male stated that a person(s) had stolen a red tool box containing miscellaneous tools from the drive way of his residence.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault - A male was stabbed in the chest area and found to be walking in the area of Seed Farm Road and Palo Verde

Circle. The victim refused to provide any information other than being stabbed; he was transferred to Chandler Regional with non life threatening injuries.

Status: Under investigation

Aggravated Assault - A juvenile male suspect who was intoxicated was arrested for entering a residence with an axe pic, going into the kitchen and obtaining a knife where he pointed it at a 12 year old female. The suspect was advising the 12 year old to assist his 20 year old sister who was also intoxicated at the residence. The 12 year old ran out the back door fearing for her life, she did not know the male suspect. She ran to the neighbor's home where she asked them to call the police. Suspect was located, and taken into custody.

Status: Arrest

Aggravated Assault - A female was pushed from a moving vehicle resulting in significant injury. The female was transferred to Chandler Regional for further medical treatment. The victim refused to provide

further information regarding the incident.

Status: Under investigation

Burglary - A person(s) broke into a vendor booth taking approximately a 12 pack of soda.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary - A person(s) caused damage to fence at the Gila River Indian Irrigation District Drainage Office and broke into the office stealing two radios and a bag of miscellaneous tools.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four:

Aggravated Assault/Endangerment/Threatening - A male passenger was threatened with a weapon while in a vehicle. The female victim was pushed out of the vehicle while her two children were still in the vehicle with the suspect. Both minors were dropped off with relatives with no injuries.

Status: Suspect known and being looked for.

Theft- Report not available

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

Burglary- Store manager of Watch Station International was broken into and numerous watches were taken.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five:

No incidents regarding Part I crime

District Six:

Burglary- A male and female entered an elderly women's residence. Windows were broken to gain entrance. A 32 inch television and a computer were taken from the residence.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft- A Char-Griller brand Duo Grill was reported stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Burglary- Three male juvenile suspects unlawfully made entry to the shed located south of the church and took multiple tools (a leaf blower, gas can, chain saw, separating saw, sander, flashlight, drill bits kit, and a Cushman Utility Vehicle). A Cushman Utility vehicle

was recovered 200 yards south of the church in the desert, but was not drivable due to damages; to fix the vehicle is approximately \$500.00. A chain link fence and the baseboard of the door were also damaged

during the incident.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven:

No incidents regarding Part I crime

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 COURT DATE NOTICE
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 (Issued to all parties present.)
 (X) Other: Motion
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 Sacaton, Arizona 8524 7
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 TIME : 10:30 a.m.

COURT NOTICE

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 CIVIL SUMMONS
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 Sacaton Community Court
 721 West Seed Farm Road
 Sacaton, Arizona 85147
 (520)562-9860
 DATE: Friday, August 19, 2016
 Time: 10:30 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.
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