

## "Protection of Community Children in Adoption Cases A Top Priority"

**By Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis**  
Gila River Indian Community

As Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, I write today to clarify what was left out of last week's media coverage of a disappointing decision from the Arizona Court of Appeals in connection with a state court case involving a now-2-year-old child, A.D., a member of the Gila River Indian Community who is currently in the foster care of a non-Indian couple.

Sadly, A.D. has spent most of her life in the foster care system. The Community has been an active participant in the foster pro-

ceedings surrounding A.D. since the proceedings began shortly after her birth. In these proceedings and efforts, the Community has worked closely with the State Department of Child Welfare in a cooperative way to determine what is in A.D.'s best interests.

Recently, in an effort to ensure that the decision about her best interests is made in accordance with the federal law, policy and federal guidelines regarding custody of Native American children, the Community, with the agreement and support of the State Department of Child Welfare, made a request to the State Court in which proceedings were

then being held to transfer the case to the Community's Children's Court for a determination of what is the best path forward for A.D. As I noted, this was done in accordance the federal law, policy and practice governing such cases, overall, and with the full support and cooperation of the State authorities because they recognize that, consistent with the governing federal law, the best forum to deal with the questions of the best interests of a Native American child is a tribal court that understands the importance and role of the tribe's history, culture and traditions.

The joint decision by the

Community and the State to seek to transfer the case to the Community Children's Court was challenged, however, by an outside interest group, the Goldwater Institute, that is seeking to use these Indian adoption cases to try and destroy the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). In a decision that ran counter to the law, policy, practice and intent of ICWA, a lower court decided to prevent A.D.'s case from being transferred to the Community's Children's Court. Last week, this erroneous decision was upheld on appeal, over the objections of not

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## GRIC enters deal with City of Chandler for CAP water

**Communications & Public Affairs Office**  
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The Gila River Indian Community and the City of Chandler have entered into a landmark water exchange agreement worth at least \$43 million to the Community. The deal, approved by Community Council at a regular meeting July 7, 2016, will help the Community address the rising cost of non-drinkable Central Arizona Project (CAP) Colorado River water used for critical Community agriculture and irrigation projects.

*The agreement with Chandler does not involve any of the Community's drinking water, which comes from groundwater supplies not included in the exchange. Nor does the agreement involve any*

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2016 GRIN file photo of the GRIC canal system's Managed Aquifer Recharge Site 5.

## Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital undergoes expansion



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**A crew member cuts a steel beam inside the old primary care facility where renovations are underway.**

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

Patients stepping into Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital's newly constructed primary care facilities will be greeted with the sight of exam rooms illuminated by natural light, modern open-air

offices, and enjoy a more pleasurable patient experience.

The expansion of the primary care facility was opened on June 20, adding approximately 9,000 square feet and providing new patient exam rooms. By January 2017, 11,000 square feet in the old primary care facility will

be renovated. The new and remodeled facilities will encompass a total of 56 exam rooms

Gila River Health Care's (GRHC) Construction Manager, Michael Wright, said of the new facilities, "The big difference is the new design plans for a better balance of exam rooms and office areas for the doctors and the nurses, so they are able to work at a more productive rate," he said.

The new facilities will also provide a "Point of Care" laboratory, said Wright. This new system will allow patients to see their doctor, have samples taken, and receive treatment all within the same area of the hospital, creating a more convenient and streamlined patient experience.

Carlos Gonzalez, Project Manager for Arviso/Okland Construction, the company contracted to build and renovate the hospital's primary care facilities, said they began construction back in October 2015 with the intent of

creating a welcoming atmosphere for the patients, and at the same time, an efficient workspace for the hospital staff.

"Efficiency is the name of the game here," said Gonzalez. "The intent...from our designer's point of view, was to create what you would call a 'hotel office space.' The space was designed to provide those locations where (staff) can come... and deal with specifically any type of work they need to on the computer and then move on to the next patient."

"Skylights are included in the design as well," said Gonzalez. The intent was to allow soft light in. (It) was important to try to find a balance between allowing more light in, yet maintaining a comfortable atmosphere. Finding that right balance (the designers) were able to allow a lot more light in, which allows it to feel like a much bigger space," he said.

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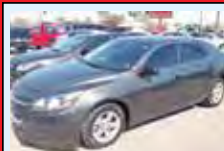
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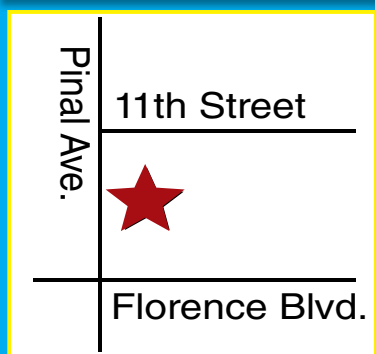


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### In Loving Memory



**Sylvia M. Lewis-Gaytan**  
7/26/42 - 8/17/12

It doesn't seem possible that four (4) years have passed since you left us but just know dear sister that you will always be in our hearts. Memories of you are many - the loss of you and the love that is felt for you remain in our hearts. You are always remembered on your birthday too (7/26). Rest in Peace.

### In Loving Memory



**Priscilla R. Anderson**  
12/15/30 - 7/31/16

The family of Priscilla R. Anderson wishes to convey our sincerest appreciation for your prayers, kindness, love, sympathy cards, flowers, food and support to our family during this truly difficult time. We thank you for all you have done and are blessed to have you in our lives. To the friends and family who gave their time and help with the services is truly appreciated. Special thanks to the following, for your support, encouraging words and songs were a blessing and comfort to the family.

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Sincerely,  
The Anderson Family

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## Letter to the Community Regarding ICWA Case

You may have seen some of the recent news stories about the Community's efforts to have a state adoption proceeding transferred to the Community's Children's Court. Our efforts are being opposed by the Goldwater Institute and some groups within the powerful non-Indian adoption industry.

These groups are preying on vulnerable Indian families throughout the country and are a part of a larger nationwide effort to attack and repeal the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). These groups are spreading misinformation rooted in negative stereotypes about Indian families in order to gain attention from the news media. Unfortunately, the Gila River Indian Community has become a target of these organizations, in part due to our large population and location in proximity to the Phoenix metropolitan area.

ICWA is an important law that, among many things, empowers tribal governments and courts to provide a protective role in Indian child welfare and adop-

tion cases. Because of ICWA, tribes across Indian Country have played an integral role in helping keep our Indian families together and ensuring our children retain their cultural identity and heritage. More than anything, ICWA gives tribes a necessary voice in state court child custody proceedings and allows us to try and transfer those cases to our tribal courts.

I want you to know that the Community is fighting back against these anti-ICWA groups. My administration has provided additional resources to better track our children and families who are caught within the state child welfare and adoption systems, and we will continue to seek transfers of ICWA cases involving the Community's children into the Community's courts. On a national level, the Community is also coordinating with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), and the Center for Native American Youth (CNAVY)

to help our offices become more educated about what is going on across Indian Country, inform policies on how best to protect all Indian children, and educate the public. This means that we will respond to all articles by the Goldwater Institute that attack the Community or try to misinform and mislead the general public about this important law and what the Community is doing to protect our families and children.

The Community will continue to preserve the stability and security of our Akimel O'otham families while upholding and exercising our sovereignty.

Therefore at this time, I call upon all of us as fellow Community members and relatives to come together in unity for the protection and ongoing survival of our children in light of these ongoing attacks.

Masapa,  
Stephen Roe Lewis

Governor

## Joe 'The Tomahawk' Tate presents Gov. Lewis with his MMA Gold Medal

**Mikhail Sundust**  
Gila River Indian News

Joe "The Tomahawk" Tate has established himself as a top contender in the world of Mixed Martial Arts fighting, and everywhere he competes, he takes his community with him.

On Aug. 2, Tate presented his latest gold medal to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis as a gesture of appreciation for the tribal leader's support.

"I would not have been able to travel and compete," said Tate, were it not for the financial assistance of the GRIC Executive Office. Tate has many sponsors and shows appreciation for all of them regularly, but he said the Community support is personal.

"I just felt it was necessary to honor him in that way," he said. It always means more "to

actually give something of value. ... When I look at that medal, I remember training, getting a cracked rib [and] injured in grappling tournaments...but it all led down to that particular day to win that tournament."

Tate, District 3, has won a number of medals in recent years in MMA competitions large and small. Last November, Tate competed in the Sport Jiu-Jitsu International Federation Worlds Tournament in Long Beach, Calif., where he took home the gold medal in his division of Men's No-Gi Purple Belt Seniors, Super Heavy weight class. He also claimed two bronze medals: one in the Gi-on version of the same division and weight class, and the other in the Men's No-Gi Purple Belt Seniors open weight class competition.

As one of the few Native American competitors in MMA,

Tate does everything he can to represent his community well, and it begins with the Man in the Maze and GRIC seal he wears on his Jiu Jitsu uniform.

Tate says his culture is a core value of his, and something that he hopes to pass on to the younger generation. Currently, Tate works at the Head Start program in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

"That's one of the best jobs ever," he said. "I talk with them and I show them my medals and I talk about the little engine that could - that 'I think I can, I think I can' approach."

Meanwhile, he works hard to keep up with his training. He's competed in 36 tournaments this year, he said, so he's always looking forward to the next one.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Joe "The Tomahawk" Tate presents his latest gold medal to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis as a sign of appreciation.

# CAP Water page 1

*Gila River surface water.* Instead, under the terms of the deal, the Community will sell to Chandler long-term water storage credits created when the Community's non-drinkable CAP water supply is "banked," as well as a very small amount – less than 1 percent – of the Community's yearly non-drinkable CAP allotment.

At the same time, the Community will receive from Chandler a limited amount of low-cost water also to be used solely for irrigation. This less-expensive water replaces more expensive CAP irrigation water, allowing farmers to keep operating costs low while expanding the Community's agricultural businesses.

The \$43 million agreement furthers the Community's goal of making sure agriculture – a leading component of the GRIC economy – can continue to grow and create jobs and revenue while not relying exclusively on costly CAP water. The Chandler agreement will also generate tens of millions of dollars to be used to relieve the strain the rising cost of CAP water creates on the Community's

overall operating budget.

Currently, the Community's water budget alone runs about \$20 million per year.

Details of the agreement were shared by Council members at district meetings across the Community. The exchange was negotiated through Gila River Water Storage LLC, or GRWS. GRWS, a partnership with Salt River Project created by Community Council in 2010, allows the Community to store non-drinkable CAP water that would otherwise go unused, creating long-term storage credits like the ones sold to Chandler. The Community's current representative to GRWS is District 5 Councilman Brian Davis Sr.

The revenue generated by the Chandler agreement could be worth as much as \$80 million over time, depending on the value of CAP water and the rising value of the long-term storage credits being acquired by the Community. The incoming revenue generated by the agreement will be used to build up the Community's Permanent Water Fund, created in early 2016 to generate investment income to cover the Community's growing water budget.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

2016 GRIN file photo of a GRIC canal in District 1.

Ultimately, the Permanent Water Fund must be large enough to address the Community's current \$20 million annual water budget and the cost of water to supply future generations. The price of non-drinkable CAP water is expected to rise exponentially in the future, according to economists.

Finally, the Chandler agreement creates more protection for the Community's precious groundwater supplies by providing neighbor cities like Chandler with water for irriga-

tion and commercial uses. Growing the water supply for surrounding cities reduces the likelihood they will over-pump groundwater in situations of growing drought. In the past, such over-pumping by neighbor cities has damaged the Community's drinking water.

The agreement also requires Chandler to pay the Community about \$1.7 million to be used for well development on certain Community lands.



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2013 GRIN file photo of a canal in GRIC. The agreement with Chandler furthers the goal of making sure agriculture can continue to grow and create jobs.

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# Upgrades on the horizon for GRICUA electric meters

**Mikhail Sundust**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority is upgrading electric meters at more than 2,800 residences and commercial properties it serves throughout the Community, and it's doing it without raising rates.

"This upgrade is going to let us offer new services to our customers," said GRICUA Operations Director Kathy Galloway. She said the software on the new meters is going to allow customers to log into their online account and view an hourly history of their power usage statistics.

GRICUA also plans to backfill customer data with energy consumption information from before the upgrade was implemented. Customers will have access

to a 12-month history of their energy consumption so they can compare current consumption rates to those of previous years.

GRICUA supplies power to residential and commercial properties in Districts 1 – 5 of the Gila River Indian Community, and some of District 6.

"It's really important to our commercial customers," said Galloway. GRICUA serves approximately 650 commercial properties, including Gila River Indian Community departments, the Wild Horse Pass Development Area, Phoenix Premium Outlets, and industrial customers in the Lone Butte Development complex.

According to Galloway, the new meters are considered a "technology upgrade," which has been in the works for several years.



Photo Courtesy of GRICUA

**GRICUA customers will receive new upgraded meters, which will allow customers better access to their account information and power consumption.**

It's not going to cost the customers a penny, nor will it raise rates on power bills.

"It's just a capital project just like we would do to improve any sort of equipment. So there is no rate increase involved in this," said Galloway. GRICUA estimates the project at around \$1 million.

Another benefit of the new meters is, beginning in

2017, residential customers will have the option to switch to a pre-pay plan. Those customers will be able to apply money to their GRICUA account online, by phone, at a kiosk, or at the GRICUA office.

The installation of the new meters promises to be a seamless process.

GRICUA technicians will knock on customers'

doors to tell them when they are swapping out the meters. Power will be shut off to the user's home while the equipment is changed out, then the technician will notify the customer when he or she is done and verify that power has been restored. The process should take fewer than five minutes.

"If you're not home,"

said Galloway, "we're going to leave you a notification... on your doorknob that says your meter was changed." She added that residents may notice their microwave or alarm clock blinking due to the brief interruption of power loss. Commercial customers will not experience power outages from the meter exchange.

GRICUA will begin swapping out old meters for new ones in early September. Beginning in Districts 1 and 2, the GRICUA crews will work their way westward. The project will run for several months, but Galloway says all meters will be swapped out before the end of the year.

For regular updates, visit [www.gricua.net](http://www.gricua.net) or visit the GRICUA Facebook page. If you have any questions, call (520) 796-0600 to reach the GRICUA customer service desk.

# GRPD officers open fire on vehicle at Vee Quiva Casino after man rams police vehicles

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Police Department (GRPD) officers shot at the driver of an SUV on the evening of July 27, as non-Community member Andres Muñoz attempted to flee the scene of a drug investigation at a

Vee Quiva Casino parking structure.

According to the Arizona Republic, GRPD officers approached Muñoz's SUV after receiving a call regarding drug activity. Police said that Muñoz rammed his SUV into two GRPD police vehicles before leaving the scene. No one was injured in the inci-

dent and Muñoz was arrested and booked into a Maricopa County Jail.

The Arizona Republic reported that GRPD Officer Caroline Brown provided a narrative stating their department was contacted at 11:30 p.m. concerning drug activity in the parking structure of the casino.

Officers responded to

the scene and approached Muñoz's SUV, where he appeared to be reaching for something in his vehicle.

The narrative stated that Muñoz then put his SUV into gear, attempted to back up and collided with a GRPD vehicle. He then attempted to pull forward, ramming into another police vehicle. At this point,

the two officers entering the parking structure drew their weapons and shot at Muñoz's vehicle.

After GRPD officers opened fire, the SUV came to a stop and Muñoz was arrested.

Officer Brown said that drugs and a handgun were found in Muñoz's SUV.

According to the Arizona Republic, Brown said that the shooting was an isolated incident and that situations like this are just part of the job.

"We want to make sure our Community is safe. We try to provide that for them," she said.

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# Vietnam Veterans Gathering brings together veterans and families



Annie Gutierrez/AmeriCorps Program

Over 100 guests attended the Vietnam Veterans Gathering held July 30 at the District 3 Service Center.

**Annie Gutierrez**  
Gila River AmeriCorps Program

The Vietnam veterans of the Gila River Indian Community received a warm welcome home during the Vietnam Veterans Gathering on July 30. The gathering, coordinated by the AmeriCorps program, was held in honor of veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

GRIC Judge Dallas DeLowe, D5, opened the program with a prayer after a brief moment of silence.

The war in Vietnam ended in 1975, and when

those brave men and women returned home to U.S. soil, they didn't receive the proper treatment they deserved. Many years later, a long overdue applause echoed through the service center properly welcoming Community veterans back to Gila River.

"We wanted to honor and commemorate the men and women who had served during this time. My AmeriCorps partner, Wesley, and I had come up with the event knowing it to be the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War," said Jackie Setoyant, AmeriCorps – Veterans Serving Veterans

member and co-coordinator of the event.

Veterans from all branches of the military and their families were treated to a morning of food, speakers, entertainment and raffles throughout the day.

Speakers included Community Vietnam Veterans Weldon Salkey, U.S. Army - Airborne, Rebecca Ann Rowe, U.S. Navy; and the Honorable Dallas DeLowe, United States Marines Corps, who recounted memories and shared wisdom from their service.

"I feel very proud and honored to be among [the



Annie Gutierrez/AmeriCorps Program  
**Lt. Gov. Monica Antone addresses the Vietnam era veterans and acknowledged their sacrifices as soldiers.**



Annie Gutierrez/AmeriCorps Program  
**Weldon Salkey, Vietnam veteran, detailed his time in the service, recollections of Vietnam and his return home.**

Vietnam veterans] – simply for the fact that we weren't quite given the welcome. But, in its own way, that makes [this event] very special and gives us our strength to use our experiences," said DeLowe.

Army Veteran Leslie Jackson reflected on how the Vietnam war affected her family. Her father, the late Harlan Jackson, USMC, served six years in Vietnam. She shared fond memories of her father, even expressing the behavioral effects of war which later became evident as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The late Marine wasn't able to get the help he needed before he passed, but Jackson remains hopeful for other veterans. Her message to other veterans: "We are here for you. You are home for a reason. You are home to help us understand."

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone also spoke to the crowd of 100-plus guests.

In addition, Gov. Lewis shared the efforts his administration is working on to develop better services in the Community for veterans by next year.

Along with a line of speakers, veterans resource information was also available. Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Officer Ken Madrid, with American Legion Post 8, was on site to answer any questions veterans had about veteran benefits and disability claims. Jim Sylvester and volunteers from Hiring/Helping/Honoring Our Heroes of Pinal County (HOHP) were also handed out information and giving tours of the Eagle One Veterans Outreach mobile unit parked outside the service center.

Rowe and Community member Brenda Robertson also performed musical tributes. Before singing Toby Keith's "American Soldier," Rowe recited a poem her brother, a Vietnam combat veteran, had

written. Robertson picked up the guitar and paid tribute to her brother and all veterans by performing an original song she wrote about the war.

"It was long overdue," said Rowe on the welcome home gathering.

Rowe, a former Community Council Representative, served six years in the Navy and two years in the reserves.

While guests enjoyed hamburgers, a band comprised of John Antone, U.S. Army, Henry Walden, U.S. Navy, Steve Lewis and Roy Lopez took to the stage playing a compilation of 60s and 70s era music.

AmeriCorps – Veterans Serving Veterans program service members Setoyant and Wesley Rhodes, USMC, coordinated the gathering as part of their service project in the Community. Setoyant and Rhodes worked together to gather donations.

"The weeks leading up to the event were a little hectic, but all the hard work put forth in this effort had paid off ten-fold in the end. I am truly grateful for all those who had took time out of their day to help celebrate a great group of individuals in our community. Thank you sincerely to everyone who had a helping hand with this event," said Rhodes.

The event was made possible through contributions from Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., Gila River Sand & Gravel, HOHP, VSV Women's Support Group, American Legion Posts 84 & 51, Pee Posh Veterans Association, Ak-Chin Hickman Farms, GRIC Council Secretary's Office, New Horizons Youth Group, Paul Molina and generous Community members.

All veterans who attended received a battle cross lapel while family members received an "I Support Veterans" lapel pin.



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## Making Verbs into Nouns in O’otham Ñeo’ok

On July 20, the Huhugam Heritage Center held a Language Class Appreciation Event at the District 6 Learning Center to celebrate the completion of the first Introductory Akimel O’otham language class. On that day, sixteen e mamshchamtham (students) were given certificates of completion, celebratory gifts, and shared a meal together to commemorate the ending of the 15 week course. The class, taught by Mrs. Barbara Parsons from Santa Cruz, was titled “Thoth Gegos” and focused on teaching everyday language used in the home for cooking and eating. During the course the class learned how to say useful phrases like Upam ha thoa:in hegama huasa:’a (put away the dishes) but also learned the importance of eating together as a family. The Heritage Center is working towards creating more Community-based classes like this one in the future for District 6 as well as for the other districts.

In O’otham ñeo’ok there is often a relationship between verbs and nouns that identifies the person that performs the action. For example, the word “to teach” is mashcham and can be used as an action

word like in the sentence Mañ ha mashcham hegama a’al “I am teaching the children.” This verb can be turned into a noun simply by adding the suffix –tham at the end and a prefix e before the word. By adding these two pieces to the word you change it from an action word to a noun that identifies a student, or the person who is being taught. The suffix –tham changes a verb or action word into a noun and is used in O’otham to identify the person who does the action of the verb. For example the word meaning “to play” is chichvi, and this can be turned into a noun chichvitham just by adding –tham at the end. This new word chichvitham is no longer an action word but identifies a player or teammate. If you want to be more specific you can add another word to identify the type of player like a thoka chichvitham or bo:l chichvitham. Another example is vachvi “to swim” that becomes vachvitham, or swimmer, simply by adding the suffix at the end.

Keep in mind that not all words follow this pattern, especially when another word exists in O’otham ñeo’ok that identifies the person. For ex-

ample, the verb “to heal/cure” is kulañmath but there is no such person as a kulañmath’tam. That’s because O’otham already has a perfectly good word for a doctor/healer which is makai. Another example is the verb “to cook”, which is hithoq. There is no such person as a hithoqatham as O’otham already has a word for a chef which is kosñil. There is however a similar word for someone who likes or is skilled in cooking and that is a s-hithoqkam, but that is a different example of how to form a noun from a verb in O’otham.

For this month’s puzzle we’re giving six professions that come from six action words. Take a look at the word match and try to identify the person who does the action. Below are six action words that should help you solve the puzzle. Try to think of other words that end in –tham that come from verbs and remember to O’othamaj ñe’ñokath!

- heg’gia - “to fight”
- gagda - “to sell”
- chu:sh - “to put out/turn off”
- o’itham - “to hunt”
- hi:k - “to cut
- vaila - “to dance”



Photo Courtesy of the Huhugam Heritage Center  
The first Introductory Akimel O’otham language class at the District 6 Learning Center.

### August 2016 Word Match, Match the O’otham title with its picture!

*mo’o hikamtham*



*haichu huk gagdatham*



*na:tha chu:shachtham*



*vathop o’ithamdam*



*e-vailatham*



*chi:no cheg’giatham*



## Protecting Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh Children page 1

only the Gila River Indian Community but also the State of Arizona. This ruling disappoints our Community a great deal because it prevents us from being able to fully engage in trying to find a living situation that allows us to keep this precious child a part of our tribal community and raise her within her Native culture.

Protecting Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh children and families has always been a top priority for the Gila River Indian Community and my administration. Even as we determine whether to appeal the ruling in A.D.’s case, we have redoubled our commitment to defending ICWA and participating in the custody proceedings of our children. Our children are an integral part of commu-

nity and our future. What is disheartening about the case at hand is that those involved in it seem more focused on attacking ICWA than on determining the best interests of A.D.

ICWA works. It’s a good law that for almost 40 years has protected the best interests of Indian children by promoting stability and security among Indian tribes and families. Our people deserve nothing less. Across the United States, Indian children continue to be removed from their birth homes by state authorities at much higher rates than non-Indian children.

ICWA gives tribal governments and courts a protective role in such cases and has helped keep Indian families together and helped Indian children

retain their cultural identity and heritage.

Unfortunately, ICWA has come under attack in recent years by the non-Indian adoption industry – which thrives on Indian children – and by legal hired guns from groups like the Goldwater Institute.

If the Goldwater Institute has concerns about how the law is implemented, I urge them to work with tribal governments and organizations on best practices, rather than trying to eliminate a federal law that Senator Barry Goldwater himself supported. The Gila River Indian Community’s priority will continue to do what is best for the general welfare of our people, including our children and families.

## Gila River Gaming collaborates with RPY on successful donation drive



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Gila River Gaming Enterprise staff delivered the loot from GRGE's Sock & Undie donation drive to Residential Programs for Youth. L to R: Manuel Hernandez (GRGE), Evett Cannaday (RPY), Deborah Burroughs (RPY), Sunshine Whitehair (RPY), and Teaya Vicente (GRGE).

**Mikhail Sundust**  
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Gaming Enterprises employees donated more than 319 packages of socks and underwear to the Residential Programs for Youth home August 3.

GRGE regularly seeks ways to give back to the Gila River Indian Community through donation drives and charitable op-

erations, said GRGE Public Relations Coordinator Teaya Vicente.

This summer, the GRGE Sock and Undie Drive came through with well over 1,000 pairs of socks and underwear, the RPY staff estimates.

"During the holiday season [people] will give, but it's usually during those summer and spring months that organizations are [most] in need," said

Vicente.

"When the kids are in need, it's good when the Community can come together and provide," said Sunshine Whitehair, the Tribal Social Services Acting Director at the time.

The sock and undie drive was especially useful, Whitehair said, because more than anything, the children really just need the necessities. "Sometimes they come with lit-



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

The Residential Programs for Youth home, which houses displaced GRIC youth, received over 1,000 pairs of socks and underwear from a recent Gila River Gaming Authority donation drive.

erally [just] the clothes on their back," she said.

The RPY serves dozens of displaced youth every year. The facility features several, fully staffed "homes" that have a combined capacity to house up to 100 youth from newborns to age 17.

"Everything that is given to us is utilized to its capacity," said Youth Services Coordinator Evett Cannaday to the GRGE representatives. "So we

really appreciate the generous donation and contribution from your department, and I know that you guys have always helped out RPY and Tribal Social Services."

She said the kids truly appreciate the donations as well and understand the generosity of organizations and people who give to RPY.

GRGE employees at each of the three casino properties and the corpo-

rate office participated in the donation drive, which lasted through July. GRGE expects to run another donation drive later this year because it understands how quickly RPY and TSS can use up the items.

"What we provided with those two large boxes will probably be gone within a couple of months," said GRGE Community Liaison Manuel Hernandez. "The need is always there."

## Riders taking advantage of Gila River Public Transit service

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Many of us have now become familiar with the sight of white transit buses ferrying riders from stop to stop.

The Gila River Public Transit service sees the remainder of the year as a time to make even bigger strides.

Since beginning service in January and February of this year, the GRPT has observed a 30 percent increase in riders each month.

They know that sooner or later their routes will need to expand to meet the growing numbers of riders.

GRICDOT Acting Transportation Planner Gregory McDowell said, "At the end of this year we are going to bring in a consulting firm. They are going to evaluate our current services and the need for service in other areas of the Community."

McDowell said that GRICDOT has applied for additional funding under what is called the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 program to continue operation for two years.

If awarded more funding, in the second year of the grant (Fiscal Year 2018), GRPT would like

to purchase an additional two buses to increase their service and to keep one on standby if one breaks down and needs repair.

Under the FTA 5311 funds, the GRPT is required to form a Transportation Advisory Committee.

The TAC, which will consist of GRIC stakeholders, will provide recommendations on service quality and effectiveness and will report to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

According to McDowell, they hired a fourth driver to get up to full staff and are expected to hire a permanent transit manager to handle the day-to-day operations.

McDowell understands that sooner or later their transit service will need to expand service hours and routes as the year comes to a close.

He said currently, "District 3 has been our most populous route ahead of Districts 6 and 7. ... More and more people are relying on the bus and it's a good thing people are utilizing [this] service."

At the moment, GRPT will maintain the amount of bus stops, but has plans to expand its operating time by one extra hour, which means it will begin service at 7:00 am and end

at 6:00 pm to accommodate people traveling to work.

Towards the end of this month GRPT will conduct a ridership survey to collect comments and feedback.

The surveys will be available on each of the buses and will have a drop box for people to submit their completed form.

McDowell said they would like to receive as many responses as possible from the people that are actually using the service to learn about what they can improve on.

As for the buses themselves, they will get a lot more recognizable when they receive a new design that was created by Ernest Kerley, who submitted the design concept that will be used on the buses.

GRPT held a design contest with four concept designs people could vote on, but in the end, Kerley's entry was voted as the most favored design.

The design, with its inspirations from traditional pottery and basket weaving will be printed on vinyl and cover the entire side of the bus.

The future looks bright for GRPT and with a new look it will surely attract more riders and possibly see more stops and routes in the future.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR INPUT AND FOR TAKING TIME TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE BUS DESIGN!**



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Now that the public has chosen the top design theme, we will be working to get the buses wrapped soon!

**Artist Recognition**

- We would like to thank **Paul Molina**, a Community member from District 7, for coming up with our official logo. His design contribution to our transit system is much appreciated. The logo is a modern, minimalistic design that will look great for years to come. View more of his work at [PaulMolinaDesigns.com](http://PaulMolinaDesigns.com).
- We want to thank **Ernest Kerley**, who submitted design concepts that contributed to the banner we used in the Mul-Cha-Tha parade. His ideas helped us in the beginning of our operation and deserves full credit for his assistance.

We also want to thank all of the other artists that offered sketches to Gila River Public Transit.



# Tribal Education Department hosts annual Teacher In-Service at the Sheraton Grand



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Enrique Hank Feldman, a motivational speaker from the Global Learning Foundation, gives a presentation at the 12th Annual Tribal Education Department Reservation-wide In-Service at the Sheraton Grand Resort & Spa on Aug. 12.**

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department's 12th Annual Reservation wide In-Service, an all-day event that brings together educators from across the Community, was held at the Sheraton Grand Resort & Spa on Aug 12.

The theme for this year's in-service was "Take Another Look" and encourages educators to reflect on what they are doing in the classroom to educate the Community's youth.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone said, "Everyone that is in [here] that serves our children is in some way helping build our future."

Her message was a dis-

play of support and appreciation for the teachers that commit long hours educating the Community's youth.

The topics at the in-service focused on culture and language, which has become an essential part of educating the students about their cultural heritage.

In other breakout sessions, pressing issues like mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect were also on the table for discussion.

The goal of each topic covered at the in-service also emphasizes how teachers can create innovative curriculum that incorporates culture and storytelling.

In addition to this concept, it is also about look-

ing out for their students and how they are behaving or feeling as they come to class.

Antone urged them to be aware of the mental issues some students may be experiencing and that schools are looked at as safe havens for the unfortunate few that come from an unhealthy environment at home.

"The issue of suicide prevention is real. Although it is not a new issue, each year we are more alarmed at this reality in our Community," she said.

One of the highlights of this year's conference was last year's awarding of the inaugural 2015 Eddie Basha Excellence Award from the First Things First organization.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Lt. Gov. Monica Antone delivers her address on education at the Teacher In-Service.**



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Huhugam Heritage Center staff members give a presentation at the Teacher In-Service.**

TED Director Salcido, said the award is an example of the excellent relationship GRIC has with FTF to improve early childhood education for the Community.

The in-service introduced the teachers to special guest Enrique Hank Feldman, a motivational speaker from the Global Learning Foundation, a non-profit organization that focuses on early education and provides services in professional development

of educators in collaboration with schools. GLF was present to offer advice on how to get inspired about their role as educators.

The heart of the presentation included brain game activities that can help students learn new information in a creative way that is different from more traditional forms of teaching.

"Today's overall problem is inspiration, not the typical kind of inspiration. I want to take you on a

journey where you are going to experience how to specifically inspire others," said Feldman.

"[If] you don't know how to connect with another human being, it does not matter how good the curriculum is," said Feldman.

The conference also had different informational booths from tribal departments that provide resources to the Community's schools.



## Pesticide Control Office

### Rodenticides: What You Should Know

**R**odenticides are pesticides that kill rodents. Rodents include ground squirrels, rock squirrels, chipmunks, muskrats, beavers, prairie dogs, gophers, packrats, roof rats and a variety of different mice. Although rodents play important roles in nature, they may sometimes require control.

The use of rodenticides is one control method. Rodenticides are usually formulated as baits, which are designed to attract animals. These baits may be attractive to children and pets, so they should never be used or stored within their reach. Predators of rodents may also be at risk for poisoning if they feed on a rodent that has consumed a rodenticide. This is known as **secondary poisoning**. Therefore, it is especially important that all pesticides, to include rodenticide baits, are used correctly and according to the product's label instructions.



**Secondary poisoning illustration**  
(courtesy of Laurel Klein Serreys, UrbanCarnivores.com)

The Pesticide Control Office recommends the use of **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** for control of rodents. **IPM** is a philosophy that uses all possible control methods in a logical combination to minimize risk of pesticide exposure, safeguard the environment, and maximize the effectiveness. An **IPM** program focuses first on environmental management to reduce pest populations by eradicating their harborage, food, and water sources. Sealing entry points to restrict pest entry is one way to eliminate their access to harborage, food, and water sources. Under an effective **IPM** program, the use of pesticides is minimized.

**For more information regarding IPM or pesticides, please visit us on the web at [www.GRICDEQ.org](http://www.GRICDEQ.org) or contact the Pesticide Control Office at (520)562-2234**



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# August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month: What expectant mom's should know



Vonda Goodman with her three-month old son Jegos Judum Goodman.

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

For many new mothers, their first experience with breastfeeding often comes after giving birth when the hospital's lactation nurse arrives and handily guides the newborn's first feeding.

The journey into the world of breastfeeding and infant nutrition can be an intimidating and frustrating experience, especially since everyone, from family members to the helpful stranger next to you in line at the grocery store, seemingly knows what's best for your child's health.

Which is why groups like Gila River Indian Community's Women, Infant, and Children program (WIC) and the Tribal Health Department's Genesis program are spearheading the effort in the Community to instruct mothers on how to properly breastfeed and promote infant and mother nutrition education.

Because of the large amount of information on breastfeeding, Deborah Morago, WIC Community Nutrition Worker and Breastfeeding Lead, suggests that women who qualify for WIC should schedule an appointment with

the program as soon as they find out they are pregnant.

Morago said that it is important to begin learning about breastfeeding early on before the child is born, because there is a lot of information that cannot be absorbed in just one training session.

An example of this information is the types of milk that a mother produces. Colostrum is the first type of milk that a mother will produce just after giving birth. This milk is thick, yellow in color, and is produced in small amounts.

Many first-time mothers think that their milk is just going to gush out after giving birth, but that is not so, said Morago. Colostrum is a different color than regular milk and it will come out in teaspoon-sized amounts during feeding.

"That will be enough to fill the baby for the first three days because the babies tummy is maybe the size of a walnut," she said.

Morago emphasized that even if a mother does not want to breastfeed, it is recommended that they do so during the first three days, when they are producing colostrum.

"The best thing you can do for your baby is

to give them colostrum," Morago said. "Because it is the golden milk that will help (the) baby with all the benefits."

The other type of milk a mother produces, which is her regular milk supply, can be split into two varieties. Foremilk is the thinner milk produced at the beginning of a breastfeeding session and has a lower fat content. Hindmilk, which is produced at the end of a feeding session, contains more fat.

Mary Dixon, WIC Program Manager, said, "The hindmilk is going to be the part of the milk that is going to allow the baby to gain the weight (because) it has more calories and more fat content."

Which is why it is important to keep the baby on one breast for as long as possible, 15 to 20 minutes, she said. If the baby falls asleep at the breast after ten minutes, many moms will be too quick to switch over to the other side. It is important to nurse the baby on one breast long enough to receive the hindmilk, said Dixon.

But why is breastfeeding important?

Morago said that breastfeeding has a myriad



Nicole Watson, Genesis Nutritionist, is promoting breastfeeding throughout the Community for Breastfeeding Awareness Month.

of benefits that can immediately affect the newborn and last a lifetime.

Benefits of breastfeeding include lowered risk of developing type 2 diabetes, childhood obesity, childhood leukemia, eczema, sudden infant death syndrome, asthma, lower respiratory infections, and more.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the benefits of breastfeeding also spillover to the mother, which can aid the mother's health and healing following childbirth and include lowered risk of developing type 2 diabetes, certain types of breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and may help with weight loss.

While the WIC and

Genesis programs do teach about the benefits of breastfeeding and nutrition, they also provide guidance in how to properly breastfeed.

Many new mothers think that just putting the baby's mouth to the nipple is all that is needed, said Morago. "But they need to know [how] to make sure that the [baby's] mouth gets wide open and takes a lot more of the [mother's] areola."

This technique is called latching. It is the process of getting a baby attached to the breast so they can efficiently remove the mother's milk. Learning how to latch is important in building a healthy milk supply, preventing engorgement, plugged ducts, and sore

nipples.

When it comes to breastfeeding and baby nutrition, the vast amount of information available can be mindboggling, from how spicy food affects breast milk to treating sore nipples, and properly burping a baby, the WIC and Genesis programs will help provide Community mothers with the knowledge and know-how to keep their babies healthy and happy.

To learn more about breastfeeding, infant and mother nutrition, and to see if you qualify for a breast pump, call the Genesis program at (520) 562-1237, or if you qualify for the WIC program call (520) 562-9698.

## Hu Hu Kam expands primary care facilities page 1

The aim of the new design was to try and make the patient's visit to the hospital as much of a pleasant experience as possible, he said.

Within the next several months, GRHC will also begin construction on the hospital's main entrance and has been dubbed "The Arrival Experience". The project is slated to take six months from beginning to end, with bid requests being issued sometime after the upcoming Labor Day holiday.

GRHC is also looking to make additions to the hospital's dental clinic, internal



Exposed steel beams and wires can be seen inside the old primary care facility as crews work hard to complete the renovation.

medicine department, and other departments on the east end of the hospital.

The project, which has been named HUD 3, currently has no start date.



One of 30 new rooms that patients will use when being treated at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

# Gila River Get Out the Vote Rally held in District 5

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

A “Get Out the Vote” rally was held at the District 5 Service Center on Aug. 11, hosted by the Gila River Voter Registration Board (GRVRB).

The rally was held to inform Community members about the importance of voting in county, state, and national elections. On-site voter registration was also available.

Darlene Burnette, GRVRB Chairwoman, said that it is vitally important for people to become registered voters and make their voice heard in the communities that they live.

The rally, made up of a modest gathering of Community members,

kicked-off with a welcoming performance by the multi-talented master of ceremony, Bob Villa, followed by the posting of colors by Ira H. Hayes Post 84 and an opening prayer conducted by District 5 Council Representative, Robert Stone.

Other Community leaders who took part in the rally were, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, former GRIC Governor Donald Antone, former District 5 Representative Brenda Robertson, and Miss Gila River Oriana Apkaw.

After the opening speeches, Kaye Dickson and Steve Henry, local Pinal County candidates running for Sheriff, introduced themselves to the Community and spoke about their backgrounds and future

plans if elected. Anthony Smith, candidate for Pinal County Supervisor, District #4, also talked to Community members about the importance of voting in one’s own community.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis took to the stage speaking on how the Community didn’t always have the right to vote. Saying that it was through the blood, sweat, and tears of the Community’s forefathers that Gila River now has that right, and to take advantage of the opportunity. He emphasized that it is important to vote, not just in the highest offices of the Nation, but also in the local county and state elections. And specifically, to vote for individuals that support the Gila River Indian Community.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN  
**Kaye Dickson, candidate for Pinal County Sheriff, talks to Community members at the “Get Out the Vote” rally held at the District 5 Service Center on Aug. 11 hosted by the Gila River Voter Registration Board.**



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN  
**Bob Villa, “Get Out the Vote” master of ceremonies, reads numbers from a raffle ticket for a winner of a waffle press. Many gifts and prizes were given out during the event.**



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN  
**Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis discusses the history of Native American’s right to vote and urges Community members to vote in national and local elections.**

# DEQ hosts meeting on building ‘green’ in the Community

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community is exploring environmentally greener ways of building homes in the Community.

The Department of Environmental Quality hosted a Tribal Green Building Toolkit meeting at the Gila River Property & Supply conference room on July 12.

David Eisenberg, Executive Director at the Development Center for Appropriate Technology, and Althea Walker, DEQ Environmental Outreach and Education Specialist, hosted the meeting.

Eisenberg is a consultant with the Environmental Protection Agency and is partly responsible for working with tribes to implement alternative forms of green building into their home building projects and to obtain comments and feedback.

“The kick-off meeting was our first attempt at incorporating or integrating green building into [our]

codes,” said Walker.

The meeting was a way for them to understand the process of implementing green building codes into the Community’s current building codes by inviting stakeholders from various GRIC housing entities.

“The green building toolkit essentially emerged out of an effort by the Environmental Protection Agency to develop better resources for tribal communities,” said Eisenberg.

The toolkit incorporates ideas on how to develop programs and expertise in developing policy around green building.

He said it is a way to underline a tribal community’s desire to design and build projects to make sure goals represent the things that are most important to tribal communities in regards to building codes and standards.

Walker said the meeting helped them determine what tribal departments are responsible for different aspects of home building and that it was beneficial to make connections with



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN  
**Althea Walker of the Department of Environmental Quality and David Eisenberg with the Development Center for Appropriate Technology, present on “green” building at Property and Supply on July 12.**

them.

“We have been working with them and trying to learn more, so I think the takeaway from the meeting is that we really learned how we can make a greater impact in regards to green building in the Community,” she said.

The toolkit was designed to help tribal stakeholders and developers to understand how they can adopt building codes

to support green building practices.

It recognizes the ancestral nature of tribes like the Community, who have a long history of “green” building.

The toolkit makes recommendations for the integrations of cultural/traditional elements into design and building, the reduction of natural resources and minimizing non-renewable energy consumption.

These are just a few of the ideas that tribes are able to factor in when building new homes and infrastructure.

Walker said, “The ultimate goal is to provide a green building resource that will benefit the entire Community now and in the future.”

In the meantime DEQ and their consulting partners with the EPA will continue to learn from

departments like Tribal Projects and with Building and Safety to get an understanding of how they can determine the appropriate steps to take in incorporating green building.

On a recent tour of the Community on Aug. 11, DEQ and Eisenberg took a look at some of the homes under construction to see how some forms of green building are being implemented.

Some of the homes under construction incorporated more efficient building materials and solar tubes that channel light from the sun into the home.

Features like these are just some of the steps the Community is taking to make energy efficient homes that require less energy and are cost-efficient.

Eisenberg said that he was impressed at the amount of green building done with current and future building projects going on in the Community and that the tribe is on pace with what has been developed in the toolkit.

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • August 3, 2016

## ACTION SHEET

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

## CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday August 3, 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 9:07am

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

## ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (10:33)

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman (12:49), Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz;

D3- Carolyn Williams (9:08), Rodney Jackson (9:51); D4-

Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Barney Enos, Jr. (9:30); D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon,

Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:19), Charles Goldtooth (9:19), Sandra Nasewytewa;

D7- Devin Redbird (9:19)

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

## PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. GRHC Chief Operating Officer-Scott Gemberling

Presenter: Ginger Fligger, Interim CEO

MS. GINGER FLIGGER INTRODUCED MR. SCOTT GEMBERLING. MR. GEMBERLING PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

## REPORTS

1. Gila River Indian Community Urban Members 2nd Quarter Report

Presenters: Anthony Newkirk, UMA Board Members

REPORT HEARD

2. Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Update

Presenter: J. Brian O'Neill

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department Johnson O'Malley Program Quarter 3 Report SY2015-2016

Presenter: Marissa Yazzie

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Gila River Gaming Commission General Report For June 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Gila River Gaming Enterprise, Inc. Monthly Report For June 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Michael Feldman, GRGE Board of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. DCH FY2017 Indian Housing Plan (Executive Session)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Kelly Gomez

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

## RESOLUTIONS

\*1. 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

APPROVED

\*2. 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

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

3. A Resolution Establishing A Community Housing Project Fund To Meet the Funding Needs For Future Community Housing Projects (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Fiscal Year 2017 Gila River Indian Community Indian Housing Plan For Implementation And Submittal To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing A Change In the Use Of Grant Funds For A 2015 Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Florence Police Department (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Operating Budget And Capital Projects Budget For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Deborah Griffin, GRGE Board Of Directors

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. A Resolution Approving A Site For Storage Of Excess Excavated Soil From The Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project (P-MIP) Westside Pipeline Construction On Tribal Land Located In District Six Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with the correction and missing page)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America, For The Casa Blanca Canal 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 and missing page)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America, For Reach Casa Blanca Canal 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 Interest In Such Allotted Trust Land (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

## ORDINANCES

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. District One (Skousen) Trespass Matter (NRSC forwards to Council for discussion and possible action, CRSC concurs)

Presenter: Thomas L. Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE

GOVERNOR MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST TO

THE OFFICE OF THE FIELD SOLICITOR TO

INITIATE LEGAL ACTION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE

FUTURE LITIGATION EFFORTS MONITORED

BY THE COMMUNITY'S LITIGATION TEAM

## 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

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN TAP

2. 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 GO INTO CAUCUS. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:27 P.M.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO RESEND THE DECEMBER 2014 MOTION, ALLOWING APPLICATION OF BUSINESS LICENSE WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS

3. Indian Gaming Mid-Year Conference & Expo (G&MSC forwards to Community Council for consideration and to be processed through dues and delegation)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO COUNCIL AND PROCESS THROUGH THE DUES AND DELEGATION

4. Use of Tribal Seals in the O'odham Veteran's Committee (OVC) Logo (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval for use of the tribal logo)

Presenter: Pacer Reina

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW THE UTILIZATION OF THE SEAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. GRICUA-SCIP Customer Transfer (Executive Session) (EDSC motion to forward to Council in Executive Session under New Business)

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUPPORT

6. LSC Motions Regarding Accident Report (Executive Session) (LSC motions to forward to Community Council for discussion and action)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TAKE NO APPROPRIATE ACTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

>RANDALL STONE, DISTRICT 4, AWAKE SERVICES FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016 & FUNERAL SERVICES SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016

>PRISCILLA ANDERSON, DISTRICT 2, FUNERAL SERVICES, SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016

>CLARENCE RICHARD CHIAGO, DISTRICT 6, AWAKE SERVICES FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016 & FUNERAL SERVICES SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR MARCELLA MILLER'S FAMILY

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR GLORIA JOHNSON-ALISON

>HOUSING OWNER'S TEAM MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016 1:00 P.M.

## ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:17PM

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

# WHAT'S NEW AT GRICUA?

## Service Address on Bill Statements

SERVICE DATE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	MEMBER NAME	SERVICE ADDRESS	STATEMENT DATE		
06/01/16 to 07/01/16			85 E TOHA ST	07/01/16		
SERVICE DESCRIPTION	METER NUMBER	RATE	METER READINGS PREVIOUS PRESENT	QUANTITY	PRICE	CHARGES

The service address has been changed on some of our customer's bill statements. The service address will now show the correct LUPZ address. The mailing address has not been changed and your service will not be interrupted. If you have any questions please call us at (520) 796-0600.

## Students Finish Summer GRICUA Internships



Front L to R: Board Treasurer Neil Banketewa, Kaitlen White, Vice-Chairwoman Belinda Nelson, Danielle Whempner, Shaye White, Board Secretary Pamela Thomas. Back L to R: Emmanuel Whempner and Chairman John Lewis.

GRICUA would like to thank our summer interns: Emmanuel Whempner, Shaye White, Danielle Whempner and Kaitlen White, for all of their hard work throughout the summer and wish them luck in their upcoming school

year. Emmanuel will be finishing his senior year at Arizona State University and his sister, Danielle, will be starting her freshman year at Arizona State University. Shaye White will be a freshman and will be running cross

country for Ottawa University in Ottawa, KS. Her sister, Kaitlen, will be a senior at Lawrence High School in Lawrence, KS.

## Youth Board Member Internship

GRICUA is offering a paid Youth Board Member Internship to a high school or college student under the age of 25. GRICUA will be promoting and developing young adults by offering the opportunity to experience board level interaction and participation in the function of a successful business. The term of the Youth Board Member will be a minimum of three (3) months up to a year. To participate in this program you

must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a Gila River Indian Community member and provide copy of enrollment.
- Complete the application (available at [www.gricua.net](http://www.gricua.net)), provide a resume and prepare an essay that is responsive to question(s) included as part of the application.
- Provide copy of an official transcript displaying a grade point average of 2.5 or above.

- Must be able to attend GRICUA's monthly regular Board meeting and preferably at least 1 or 2 meetings such as district, committee or council meetings within the Community.
- Should have a valid driver's license and have own transportation to meeting.
- Be available to interview with the GRICUA Board.

**\*\*Open Until Filled\*\***

## GRICUA's Utility Management Training Program

GRICUA is now accepting applications for the Utility Management Training Program. While the program does not guarantee a participant will be selected to fill the General Manager position, it will provide skills necessary to fill several management-level positions within GRICUA, as well as in the Community.

Gila River Indian Community.

- Must possess a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering, Accounting, Finance or Business or a related degree.
- Travel is required.
- Successfully complete the 3-5 year Utility Management Training Program.
- Applicants must complete the GRICUA Application for Employment which can be found at [http://www.gricua.net/](http://www.gricua.net)

management-training-program.html.

- As part of the selection process, applicants will be required to participate in interviews and testing.
- Applicants will be required to pass a background check and drug screening before employment.

**\*\*Open Until Filled\*\***  
Please visit [www.gricua.net](http://www.gricua.net) for more information.

## REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be an enrolled member of the

## REMINDERS

### GRICUA District Days 2016

GRICUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (433 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to 3pm.

- September 8
- October 6
- November 7
- December 8

### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

GRICUA is a member of Arizona Blue Stake. Please call 1-800-782-5348 to request an underground line locate of both GRICUA and SCIP on reservation facilities.

GRICUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to [gricua-comments@gricua.net](mailto:gricua-comments@gricua.net). You can also go to our website at [www.gricua.net](http://www.gricua.net).

### GRICUA's Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM  
Payments are accepted on-line and by phone both during our normal operating hours as well as afterhours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business hours.

## COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
COURT DATE NOTICE  
In Re Case: Blaine vs. Pico  
Docket Number: CV-2016-0151

This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

Answer/Response:  
DATE: September 19, 2016  
Sacaton Judicial Center  
721 East Seed Farm Road  
P. O. Box 368  
Sacaton, Arizona 85247  
(520) 562-9860  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

## COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
COURT DATE NOTICE  
In Re Case: Morago vs. Notah  
Docket Number: CV 2016-0179  
This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on

the date, time and place designated below.  
IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

{X} Other: Answer/Response  
Sacaton Judicial Center  
721 East Seed Farm Road  
P.O. Box 368  
Sacaton, Arizona 85247  
(520) 562-9860 DATE: October 4, 2016 TIME: 10:30 a.m.

## JUVENILE PUBLICATIONS

Enos, Hailey  
Annual Guardianship Review Hearing  
Case: J-13-0016/0017/0018/0019/0020  
Court Date: August 25, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. . Courtroom #2, 1st floor  
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS  
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
BUILDING: #23  
ADDRESS: 10005 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256  
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

Howard, Ryle  
Annual Guardianship Review Hearing  
J-13-0016/0017/0018/0019/0020  
August 25, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. . Courtroom #2, 1st floor  
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS  
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
BUILDING: #23  
ADDRESS: 10005 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256  
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) Public Notice Start Date: August 19, 2016  
Public Notice End Date: September 19, 2016  
Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received. Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review at the DEQ Sacaton office (during normal business hours) and on the AQP website at: <http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education--outreach/public-notices>. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality Attn: Ryan Eberle Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147 Physical Address: 45 S. Church St., Sacaton, AZ 85147

## SRPMIC: Notice of Opportunity for an Agricultural Lease on Trust and Allotted Indian Lands

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Community Development Department ("CDD"), on behalf of allotted landowners, is accepting Letters of Intent for an agricultural lease until September 30th, 2016.

appraised Fair Market Value.

- Lease term must be no less than five (5) years.
- Farmers must use the SRPMIC master lease template and follow all applicable SRPMIC and federal law regulations and policies.
- Rent must be prepaid annually.
- Must comply with bond requirements.
- Agricultural Lease Terms subject to negotiation with Landowners.
- Elected leadership will not entertain medical or recreational marijuana applications. Please send written request to obtain Agricultural Lease requirements to

CDD/Economic Development Division, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, 10,005 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256. If you have any questions regarding paperwork, contact Jesse N. Schurz by phone at (480) 362-7713 or via e-mail at [Jesse.Schurz@SRPMIC-nsn.gov](mailto:Jesse.Schurz@SRPMIC-nsn.gov) or Ashlee Beeto by phone at (480) 362-6926 or by via e-mail Ashlee.Beeto@SRPMIC-nsn.gov. APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPROVED LEASE. YOU MUST HAVE AN APPROVED LEASE IN PLACE PRIOR TO COMMENCING FARMING OPERATIONS.

Allen, Anthony  
Annual Guardianship Review Hearing  
Case: J-13-0016/0017/0018/0019/0020  
Court Date: August 25, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. . Courtroom #2, 1st floor  
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS  
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
BUILDING: #23  
ADDRESS: 10005 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256  
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

## CIVIL PUBLICATIONS

Sabori, Ramona  
Civil Complaint Hearing  
C-16-0060  
October 11, 2016 at 2:00 pm. Courtroom #4, 2nd floor  
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS  
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
BUILDING: #23  
ADDRESS: 10005 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256  
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the issuance of the air quality operating permit for the following facility:

Facility Name: Arizona Materials, LLC (AZ Materials)  
Facility Address: 2161 W. Tanner Rd., Sacaton, AZ 85147 (within the Gila River Sand & Gravel Santan Plant in District 4)  
Owner Name: Arizona Materials  
Owner Address: 3636 S. 43rd Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85009  
Air Contaminants Emitted: Particulate Matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM10) Particulate Matter (PM)

Important Proposal Terms:

- Letter of Intent must be submitted before the deadline; please contact SRPMIC CDD to obtain Agricultural Lease requirements.
- Letter of Intent must be for the entire parcel of approximately 1,203 acres, no subdivision will be permitted.
- Proposed rent must be at least



Boundary location for the Agricultural Lease premises are south of the Arizona Canal, north of Indian School Road, west of Horne Road, and east of Alma School Road on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Located in Sections 15, 16, 21, 22, and 23, Township 2 North, Range 5 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona. The Agricultural Lease contains 1,203 acres more or less on allotted land.

## Garden Project looking for more volunteers for picking and harvesting

**Mikhail Sundust**  
Gila River Indian News

The Community Garden Project has come a long way in a short period of time, but it still has a long way to go. To boost involvement, project managers are asking Community members for more help and offering gardening classes.

In May, the Gila River Health Care Life Center and the Gila River Indian Irrigation & Drainage District implemented grant funding to create a garden run for Community members, by Community members.

In only two and a half months, the garden has produced a number of squash, corn, beans, and chilies. The garden also has a new chain link fence to keep out pests.

Norman Wellington, an agriculturalist from District 4, was hired to manage the community garden. He received a considerable amount of help from three young hands, who worked at the garden for seven weeks during the school summer break through the Employment & Training Department's WIOA Youth Summer Program.

Some of the yellow squash have already produced a bountiful harvest, said Wellington. "The kids

were taking them home. [Others] were taking home squash on a daily basis."

Earlier in the summer, a number of volunteers gave the garden a jump-start by planting and moving earth. More recently, people have gone to the garden to pick ripe squash.

"There are people that have come through and asked to pick," said Wellington. "A couple groups, the kids that worked [here for the] summer, their families came through, and... there was a group from... the LDS (Latter Day Saints) church that came through."

Other plants need a little more help and a little more time. The plants have had a tough time developing at a normal pace because they were planted too late in the season.

Sonny Nieto, the GRIIDD agricultural specialist, said due to delays in the preparation of the garden area, they were behind by almost a month and a half. They would like to have planted in mid-March, but didn't get started until May. "Hopefully next year we'll be able to plant on time," he said.

But Nieto and Wellington are expecting a resurgence from the garden with slightly cooling temperatures and the monsoon

rains.

Looking at the tomato plants, Nieto said, "When it starts cooling off, they'll blossom again, and start producing again – and the chilies too. We could see a second crop."

They are hopeful that volunteers will return as well.

Recently, community participation has dropped. Garden Project administrators are asking for volunteers to help clean up the garden, prepare it for harvesting, and pick the vegetables when they are ready, which should be in a few weeks.

Nieto, Wellington and retired agricultural specialist Bob Sotomayor will begin hands-on gardening lessons open to all Community members beginning Saturday, August 20. Subsequent classes are planned for Saturdays, Sept. 3, 17, and 24. Each class will cover a different aspect of gardening. Classes will be held at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital's Diabetes Support Center in Building 11.

GRIIDD also offers free gardening soil and seed to Community members. To contact the Community Garden Project, call (520) 610-2646.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

**Chilies from the Community Garden Project, which was implemented in May, from grant funding to have a GRIC garden ran by Community members for members.**



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

**Corn, squash, beans and chilies grow on a patch at the Community Garden in District 4.**

### Letters to the Editor

## Environmental tips to decrease waste and pollution

My name is not important. I am not a scientist nor a journalist. However I am a GRIC member and a concerned human being.

I only know enough to take a step and reach out to all you beautiful people to learn how to do your part.

Let us think of ways we can help Mother Earth right now.

1. Manage your electricity. Use LED light bulbs. Keep lights off when not in need, unplug appliances that are not being

used on the daily.

2. Recycle/reuse

3. Plant a tree (trees play a huge role in trapping carbon dioxide out of the air).

4. Save on gas, we can carpool or ride on the transportation bus IF POSSIBLE.

5. Cut your laundry days in half. 6. You see trash pick it up anywhere and everywhere.

7. Eat out less. Making more home-cooked meals means less waste.

8. Take shorter showers.

9. Use both sides of paper.

10. Use cloths to clean around your house like furniture, bathrooms etc. Cut up those old t-shirts. Also try replacing paper towels with cloth rags.

11. Use cloth diapers. Now these come in handy. I myself am using these for my baby during the day and at night I use a disposable one. Less trash.

12. Use natural cleaners.

These are more than a few ideas on where to start. It's going to be chal-

lenging (trust me I know) I've made a few changes to my household as well, but we have to try. I know how important this movement is for Mother Earth. And besides, we have no where else to live. Do you?

Just think how our ancestors used to live long ago no electricity, no vehicles, no high technology, and no fast food.

Wouldn't you say that is amazing? I would say that I am positive some of you will make changes however little or big

IT MATTERS. We can manage. It's our Himdag-Yemathoy .

In closing, I pray we can all be in this change together. Remember Mother Earth needs us just as much as we need her. And I would only hope that our children and our children's children could only benefit from small things like this to preserve and protect our surrounding life.

I leave you with a quote from Former Governor Richard P. Narcia. That I've read and seems

appropriate.

"As the sun moves and is reinstated by the moon, the natural differences may be measured by intensity, but still may lead you to the road of progress. Our people, our heritage and traditions are often reflected upon our amazing land of desert. We have kept our way safe throughout time and now the natural order of sharing is present. Venwa. Enjoy."

- Tiffany Bernal

## The value of a college degree

Learning is just a benefit of gaining financial stability and better career opportunities through a college degree. However, there is much to debate about the topic. According to College Atlas website, "... College graduates are typically more satisfied with their careers than individuals with a high school diploma[s]. ..." ("The Benefits of a College Degree").

The article explains, a college degree is worth

every penny. Students benefit from their college education all their lives. There are those who believe that college is not worth the time or commitment because many people cannot find viable jobs after they graduate. New graduates see growing debt in their future. Some see college as a way to collect debt; however, a college education is beneficial by providing financial stability and better career opportunities.

Financial stability is a benefit that comes with a college education. According to College Atlas website, "Individuals who only finish some college have a lifetime earnings estimate of \$1.55 million. And those with a high school diploma can look forward to earning about \$1.3 million over their lifetime." Without a college education graduates will be looking at a lower income than those who have earned degrees.

Nevertheless, higher earning potential is merely a bonus with financial stability, as noted in the College Atlas website.

According to the United States Census Bureau, individuals achieve [sic] the following degree levels earned the following median annual salaries: PhD's, \$100,000 or more; Masters, \$63,000; Bachelor's \$55,700; Associate's \$42,000; high school diploma \$32,500.

However, these kinds of statistics do not lie—I have had experience firsthand. I worked at Mc-

Donald's 40 plus hours a week, and I barely made \$19,000 in a year with no high school diploma or GED. As I pursued a GED, that benefited me in more than one way. Lone Butte Casino accepted me with my new credentials and experience. I moved to the Lone Butte Casino, became a cage cashier, and I made \$45,000 in nine months with benefits.

A college degree is invaluable and well supported with better career opportunities. One with a college education will

also gain a more diverse world knowledge, and significant experiences as well as a holistic view of life, all of which will benefit them in their personal and work life. Those who have invested time and money, and committed their lives to improve the future have earned a college degree.

"The Benefits of a College Degree." *The Benefits of a College Degree*. 16 July 2015. Web. 9 Dec. 2015.

- Victoria Baker

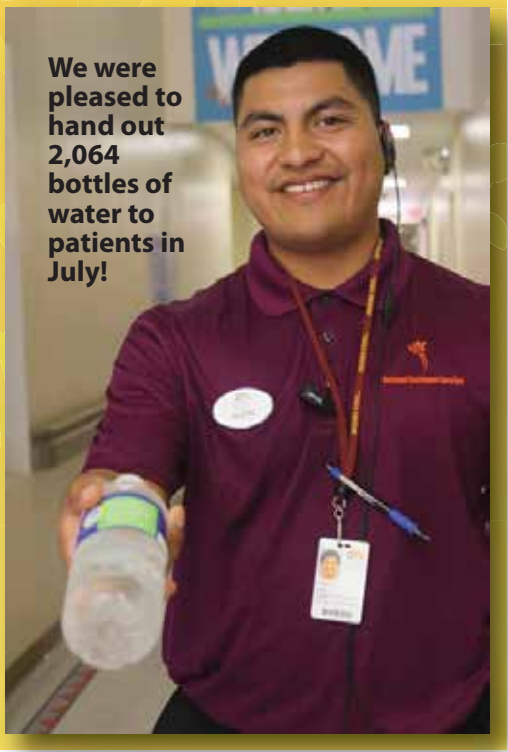


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If you are accessing Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital from the north parking lot, pull up to our convenient Temporary Lobby Patient Drop-Off Zone. Our Customer Service Representatives will give you a bottle of water and help you navigate to your destination. We can provide wheelchair assistance if needed as well. You can even call ahead and let us know when you are arriving.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we improve your experience at Gila River Health Care.

To call ahead for assistance or for any questions or comments, please call (520) 562-3321 and ask to be connected with the Customer Service front desk. Visit GRHC.ORG for more information.



We were pleased to hand out 2,064 bottles of water to patients in July!



**UPCOMING GRHC EVENTS AND CLOSURES**

**Native American Day Closure**

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

**HHKMH Saturday clinic will be closed September 17.**

Normal business hours will resume Monday, September 19, 2016.

For more information, please visit [grhc.org/NADay](http://grhc.org/NADay)

**2016 Day of Hope for Professionals**

**September 10, 2016**

**"Honoring People...Connecting Hope with Care"**

You are invited if you provide direct, health-related services to Gila River Indian Community Members. No fee. Register now!

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass

For more information and to register, please visit [grhc.org/DOHFP](http://grhc.org/DOHFP)

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**Waila for Education**  
at the Huhugam Heritage Center  
Back to School Piast  
!!!FREE TO THE PUBLIC!!!

Waila Festival, Inc. in partnership with the Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department  
A Benefit for the **Sister Tribes Academic Reward Scholarship (STAR Scholarship)** to be awarded at **WailaFest 2016**

**Pickup Kings**  
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Also: Vah-Jee-Caw Awk-Awk Whowah Mawth Choogh-Cum (Oriole Women's Basket Dancers)  
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Student Groups, Tribal Departments, Local Artists, Food, Refreshments & Family Fun

**Saturday, August 27, 2016 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm**  
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Help Support the Sister Tribes Academic Reward Scholarship

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For More Information Please Contact: **Matt Kisto 602-380-7957**  
Waila Festival, Inc., GRIC Tribal Education Department, the Hohugam Heritage Center and its volunteers are not liable for any injury, theft or damage to Any person or personal property during this event

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*na:tha chu:shachtham* →

*vathop o'ithamdam* →

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*chi:no cheg'giatham* →

# O'ODHAM VETERANS CELEBRATION



## **AUGUST 27**

312 N. Chief Avenue  
White River, AZ 85941  
Contact: Dennis at 928.594.0273  
d.faden@hotmail.com

## **SEPTEMBER 24**

Gila River Indian Community  
Vah Ki District 5 / Multi-purpose Bldg.  
3456 W. Casa Blanca Rd., Bapchule, AZ 85121  
Contact: Doug at 602.327.5973  
douglas.jan@gric.nsn.us

## **OCTOBER 8**

Salt River Pima – Maricopa Indian Community  
Salt River Community Building  
1880 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Contact: Pacer Reina at 480.362.7490  
pacer.reina@srbmic-nsn.gov

## **NOVEMBER 19**

Lopez-Hernandez American Legion Post #95  
2256 S. 3rd Ave, Solomon, AZ 85551  
Contact: Hal at 928.235.1980  
halherbert8@gmail.com  
Ray at 928.965.0785  
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## **DECEMBER 5**

Tohono O'odham Nation  
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