

Gila River royalty hosts farewell banquet

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Miss Gila River and Junior Miss Gila River and their attendants gave thanks to the Community during a farewell banquet at the District 2 Hashan Kehk Multipurpose building on Feb. 13.

Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington said it was an honor to represent the Community. "I was able to put a face to the name and be an ambassador for my Community."

Jr. Miss Gila River Charisma Quiroz gave a big thanks to her supporters for encouraging her to run for the title of Jr. Miss.

"I can't thank everyone enough for the opportunity, it was something that a lot of people had told me to do and I just went for it," said Quiroz.

Each member of the GRIC royalty encouraged the next generation of girls to run for and Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River titles because it is a chance to get to know the Community more and to serve as representatives of the people and culture.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "These young ladies that you see here are good examples of what our Community is all about. To lead the next generation of contestants as examples is an accomplishment."

He spoke highly of the contestants that will be bidding for the 2016 title of Miss/Jr. Miss Gila River.

"It is within this same spirit that we have bright young ladies that will carry the titles of Junior and Miss Gila River forward," said Lewis.

In a show of thanks Whittington and Quiroz handed out



Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington addresses her supporters at the farewell banquet with Jr. Miss Gila River Second Attendant Siaskek Lucero, Jr. Miss Gila River Charisma Quiroz and Miss Gila River First Attendant Cheyenne Jackson.

roses for the contributions of their supporters and for being mentors during their reign.

In the same gesture, recognition was given to the former Miss Gila River titleholders and the Miss Gila River Royalty Committee for building the foundation of a long tradition of showcasing the spirit and history of the Community.

Afterwards, a social dance by the Hashan Kehk Basket Dancers invited the audience join the festivities, along with Whittington and Quiroz.

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Some of the Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss Gila River contestants, from left, Lehua Lani Dosela, Karissa Corinne Mark, Deirdre Copperfield and Oriana Apkaw with Royalty Committee member Reylynn Williams.

Procession and blessing honors Chief Antonio Azule



Jaime Jackson/CPAO

Traditional basket dancers honor the late Chief Antonio Azule on Feb. 15 in Sacaton.

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On the day when the United States of America honored U.S. presidents past and present, the Gila River Indian Community took the time to recognize one of their own leaders from the past.

A procession and blessing held in Sacaton, District 3, paid respects to the late Chief Antonio Azule on Feb. 15.

The procession started at Azule's old homesite and ended at his resting place in Sacaton.

Traditional male runners started the procession followed by dancers, singers, horse riders, the American Legion Post 51, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Community Council representatives.

Chief Azule fought for the O'otham and Pee Posh in battle and also in Washington D.C., in establishing GRIC's water rights.

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THE WOMEN'S AKIMEL O'ODHAM THOKA CHICHVITHAM AND COMMUNITY MEMBER WAYLON PAHONA NAMED GRAND MARSHALS FOR THE 2016 MUL-CHU-THA PARADE

The Grand Marshals selections for the parade exemplify and reflect the parade's theme: "Celebrating Culture through Health and Wellness"

The Mul-Chu-Tha Parade organizers are elated to announce the selection of the *Women's Akimel O'odham Thoka Chichvitham* and *Waylon Pahona*, a Community member and creator of the Health Active Natives (HANs) as the official Grand Marshals of the 2016 Mul-Chu-Tha Parade scheduled for Sat., Mar. 12, 2016.

The Akimel O'odham Thoka Chichvitham, in existence since 2002 exemplifies the true cultural characteristics that are core to the game of Thoka. Players learn the game from their elders and women who are very familiar with how the game should be played. Thoka is more than a game; it teaches traditional elements, learning of songs, and the importance of mastering the skills of Thoka. Each player holds their mesquite Thoka stick proudly as this is a tool that requires skill and a game that demands great stamina.

The game of Thoka, is a traditional O'odham game played by females, and believed to have been

played since the beginning of time. History indicates the game was played in a desert setting as women were out gathering food and waiting for the men to return from hunting. It is a women's game that includes specific rituals and protocols related to the play of the game, and includes songs related specifically to the game of Thoka. It is a physical game, and endurance is an important quality of the players.

As they play the game, young women gain self-esteem and build upon their self-confidence as O'odham women.

Waylon Pahona Jr. is Maricopa Pee-Posh/ Hopi & Tewa from District 7. He spent more than ten years within the Gila River Indian Community employed by WIA (Workforce Investment Act), as a Youth Coordinator for five years, and five years with Gila River Health Care as a Lead Staff Trainer.

Waylon is well known for transforming his life and being the founder/creator of Healthy Active Natives (HANs). The HANs social networking group on Facebook currently has over 60,000 HANs members

nationally and internationally. Waylon's journey has motivated and inspired many people across the nation to join the HANs movement. When Creating Healthy Active Native's in 2012, Waylon's vision was for HANs to be a space where Natives of all fitness levels are welcome and uses positive reinforcement to pick each other up when it seems impossible to make positive changes.



2015 Inchielum, Washington Running for Teen Suicide Awareness in the Okanogan Nation

Who has the Best Frybread at Mul-Chu-Tha ?

The annual Mul-Chu-Tha Frybread Contest is here once again! Contestants from near and far will gather to see who will come out on top as the best frybread maker.

The competition, which has been a part of the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo for over 5 years, is a time to celebrate "popovers," which is a staple food that originated about 140 years ago among Native people. Frybread can be found at most Native gatherings from powwows. To tribal

fairs and is served in a variety of ways.

Participants in the frybread contest are judged upon several factors, which include texture, color, thickness and most importantly taste! Last year, 19-year-old Alyson Shirley became the youngest contestant to ever win the competition. Later in the year Alyson went on to become crowned the 2015-2016 Miss Navajo Nation, highlighting her frybread cooking skills once more as part of the required criteria to participate in the pageant.

This year will bring out the top contenders to see who has what it takes to be named the best. Come out to this years contest and witness the patting, flopping, and flipping and maybe even sample a bite or two!

The contest, open to Native American women (with tribal I.D.) will be held Fri. Mar. 11, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Culture Circle venue. No entry fee is required.

"May the best Frybread win!"

For event locations and times please visit:

www.mul-chu-tha.com

Mul-Chu-Tha events list:

February, 25-27, 2016

•Tee-Ball Tournament

March 3, 2016

•Elder Chair Volleyball

March 3-5, 2016

•Little League
•Co-ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

March 4, 2016

•Jr. Miss Gila River Royalty Pageant

March 5, 2016

•Miss Gila River Royalty Pageant
•Half Marathon Footrace & Walk

March 10-13, 2016

•Co-ed Power Volleyball
•Women's All Indian Basketball Tournament
•Men's All Indian Basketball Tournament

March 10, 2016

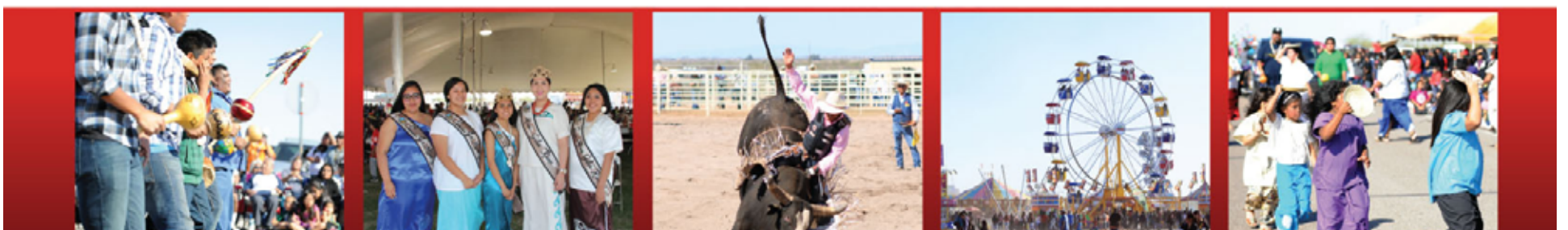
•All Indian Master's Rodeo

March 11, 2016

•All Indian Jr. Rodeo
•Community Day
•Carnival Rides (free from 5-7 p.m.)
•Horseshoe Tournament
•Frybread and Wood Chopping Contest
•Bull Bash

March 12-13, 2016

•54th Annual Parade
•Carnival Rides
•All Indian Rodeo
•Wild Horse Race
•Chicken Scratch Battle of the Bands
•Pow Wow
•Thoka Tournament (Sunday only)
•Car Show
•Cultural events
•Gospel Jam
•Bird Dance Contest
•Aerosol Art Exhibition





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HUD awards GRIC over \$7.6 million in housing block grant

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Gila River Indian Community received over \$7.6 million in an Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on Feb. 16. The block grants are given out every year to qualified tribes or their housing organizations to cover economical housing goals.

According to a HUD news release, over \$660 million was distributed among 567 Native American tribes in 35 states. In Arizona alone, HUD gave out a total of \$132,251,957 split among 19 Native communities, with the lion's share going to the Navajo Nation, who received over \$86 million.

The purpose of the IHBG is to help low-income families living in Native communities, support housing management services, and aid in figuring out low-cost housing issues.

Julian Castro, HUD Secretary, said of the grants, "Every family, every community in America, deserves the chance to flourish. Tribes use this funding to build new homes, or to solve their most pressing housing issues. Our partnerships with tribal communities and leaders are critical today to help ensure better housing, neighborhoods and economic opportunities for tomorrow."

The news release said that funding for all tribes was calculated based on an algorithm that took specific tribe's local needs and housing units into consideration.

Arizona Tribes Who Received IHBG Funds


1. Ak-Chin Indian Community - \$401,695
2. Cocopah Indian Tribe - \$871,628
3. CRIT- \$2,158,395
4. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation - \$102,723
5. Gila River Indian Community - \$7,677,694
6. Havasupai Indian Tribe - \$321,235
7. Hopi Tribe - \$6,170,719
8. Hualapai Indian Tribe - \$1,647,446
9. Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians - \$401,016
10. Navajo Nation - \$86,438,873
11. Pascua Yaqui Tribe - \$4,539,054
12. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community - \$2,288,363
13. San Carlos Apache Tribe - \$6,154,085
14. San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe - \$94,182
15. Tohono O'odham Nation - \$4,459,588
16. Tonto Apache Tribe - \$50,282
17. White Mountain Apache Tribe - \$7,117,384
18. Yavapai-Apache Nation of Camp Verde - \$1,271,313
19. Yavapai-Prescott Tribe - \$50,282

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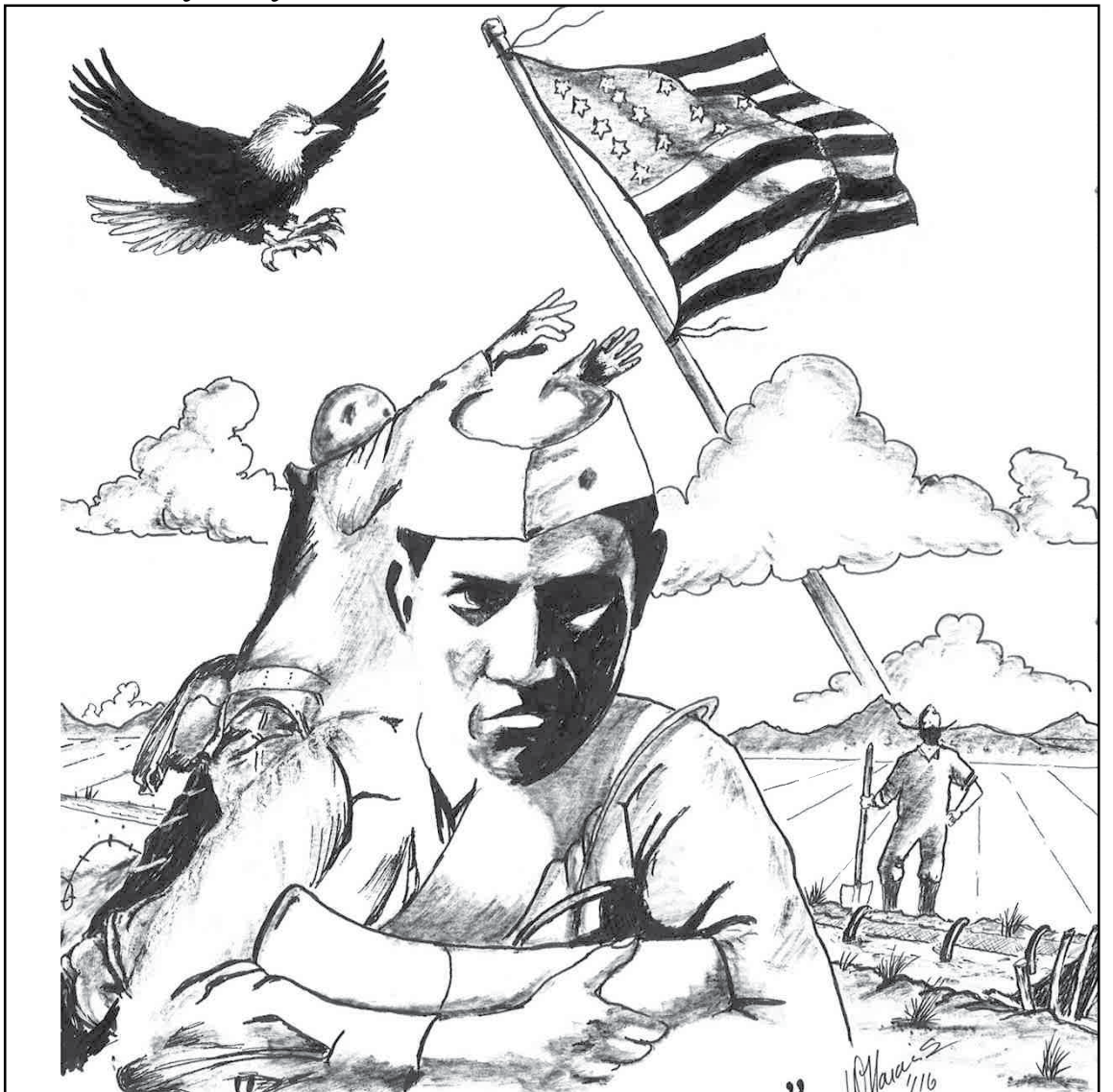
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Victor Antone new Chief Judge



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Victor Antone received 38.49 percent of the Feb. 9 vote.

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Victor Antone, District 4, won the election for Chief Judge on Feb. 9, and the results were certified at the second regular monthly meeting of the Community Council on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Antone defeated Donna Kisto-Jones and former Chief Judge Anthony J. Hill.

Antone's 38.49 percent of the vote surpassed Kisto-Jones's 34.03 percent and Hill's 24.97 percent.

Of the 717 total ballots

cast overall, 276 voted for Antone, 244 voted for Kisto-Jones and 179 voted for Hill. Write-in candidates received 18 votes.

Ballots were open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a polling site in each district.

District 3 had the largest voter turnout with 144 total ballots cast, followed by District 5 at 120 and District 6 at 118.

Antone was raised in Upper San Tan and currently resides in San Tan (Gila Buttes) with his wife Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, two step daughters and grandchildren.

Community Events

Ongoing
Karate Little Dragons
Every Tuesday and
Thursday
Thru March 31
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Vah Ki Multipurpose
Building

Elders Chair Yoga
Every Monday and
Wednesday
Thru March 23
9:15 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Vah Ki Multipurpose
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lice Academy**
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Saturday, February 20
**Iwo Jima Flag Rais-
ing
71st Anniversary**
Parade and Ceremony
8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February
24
**Teen Dating Violence
Awareness**
by Crime Victims
Services
"Kaity's Way"
D6 Boys & Girls Club
4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 25

**Science & Engineer-
ing Fair**
Pre-K thru High
School
District 5 Service
Center
8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, February 26
**Elders Appreciation
Day**
Doo-Wop, Soul &
Rock 'n Roll
Huhugam Heritage
Center
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Friday, March 4
King of the Skills
District 5 Ballpark
6 p.m.

Friday, March 4

**Jr. Miss Gila River
Pageant**

Gila Crossing Com-
munity School
6 p.m.
AND

Saturday, March 5
**Miss Gila River
Pageant**
Gila Crossing Com-
munity School
5 p.m.

Saturday, March 5
**21st Annual NAPC
Pow Wow**
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GRIC membership increases by 300 according to latest count

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A recent enrollment count of Gila River Indian Community members shows that tribal membership increased by just over

300 members since Dec. 31, 2014.

According to Resolution GR-23-16, the Community's official enrollment as of Dec. 31, 2015 is 21,814, an increase of 304

from the 21,511 counted the previous year.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone signed the resolution certifying the membership count at the Feb. 3 regular Community Council meet-

ing.

The official membership roll of the Community was gathered by the Enrollment Office located in the Governance Center in Sacaton.

FY 2017 Proposed Budget increases funding for Tribal communities

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At the White House Tribal Nations Conference in 2015, President Obama stated that the United States and Indian Country could build a better future together, and with the release of his Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 proposed budget, it appears that is exactly his intention before leaving office.

According to a U.S. Department of Interior and Indian Health Services news releases, President Obama's FY 2017 budget for Indian Affairs, which includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education, requested \$2.9 billion, an overall increase of \$137.6 million from last year's budget. Additionally, the budget proposal requested \$6.6 billion for the Indian Health Services, a \$402 million increase from last year's budget.

The increase in funds is in an effort by the Obama Administration to fully meet the U.S.'s responsibility to all 567 federally recognized tribes. Part of that endeavor is to foster tribal self-determination and governance by generating opportunities for Native youth, supporting Native families and communities, tribal nation-building, preparing tribal communities for climate change, and resolving tribal water rights claims.

"President Obama's



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President Barack Obama.

[FY] 2017 budget request for Indian Affairs embodies his belief that a federal budget that addresses trust and treaty responsibilities with comprehensive, coordinated federal resources promotes strong, resilient tribal nations," said acting Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Lawrence S. Roberts. "I'm very pleased this budget continues the President's long-standing commitment to our Nation-to-Nation relationship and to our mission of promoting tribal sovereignty

for the prosperity of future generations."

Out of the total \$2.9 billion being requested for Indian Affairs, \$1.1 billion of that investment is being sought for the BIE, which is in support of that bureau's multi-year transformation. The report stated that the transformation will help:

- Improve opportunities and outcomes in the classroom;
- Expand multi-generational programs to advance early childhood development;

- Provide improved educational instructional services and teacher quality;

- Promote enhanced language and culture programs;

- Enhance broadband and digital access; and
- Support tribal control of student education.

The news release stated that because of disproportionate rates of poverty and lack of access to services that tribal communities frequently experience, the proposed budget includes \$21 million for the BIA to support the growth of the Tiwahe initiative.

Tiwahe, meaning family in Lakota, is an initiative that promotes support to tribal communities, family stability, and child welfare by increasing funds for public safety, human services, court, and job training programs.

The news release said that included in the budget request is \$17.4 million over FY 2016 for BIA Human Services programs, with increases of:

- \$12.3 million for Social Services to provide more services to tribes and tribal organizations within their Social Services programs;

- \$3.4 million for Indian Child Welfare Act programs to maintain placement of children within their tribal community;

- \$1.7 million to improve access to suitable housing for Indian families

with children.

Budget Supports Improve-
ments for IHS

The Obama Administration has increased funding to IHS by 53 percent since 2008, and the FY 2017 budget request is 6.5 percent more than last year's. According to an IHS news release, the increased funding is to address the health disparity between Natives in comparison with other Americans and improve quality of care within tribal communities.

Robert G. McSwain, IHS principal deputy director, said in the release, "This budget accurately reflects the challenges the Indian health system faces in providing comprehensive health care and public health service in some of the most remote parts of our country. As IHS responds to improving quality of care – from new requirements for health information technology to the federal government's commitment to honor the sovereign right of tribes by fully funding Contract Support Costs – these resources are necessary to raise the physical, mental, social and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level."

The requested budget includes \$363 million for behavioral health services and includes:

- \$15 million for the Generation Indigenous program for Native youth.

- \$4 million to implement Zero Suicide, a strategy to reduce/eliminate suicide in ten pilot projects.

- \$2 million to pilot aftercare services at Youth Regional Treatment Centers.

- \$21 million to support integration of behavioral health with primary care services.

- \$4 million increase for the Domestic Violence Prevention Program.

Additionally, the proposed budget intends to fully fund Contract Support Costs at \$800 million, \$570 million for facilities and environmental health programs including \$103 million for sanitation facilities, \$932 million for the Purchased/Referred Care program, and \$20 million more to upgrade health Information Technology systems.

"I've often acknowledged the painful history, the broken promises that are part of our past," said President Obama at the 2015 White House Tribal Nations Conference. "And I've said that while we couldn't change the past, working together, nation-to-nation, we could build a better future. I believed this not only because America has a moral obligation to do right by the tribes and treaty obligations, but because the success of our tribal communities is tied up with the success of America as a whole."

Gila River sports leagues growing in popularity

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For many of us, when the clock strikes 5 p.m. and co-workers begin to silently slip out of the office, the thought of home, a soft couch, and a warm meal is the happy culmination of a hard-worked day.

But for hundreds of GRIC men, women, and children, the end of the workday is just the beginning of a Winter League basketball game or chair volleyball match.

And while the Winter League recently wrapped up their season on Feb. 8, the Tribal Recreation and Wellness Department, which organizes the seasonal league, is already busy preparing for Mul-Chu-Tha and the upcoming Summer League.

Kelly Whitman, Recreation Sports Coordinator, said that both Winter and Summer leagues have doubled in size over the past three years, and she believes that the number of participants will continue to grow in the future.

"I think this year, it is going to be a lot more, considering we aren't [going to limit team numbers], we are going to allow as many

teams as possible that want to play," said Whitman.

The Winter League is made up of about 300 people, said Whitman. It consists of elder's chair volleyball and basketball. Basketball is split up into five different categories; 5 to 8-year-olds, 9 to 12-year-olds, 13 to 14-year-olds, adult co-ed, and departmental where anyone who is employed by GRIC can participate.

Of all the groups though, the youth categories have the most participants and evening games become local sports spectacles as community members drop by to watch the entertaining matches.

"The kids are here everyday practicing," said Whitman. During the evenings [the Wellness Center] is filled. "On Saturdays, it is standing room only, just with people coming to watch, people will call here asking if there are any games. They call, they text, Facebook me and ask what the schedule is with the kids."

With Winter League over, and when the many tournaments of Mul-Chu-Tha name their champions, the Tribal Recreation and Wellness Department



The Rebels from District 4 play the Roadrunners from District 3 at the Wellness Center in Sacaton for the Elder Chair Volleyball tournament. Jujudum from District won the Championship.

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continues full-steam-ahead into the Sac City Jam, a high school basketball tournament and then into the Summer League, which begins in May.

The Summer League consists of all things baseball, from t-ball to little league, and softball. And just as the Winter League's popularity has risen, so has the Summer League's number of participants, with hundreds of athletes from the Community and sur-

rounding areas coming to play ball.

"It's been a huge success, especially our little league teams," said Whitman. "There are teams coming out from every district, and we have surrounding communities that also play...we have [Tohono O'odham] teams, we have teams from Ak-Chin, and Salt River." We also have teams from Casa Grande and a couple from Guadalupe, she added.

And while the popularity of the leagues is positive, the large number of participants has created another issue.

Because of the large number of players, especially on the little-league teams, which can have up to 20 participants, the coaches can become overwhelmed, said Whitman, with many coaches volunteering their free time after a long day at work.

While coaching a team

can be challenging said Whitman, "I really commend the coaches and parents for taking the time to do that."

If you are interested in joining one of the leagues, contact Kelly Whitman at the Tribal Recreation and Wellness Department at kelly.whitman@gric.nsn.us or by calling 520-562-2025.

Tribal Recreation Sports Leagues Results:
Elder Chair Volleyball:
Champions - Jujudum (D5)
2nd - Mustangs (D5)
3rd - Rebels (D4)
Departmental Basketball:
Champions - Wellness Center
2nd - Bucks
3rd - Gila River Health Care
Youth Basketball (5-8):
Champions - Gila River
2nd - Lil Braves
3rd - Lil Chumaths (D3)
Youth Basketball (9-12):
Champions - Snaketown (D4)
2nd - Gila River (D3)
3rd - Bears (D4)
Youth Basketball (13-14):
Champions - Snaketown (D4)
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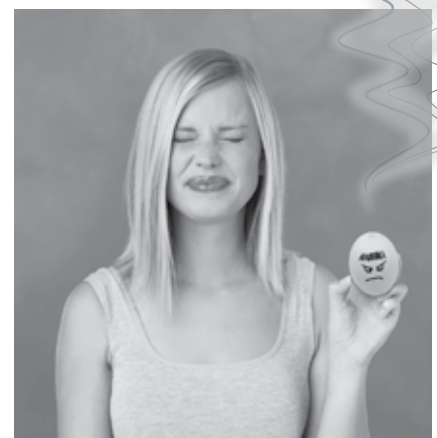
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Pony Express invites GRIC to 2016 Cowboy Days and O'odham Tash

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The 2016 Casa Grande Cowboy Days & O'odham Tash Pony Express stopped by GRIC on the morning of Feb. 5, inviting the Community to the event's festivities.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, a long with 2015 Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington and Jr. Miss Gila River Charisma Quiroz, were present to hand off the Community's mail to the group of riders, with Casa Grande city councilman Dick Powell formally accepting the letters.

The Pony Express riders traveled for two days, Feb. 4 and 5, meeting with local leaders from the communities of Maricopa, Casa Grande, Cottonwood, GRIC, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Eloy, Coolidge, and Florence.

"We reach out to all of the surrounding communi-

ties inviting all the dignitaries to the [rodeo events]," said Deb Eve, Chairman of the Pony Express group. "We like to get the kids involved by [collecting their] letters and we put these letters in the mail bag...and it goes through the whole ride with us and in the end all these letters will go back to the Casa Grande post office."

The annual invitation by the Pony Express group has become a custom over the years and was started more than 25 years ago by former Gilbert Post Office worker Charlotte McGrew.

The customary occasion acts as a promotional event for local communities to join the annual Casa Grande Cowboy Days & O'odham Tash, which was held this year from Feb. 12-21.

Festivities included the Cowboy Classic Golf tournament, a carnival, softball



From left, front: Jr. Miss Charisma Quiroz, Casa Grande Councilman Dick Powell, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington with Pony Express riders at the Pony Express invitation ceremony, which was held in Sacaton on Feb. 5.

tournament, toka tournament, parade and more. The main rodeo events were held from Feb. 14-15 at the Ed Hooper Memorial Arena located at 2525 N. Pinal

Ave. in Casa Grande, AZ. The rodeo and fair featured members of many local Native communities including GRIC, the Tohono O'odham Nation, Ak-Chin

Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and more. "We would like to thank [GRIC] for all of their continued support

throughout all of the years," said Eve. "Allowing us to come up...and be a part of [the] community, and we appreciate the hospitality [shown] every year.

St. Peter Indian Mission School students offer song and dances at Council Meeting



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, above, poses with students from St. Peter Indian Mission School who performed at the Feb. 3 Community Council meeting in recognition of Catholic Schools week and the continued support from the Community. Right, students sing dance and greet Community Council members.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

On the morning of Feb. 3, 45 students from St. Peter Indian Mission School preformed the traditional Coyote Dance in front of the GRIC Council at the Governance Center as part of the Annual National Catholic Schools week, held from Jan. 31- Feb. 6.

According to Sister Pam, St. Peter Mission School's junior high school teacher, the reason for the students dancing and singing at the Governance Center was to honor Catholic education and show gratitude to the Community for their support of the school.

"It's a time to celebrate

Catholic education, to give thanks to our parents, ...to give thanks to the students, and on [Feb. 3], to give thanks to the Community," she said.

It is "because of the tribe that we can provide for the kids, their culture class, music, art, [and] P.E.," Pam said.

"We went there to give our gratitude and thanks for all the support that [GRIC] gives to the school," she

added. The students, made up of the boys and girls of the school's seventh and eighth grade classes, including

students from student council, practiced the Coyote Dance under the direction of Corinna Harrison, Albert Cruz, and Bryson Hall.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

St. Peter Indian Mission School students at Community Council on Feb. 3.



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Auppa Hiosig Mashath Match the O’otham single and plural terms with their pictures!



Speaking in terms of one and many in O’otham

Just about every language spoken around the world has a way to express the difference between one and many (singular vs. plural). In English this is done simply by placing an “s” type sound at the end of the word you are referring to. For example in English we say “cat” when specifically talking about one animal but “cats” when talking about more than one. Our Akimel O’otham ñeok also expresses the difference between one and many, but utilizes an entirely different way of transforming the word than what we see in English. Rather than changing the end of the word by adding a specific ending (like in English), in O’otham ñeok we change the very beginning of the word by doubling or partially doubling the first portion. An example is the word goks, which when said only refers to one dog. To say the plural form when you want to talk about a lot of dogs you would have to double the first part of the word, making gogoks. If you wanted to be more specific you can always add in a number or a descriptive word to specify the number of dogs you are referring to like hethasp gogoks (five dogs) or muij gogoks (many dogs).

This is a general description of how to make words plural in O’otham ñeok but like in every language there are exceptions to this rule. For example, with the word ban (coyote), when you want to talk about many coyotes you have to drag out the duplicated vowel and say ba:ban. Maybe this is because ban wanted to make himself special in some way but there are a group of special words where the duplicated portion is dragged out a little. Other examples include chukud/chu:chkud (Great Horned Owl), mad/ma:mad (child) and nov/nov:nov (hand). Another exception can be seen in the word kaso (Kit Fox). To talk about many Kit Foxes you don’t double the word to say *kakaso, instead you say kakso by doubling the word then shortening it by getting rid of the inside vowel. Another example like this is the word koson (packrat) that becomes kokson when talking about many. Lastly, there are some words that don’t have a separate plural form at all, the word that we say in O’otham ñeok refers to both the singular and plural forms. Examples of these include chuchul (chicken/chickens), thothoñ (ant/ants),

ho’okimal (butterflies), mu:ñ (pinto beans) and shu:thag (water). These words never change and as you hear them you can note that some of them are already doubled. This little lesson is just to give you a small sample of how intricate and wonderfully complex our language is and it is something our Community should continue and cherish. On the 21st day of this month the world will celebrate International Mother Language Day. This day was inaugurated on May 16, 2007 when the United Nations General Assembly created a resolution calling upon Member States “To promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by Peoples of the world.” The languages of our Community, both Akimel O’otham and Piipaash, are a vital part of our Community’s identity and cultural patrimony that identify us as a unique people living in this world. As with everything, we encourage you to ask your elders or speakers in your family and village as there may be slight differences due to the dialects in our Community and we encourage you to continue learning and continue speaking our languages with one other.

kakso



ba:ban



hu’u



ban



thothoñ



kasó



ho’okimal



mu:ñ



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GRIC Royalty Farewell banquet from Page 1



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington, far right, stands with nine former Miss Gila River titleholders during the GRIC Royalty Farewell banquet held in District 2 on Feb. 13.

attendant Siasek Lucero reflected on her reign. “It helped me become a better woman and helped me understand my culture and community more, especially appreciating who I am as an O’otham person,” she said.

According to Luce-ro, the future is bright for the next Jr. Miss Gila River contestants, because it compliments the Miss Gila River title on platforms per-

continent to the Community.

Now that she is almost finished, Lucero can focus more on her education as a freshman at Central Arizona College and she would like to come back to work for the Community as a preschool teacher.

Miss Gila River First Attendant Cheyenne Jackson said she is looking forward to seeing the next royalty and hopes they continue to work together and

continue to volunteer as they venture out to all the districts.

“It was a sisterhood, that you never knew you would form with a random person. That was the important part of our reign together, supporting each other,” she said.

Jackson said it was about fulfilling her platform on bringing awareness to the youth about mental illness and teen suicide.

Her commitment to her platform won’t end, because Jackson would like to become a behavioral health counselor.

Whittington still holds the title of Second Attendant to Miss Indian Arizona royalty until October of this year.

2016 Miss Gila River Contestants

- Kristy Antone (D1)
- Oriana Apkaw (D4)
- Vila Huerta (D6)

2016 Jr. Miss Gila River Contestants

- Karissa Mark (D3)
- Deirdre Copperfield (D5)
- Lehua Lani Dosela (D7)

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES PRESENTS: TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



SKATEBOARD COMPETITION

FEBRUARY 27th 2016

District #3 Sacaton Skate Park

Community Only

Age Divisions: 7-9,10-15,16-UP!

Registration Starts: @9:30

Competition Start @10-2pm

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE NEEDED FOR WAIVER

For more information, please contact: Crime Victim Services (520) 562-4106



Crime Victims Services Event Sheds Light on Teen Dating Violence



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Bobbi Lynn Sudberry engages youth during the Teen Dating Violence presentation at District 5 on Feb. 2. Sudberry is the president of Kaity's Way, a non-profit organization.

Christopher Lomahquahu share, we cant forget about Gila River Indian News teen violence.”

When you know someone is in danger and is being abused, it can be challenging and angering to see them go through such a harrowing experience.

Unfortunately this is the kind of plot that unfolds in the lives of teenagers who become the victims of dating violence.

The Crime Victims Services (CVS) program hosted a Teen Dating Violence presentation at the District 5 Multipurpose Building on Feb. 2.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, a member of Arizona Governor Doug Ducey's Commission on Violence Against Women, said the partnership between the state and Community is about working together to address violence on all levels.

“We need to do outreach on teen violence dating,” said Antone. “We should be more engaged to

The event raises awareness about the dangers associated with dating and what to look for to determine if the relationship is abusive.

Most importantly the event promotes the message about standing up and saying no to an abuser.

Bobbi Lynn Sudberry of Tucson, is a parent and knows what it is like to see a loved one go through such a harrowing situation with a tragic ending.

In 2008, their 17-year old daughter Kaitlyn Sudberry was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend in a murder-suicide after she broke-up with him.

In response to Kaitlyn's death, Bobbi and her husband were successful in helping pass Kaity's Law or SB1088, which defines domestic violence as not just cohabitating couples, but includes relationships where two individuals are dating. The two also

co-founded Kaity's Way, a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization that was named after their daughter to provide education and awareness about teen dating violence.

For now the important part is to educate teens about the cycle of violence that can occur while dating.

CVS Coordinator Robin Begay said it is important to speak up about something that is going on in a relationship regardless if it is a male or female, the victim can do something to stop the abuse from escalating further.

What bystanders can do is help the victim according to Begay and Sudberry, because they also have a right to report any violent or intimidating behavior to the proper authorities.

Like Sudberry, no one should have to go through and watch the events unfold that result in the bodily harm or the loss of a loved one.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone has been working to address violence against women.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Audience members listen to speakers at the teen dating violence presentation.

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES EVENT

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

TAKE ACTION

GET INVOLVED

BREAK THE CYCLE

Presentation of **KAITY'S WAY** by Bobbi Sudberry



WHERE: D6 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

WHEN: FEBRUARY 24, 2016

TIME: 4:30PM-6:00PM

For more info call Crime Victim Services 520-562-4106



- Learn about Kaity's Law
- Warning signs of Dating Violence
- What you can do.
- What bystanders can do.
- Achieve and Maintain a Healthy Relationship
- And much more...



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE EAST VALLEY
Gila River Branch – Sacaton

SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE

FREE for enrolled members of Gila River.

For non-Community members, cost for Spring Break is \$5 per day

March 21st Monday	March 22nd Tuesday	March 23rd Wednesday	March 24th Thursday	March 25th Friday
Youth: MOVIE DAY Teens: Madden NFL Tournament	Youth: MISSION 2 Teens: Archery! 1pm - 3:30pm	Youth: Hiking 9am - 5:30pm Teens: Fishing 101	Youth: Picnic 10am - 2pm Teens: Fishing @ Lake Pleasant 10am - 5pm	CLUB CLOSED for GOOD FRIDAY

Spring Break Youth Hours: 8am - 5pm / Teen Hours: 10am - 6pm. Club Closed 3/25/16

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Ages 6-8 & 9-11

\$15 Registration Fee*

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Coyotes donate to Gila Crossing STEM and Robotics program

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community received a boost in education funds courtesy of the Arizona Coyotes.

The Arizona Coyotes donated \$5,000 to GRIC during the first period intermission in a game against the Calgary Flames at Gila River Arena in Glendale, Ariz. on Feb. 12.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and representatives from Gila Crossing Community School and Education Standing Committee were present to receive the generous donation from the Arizona Coyotes that will fund the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program at the school.

In a pre-broadcast airing on Fox Sports Arizona, Gov. Lewis along with sportscaster Todd Walsh did an overview of the Arizona Coyotes donation to the GCCS.

Included in the evening ceremonies, before the dropping of the puck the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 presented the col-

ors as the National Anthem was played.

“We are really raising youth leaders and we are looking at ways that we can really elevate them through education,” said Gov. Lewis. “The funding will provide opportunities for the students to work year round in creating their own robotic models and participate in local and state STEM competitions.”

He thanked the Arizona Coyotes President Anthony LeBlanc for presenting the check and said, “The partnership between the Arizona Coyotes, Gila River Casinos and the Gila River Indian Community has a long and rich history that began in 2006.”

The evening wasn’t just about the donation of funding for the STEM program, but was an added bonus for some of the GCCS students, because they will be the direct beneficiaries of the donation.

With the funding GCCS plans to expand their robotics program, which is in partnership with Honewell and receives cross sharing of information from the Sacaton Middle School robotics program.



Norm Hall Photography

Front row, District 1 Council Representative Joey Whitman, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, Arizona Coyotes President and CEO Anthony LeBlanc, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and District 1 Council Representative and Education Standing Committee Chairman Arzie Hogg. Back row, Tribal Education Director Isaac Salcido, GCCS School Board President Jason Jones, GCCS Principal Jeremy Copenhaver, Superintendent Sh’ree Jude and STEM instructor Karen McQueen.

“We plan to get five more robotic kits to add to the three that we already have. We would like to go and compete at RoboWave in Albuquerque,” said Karen McQueen, GCCS STEM and robotics instructor.

The 24 students, who

are in GCCS’s gifted and talented program, meet regularly on Friday evenings and sometimes Sunday.

“As we go along it will be a great experience for the students, because they will be able to put their

robotic skills to the test in Albuquerque,” said McQueen.

Among the donations recipient’s was McQueen, Education Standing Committee Chairman/Council Representative Arzie Hogg, ESC Vice Chairman

Joey Whitman, Tribal Education Department Director Isaac Salcido, GCCS Principal Jeremy Copenhaver, Superintendent Sh’ree Jude, GCCS school board president Jason Jones, and grants writer Justina Subia.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Gila Crossing Community School logo flashed on the scoreboard during the game.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gila Crossing Community School STEM students watch the game and check presentation.

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Elders Appreciation Day

Light Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Best 50's Dressed Prize
Chair Volleyball: HHC Staff vs Elders
Games | Contest

Doo-Wop, Soul & Rock 'n' Roll

Friday, February 26, 2016
9am - 2pm

Alice, trusted pet and companion, uplifts GRIC couple

Christopher Lomahquahu moving.
Gila River Indian News

For many Community members who own a dog, there is a closeness that is similar to having another member of the family.

Seven years ago, Arlene Holder, of District 4, and her husband Calvin Holder received a dog they named Alice.

For the Holders, Alice was unique because she wasn't the kind of breed you would normally see.

In fact Alice is a Shiba Inu, which is native to Japan and has been highly regarded as a dependable breed of canine that was used for hunting and with their keen senses are excellent watchdogs.

Alice's story is about the special relationship that formed between her and the people who took her in.

Alice caught their attention when she came to their previous home while they were in the process of

moving. "It wasn't the kind of thing you would normally expect, but there was something unique about her," Holder said.

For most people, a stray showing up to a home may not present any significance, but for the Holders, they knew this was something more.

"It is a blessing, because we decided that we should adopt a dog if we weren't going to be able to have children," she said.

In looking on the bright side she said, "Calvin and I had been praying for a child, but God has a sense of humor. He sent Alice instead."

When Alice came to be with her new family the Holders learned she was 15 years old, the maximum lifespan of a Shiba Inu.

One of the standout traits of a Shiba Inu is the loyalty toward their owners, which Alice would demonstrate time and time and again whenever they



Photo courtesy of Arlene Holder

Alice, a Shiba Inu, was a dependable pet and watch dog.

were on vacation, often sitting by the door for their return.

During times of mourning, Alice found a way to bring cheer into their lives especially after the passing of her father and mother-in-law

"It just shows how

much she has been a part of our lives," she said. "At times she is a motivator for my husband and I."

Her advice for people who would like to get a dog is to look for one that fits your family.

"What are some of the traits you think you will be

able to handle? And think about the level of care involved," she said. "We were lucky to get a dog that fit right into our family."

The important message for people to know is that dogs can make a world of difference in coping with loss, grief and depression.

Unfortunately in December 2015, a passing car struck Alice and she had to be put down.

Before Alice's passing they got a Maltese named Mariah to join their little family to keep Alice motivated in her old age and was able to keep her occupied during the day.

When Alice had her accident just days before Christmas, it was a hard situation, but with the support of her family and friends they were able to bring some cheer into their lives.

When they took Alice to the Animal Control shelter in District 5, she said the staff members Adrienne Clendon and Hector Rodriguez were compassionate about the situation and that she owes a lot of gratitude for their care of Alice.

"We believe God sent us Alice to be part of our family. We feel so blessed we had the chance to be part of her life," said Holder.

What's New at Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority?

2016 GRICUA CALENDARS
GRICUA's 2016 calendar features photos of original works of art made for GRICUA by Community Artists. GRICUA would like to thank Holly Metz and the Hohokam Heritage Center for taking the photographs. Limited quantities are left so stop by GRICUA today to pick up a copy.

Featured Employee
Esther Torres



My name is Esther Torres. I am a Staff Accountant here at GRICUA. I have been with GRICUA for almost 5 years and enjoy working for GRICUA and the Community. Some of my job duties include processing accounts receivables (GRICUA's bills) and being the benefits administrator for GRICUA's employees. I live in Maricopa with my husband, Cecil, and our youngest son, Adrian. We also have three other children, Joe, Cissy and Cecil Jr. and three grandchildren. In my leisure time I love to read books. My dream vacation is to watch a Broadway show in New York City. I will make it there someday.

Temporary Hire
Trevor Thompson



We are pleased to introduce Trevor Thompson as our Utility Warehouse/Meter Shop Help.

er. This is a temporary 6-month position. Mr. Thompson was a GRICUA High School Intern in the summer of 2013. Mr. Thompson is from District Three and just recently earned his General Equivalency Diploma (GED). Some of his duties include unloading and storing material items, gathering materials for the GRICUA Crew and maintaining inventory documentation. Welcome to the team Trevor!
GRICUA Modified Budget Billing Program
GRICUA has modified its Budget Billing program to exclude the periodic reviews and end of year true-ups. GRICUA's modified budget billing will continue to be a no cost program that averages out your seasonal highs and lows based on a rolling twelve-month average of your bills. Customer bills will vary from month to month, however they should stay at a consistent average based on your rolling usage. We believe this program will continue to be a benefit to our customer's monthly budgeting needs.

How it works:
GRICUA totals your prior 11 months of actual energy cost and your current actual energy cost and divides by 12. The result is your monthly leveled payment amount.

Examples of Customer Monthly Cost:

Budget billing amounts will be able to be submitted to your District Service Center for Community assistance based on your eligibility.

Please call (520) 796-0600 or stop by our office for more information on our modified budget billing program. Registration forms can be obtained on our website (www.gricua.net), at your District office, at District Days or by mail. All registration forms need to be submitted to GRICUA for approval.

Terms and Conditions:

DISCONNECTS – If your account is disconnected you will need to pay the past due payment along with any arrears that are owed along with the \$25.00 reconnection fee.

ELIGIBILITY – In order to enroll in the program a customer must meet the following requirements:

- Have been a GRICUA customer for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months.
- Must be a residential customer.
- Customer's account must be at a zero balance to enroll.
- Enrollment of the program will be canceled for non-payment.
- Participation - Participation in the program is optional.

Congratulations to Belinda Nelson and Micael Bennett



GRICUA Board Vice-Chairwoman Belinda Nelson (District Four) and GRICUA Board Member Micael Bennett (District Four) have successfully

completed the Credentialed Cooperative Director Program offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). The knowledge that Ms. Nelson and Mr. Bennett have obtained through NRECA's education and training courses will continue to benefit GRICUA in the years ahead.

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.










- March 7
- April 7
- May 5
- June 9
- July 7
- August 4
- September 8
- October 6
- November 7
- December 8

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GRICUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to gricuacomments@gricua.net. You can also go to our website at www.gricua.net.

GRICUA's Hours of Operation
Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Payments are accepted online 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.

Auppa Hiosig Mashath Match the O'otham single and plural terms with their pictures!

kakso	→	
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Zumba: Have fun, get fit



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Licensed Zumba instructor Tyler Riggs, foreground, leads a Zumba Class in Vah Ki, District 5.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Zumba is the most fun you can have working out at the gym, hands down... now hands up, now hands down, and repeat.

Frances James has been touring the Gila River Indian Community for the past year, motivating her fellow Community members and leading them, step-by-step, to their fitness goals.

"When I started in District 2... a lot of people didn't know what Zumba was," she said. Now, Zumba is one of the most popular exercise classes on the reservation.

Zumba is an aerobic exercise program that feels more like an organized dance party than a workout

class. It features fast-paced interval workouts set to the rhythm of Latin American-based beats.

"We do a lot of dance routines like...meringue, raggaeton, cumbia, and belly dance," said James, who travels from district to district every week leading youth, elders, men and women alike in Zumba.

"I have all ages that come to the class...I look at it as a family thing." This past year, she said, "we became all one big family."

Last Friday, on Feb. 12, James and her Zumba family celebrated her one-year anniversary of teaching Zumba in Gila River with a two-hour "Zumbathon."

James is one of several Zumba instructors in the Community. Tyler Riggs leads Zumba classes in Dis-

trict 5.

"What I like about Zumba is, not only am I getting a workout for myself, but I'm helping others as well," he said.

Riggs, 25, from D5, is a licensed Zumba instructor, who has been leading classes in Vah Ki since last summer. His classes are every Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. and he invites everyone to attend his classes regardless of their age or where they live. "People ask, 'Can guys come too? Is it for women only?' I say, 'No, everybody can come.'"

Riggs first learned about Zumba by taking classes in D5 over a year ago. Now, as the instructor, he pushes the dance class to its limit and likes to keep a quick tempo.

"It's not just your typical step workout; it's fun," Riggs said. "You get to move around more, there's more music varieties out there so you can change it up when you want to."

It's fun, but it's no walk in the park. Participants can burn anywhere from 500 to 1,000 calories in a one-hour

session.

Danielle Moffet, a regular at the D5 classes, has been doing Zumba in GRIC for three years.

"In the beginning I could not get a step," she said. "It was hard."

Moffet lost 70 pounds in the past five years and attributes much of that to

her Zumba workout routine. "And I like the hours, I can come straight here after work."

For more information on upcoming Zumba classes near you, call your local service center or search the upcoming event flyers on mygilariver.com.

District 5 Recreation Presents

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BECAUSE LAUGHING WHILE WORKING OUT BURNS EVEN MORE CALORIES

ZUMBA fitness

With Licensed Instructor Tyler Riggs (District 5 Member)

February 16th- March 29th 2016 (Tuesday's & Wednesday's)
5:45pm - 6:45pm Aerobic Room
Vah-Ki Multi Purpose Building
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	Sunday 2/21	Monday 2/22	Tuesday 2/23	Wednesday 2/24	Thursday 2/25	Friday 2/26	Saturday 2/27	
2:00pm	Creative Native <i>Collectible Dolls</i>	Creative Native <i>The Survivors</i>	Creative Native <i>Distribution of Wealth</i>	Creative Native <i>Quotes on a Paper</i>	Creative Native <i>Shape-Shifters</i>	Creative Native <i>Sweet Reflections</i>	Creative Native <i>Special Guests</i>	
2:30pm	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	
1:00pm	Native Planet <i>Ecuador</i>	Greetings from the Colony <i>A 1920's engagement between a Rwandan woman and a Belgium white colonial.</i>	Colorado Experience: <i>Sand Creek Massacre 675 soldiers attack a peaceful settlement in Colorado.</i>	Our Spirits Don't Speak <i>English Indian Boarding Schools</i>	Smoke Traders <i>Tells the story of the contraband trade.</i>	Mirando Desde Nuestras Raices <i>Looking From Our Roots</i>	Black Indians: An American History A forgotten past - the cultural and racial fusion of the African	
1:30pm								
2:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>Spruce Root Weaver</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Posonut - Baskets</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>New Masters</i>	The Samaqan Water Stories <i>Sacred Head Waters</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Portrait of a Mask Maker</i>	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Return of the Buffalo</i>	
2:30pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Storytellers In Motion	
3:00pm	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Return of the Buffalo</i>	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Native Nation Building <i>Nation Building</i>	
3:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit <i>Kevin Red Star</i>	From The Spirit <i>Preston Singletary</i>	From The Spirit <i>Michael Massie</i>	From The Spirit <i>Laura Lee K. Harris</i>	From The Spirit <i>Andy Everson</i>	People of the Pines <i>Legacy of Casinos</i>	
4:00pm	Alaska Tribes <i>The Story of Federal Indian Law in Alaska</i>	Creative Native <i>Distribution of Wealth</i>	Creative Native <i>Quotes on a Paper</i>	Creative Native <i>Tricksters, Transformers</i>	Creative Native <i>Sweet Reflections</i>	Creative Native <i>Feather Paintings</i>	Making Regalia	
4:30pm		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
5:00pm	Spirit Tipis	Working It Out Together <i>Nutrition</i>	Indian Pride <i>Culture, Traditions & Oskayak Down Under</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>Voices Of Hope</i>	Indian Pride <i>Spirituality</i>	Storytellers In Motion	Voices Of Hope	
5:30pm		Back In The Day <i>Performing</i>			Down The Mighty River <i>More Power Than We</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian and Aliens <i>Sandy Mastly</i>	
6:00pm	Black Indians: An American History A forgotten past - the cultural and racial fusion of the African.	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Indigenous Focus <i>Gabe's 4th Grade Project</i>	
6:30pm		Native Report	People of the Pines <i>Invasion and Response</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Reservation & Survival</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu <i>The Caribou Hunter</i>	
7:00pm	Native Voice TV	Colorado Experience: <i>Sand Creek Massacre 675 soldiers attack a peaceful settlement in Colorado.</i>	Our Spirits Don't Speak <i>English Indian Boarding Schools</i>	Smoke Traders <i>Tells the story of the contraband trade.</i>	Mirando Desde Nuestras Raices <i>Looking From Our Roots</i>	Black Indians: An American History A forgotten past - the cultural and racial fusion of the African.	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People <i>Native Report</i>	
7:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report							
8:00pm	Wapos Bay <i>Treasure of the Sierra</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Something to Remember</i>	Wapos Bay <i>A Time to Learn</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Elements</i>	Wapos Bay <i>All's Fair</i>	Wapos Bay <i>As The Bannock Browns</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Something to Remember</i>	
8:30pm	Fish Out of Water <i>Knowledge of our Elders</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Ctr</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Ojibway Cree Cultural Ctr</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Moose Cree Outdoor Adventures</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Blackfoot Crossing</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Metis Crossing</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Ctr</i>	
9:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
9:30pm	Native Shorts	Oskayak Down Under	Back In The Day <i>Performing</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Gabe's 4th Grade Project</i>	Rez Rides <i>Masters Humble The King</i>	Indians and Aliens <i>Harry Snowboy</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Foreign Film</i>	
10:00pm	For The Rights of All: <i>Ending Jim Crow In Alaska Traces the Native Alaskan civil-rights movement.</i>	Black Indians: An American History A forgotten past - the cultural and racial fusion of the African.	Grab <i>Villages of New Mexico's Laguna Pueblo Tribe.</i>	Dakota 38 <i>Jim Miller, a Native Spiritual leader and Vietnam veteran.</i>	Don't Get Sick After June <i>U.S. Government's dismal failure to provide health care.</i>	Mohawk Girls 3 teenage girls growing up Kahnawake Mohawk community.	Sacred Steps: <i>Remembering Sand Creek An attack on Cheyenne and Arapaho in Colorado.</i>	
1:00pm	Weaving Worlds <i>An absorbing and intimate portrait of economic and cultural survival through art.</i>	Hand Game: The Native American Game of Power & Chance <i>Also called stick game or bone game - is the most widely played.</i>	Smoke Traders <i>Tells the story of the contraband trade.</i>		Native American Healing in the 21st Century <i>Healing practices of Natives, how many still apply to today.</i>	Walela <i>12 of the most beautiful and melodic songs created by Walela.</i>	Crying Earth Rise Up <i>Exposes the human cost of uranium mining and its impact on Great Plains drinking water</i>	
1:30pm				Every Emotion Costs				

Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday, February, 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 February 3, 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 9:04am

INVOCATION

Provided by Sister Martha

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, Christopher Mendoza, Ang

gelia Allison; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon, Rob

ert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal,

Sr. (9:06), Albert Pablo (9:06), Sandra Nasewytewa;

D7- Devin Redbird (10:31)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. St. Peter's Indian Mission School Traditional Dance

Presenter: Sister Martha & Students

SISTER MARTHA EXPLAINED THE CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY AND THE STUDENTS HAD CHOSEN TODAY TO DEVOTE AND THANK THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL. STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MS. ALAYSHA COLT PROVIDED A THANK YOU MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL. THE ST. PETER'S INDIAN MISSION STUDENTS PERFORMED A BLESSING AND A TRADITIONAL DANCE. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE

2. Teach For America Native Alliance Initiative

Presenter: Marissa Yazzie

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Boarding School Advisor Introduction Letter

Presenters: Marissa Yazzie, Danielle Allen

MS. MARISSA YAZZIE INTRODUCED MS. DANIELLE ALLEN, BOARDING SCHOOL ADVISOR; MS. ALLEN PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

NEW BUSINESS

8. St. Peter Indian Mission School Written Plan for 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with additional information with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sister Martha

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

REPORTS

1. Human Resources Monthly Dashboard Report November/December 2015

Presenter: Shawna Shultz

REPORT HEARD

2. Komatke Area Drainage Master Study Introduction & Update

Presenter: Seaver Fields

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:49 A.M.]

3. Presentation on Reclaimed Water and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Monitoring of Reclaimed Water

Presenter: Glenn Stark, Ondrea Barber

REPORT HEARD

[CHAIRMAN STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 2-HOUR LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:42 P.M.]

4. Head Start November Monthly Report 2015

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

REPORT HEARD

5. 2015 AZ Merit Scores For Community Schools

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Marissa Yazzie

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND to enter Executive Session

6. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. CEO Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Joseph A. Magliarditi

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report December 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Joseph A. Magliarditi, Board of Directors,

Janice Ponziani

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Gila River Gaming Commission General Report To Community Council For December 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 5:59 P.M.]

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving Tribal Education Allocation Funds For Schools Located Within The Gila River Indian Reservation And Rescinding Resolution GR-342-15 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval; ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with corrections)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Agreements Between The Gila River Indian Community And DCI Group, LLC And Summit Consulting, Inc. For Public Relations And Other Services For Fiscal Year 2016 (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Office of General Counsel

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving the Final Plat Of Sparrow Subdivision Located In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation and Designated As Drawing No. 40107-0112 FP (NRSC forwards to Council with corrections)

Presenter: Duane Johns

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2956 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Rescinding GR-138-92 Which Approved A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Burton Stevens, And Approving A Fifty year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Arlene Johnson, Located In District Four of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30415-0664 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2965 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2965 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 84-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1307-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 4482 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Certifying The Membership Count Of The Gila River Indian Community As Of December 31, 2015 (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with additional information)

Presenter: Jane Johnson

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bureau Of Indian Education-Sovereignty In Education Enhancement Initiative-Year 2 Cohort 2 (G&MSC motioned to forward to ESC with recommendation for approval; ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. FY2015 Annual Reports For GRIC Departments (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for a Special Council meeting to be held on February 25th & 26th, 2016)

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 25TH & 26TH, 2016

NEW BUSINESS

*1. Casa Blanca Community School Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with corrections and additional information)

Presenter: Jacque Bradley

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

*2. Sacaton Elementary School Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with additional information)

Presenter: Leslie Rychel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

*3. Sacaton Middle School Written Plan SY2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with additional information)

Presenter: Philip Bonds

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

*4. Skyline Gila River District 5 Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with additional information)

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

*5. Gila Crossing Community School Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with corrections and additional information)

Presenter: Justine Ashihi-Subia

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

*6. Blackwater Community School Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with corrections and additional information)

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

*7. Native Language Teacher Certification Policy (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Anthony Gray

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

8. St. Peter Indian Mission School Written Plan for 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with additional information with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sister Martha

ITEM MOVED TO BEGINNING OF AGENDA

9. 2016 Native American Child and Family Conference March 7-11, 2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation to open up to Council Members and At Large Members to attend)

Presenters: Education Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND AT LARGE MEMBERS TO ATTEND AND TO BE EXPENSED THRU DUES & DELEGATIONS

10. District Seven Motion Sheet For The Housing Advisory Committee (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval to appoint Mr. Wayne Nelson Jr. to the Housing Advisory Committee)

Presenter: Laurie Thomas

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MR. WAYNE NELSON JR.

11. Interest In Tribal Access Program (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council for discussion and recommend that Governor Lewis complete the letter as required to the Department of Justice; LSC concurs)

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply for the Part-Time Art Room Specialist position currently open at the Gila River Branch - Sacaton.

It is important to submit an application as soon as possible as we will start interviewing immediately upon receipt of resumes from qualified applicants.

A candidate must have the ability to: Develops and implements programs in the core areas that are consistent with the organization's youth development mission.

Involves youth in the planning of events and programs while guiding them to make appropriate choices. Uses techniques that develop leadership abilities. Strives to assist teens to develop positive values and ethical behavior through their involvement.

Ensures a wholesome and safe environment for teens by enforcing club rules appropriately and consistently; encouraging members to keep areas clean; holding members accountable for behavior; recording and reporting incidents to supervisors.

Preferred candidates would be 18 years of age or older with a high school diploma

Starting pay for this position is \$9.00 - \$9.25 per hour and averages 20-25 hours a week (Monday – Friday) during the school year and 9am - 5pm during the summer, breaks & No School Day Holidays.

Interested persons need to submit an updated resume to Soyeta Antone by e-mail (soyeta@clubzona.org) or call (520) 562-3890

JOB DESCRIPTION TITLE: Program Specialist

Program :Youth Development Director
FLSA: Part-time, non-exempt

Primary Function: Under the direction of the Youth Development Director, the Program Specialist plans, implements, supervises, and evaluates all programs and activities provided in a program area, such as Arts & Crafts, Games-room, Computer Lab, Physical Education, Performing Arts, Learning Center, or other Branch level program areas.

KEY ROLES (Essential Job Responsibilities): Prepare Youth for Success

1. Ensure programs, services and activities prepare youth for success, promoting safety of members, quality in programs and appearance of branch at all times. Provide guidance and role modeling to members.

2. Contribute to the planning and implementation of the strategic plan by:

- Planning, organizing and implementing a range of program services and activities for members and visitors, such as field trips, program specific activities, guest speakers, field trips, etc.
- Welcoming new members and participates in their orientation process.
- Initiating new programs with the approval of the YDD.
- Recommending the development of service area programs; and
- Promoting and stimulating program participation.

3. Ensure quality improvement by monitoring and evaluating program achievement against target goals, recommending modifications that respond to member needs and interests and participating in weekly branch staff meetings.

4. Create bulletin boards and posters publicizing and announcing program events. Establish a system of recognition about members and their program activities.

5. Participate in state, regional, and national Boys & Girls Clubs programs and competitions.

6. Ensure a healthy and safe environment, supervising members in program area.

7. Maintain the cleanliness of program area.

8. Maintain an inventory of program equipment and supplies in good order. Recommend requisitions as necessary.

9. Prepare weekly reports for the YDD regarding activities, special programs, upcoming events, attendance, and other reports as required.

10. Maintains a daily written schedule. Ensures that programs begin and end on time.

11. May supervise Program Aide.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. May participate in additional special programs and/or events

2. Evenings/weekend work may be involved.

3. May be required to drive Club van.

4. Other duties as assigned.

RELATIONSHIPS:

Internal: Maintains close, daily contact with branch staff and volunteers, branch members, and supervisor to receive/provide information, discuss issues, explain guidelines/instructions; instruct; and advise/counsel.

SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED:

- High School diploma or GED
- Experience in working with children
- Knowledge of youth development
- Ability to motivate youth and manage behavior issues
- Ability to work with the public
- Ability to plan and implement quality programs specific to area (arts & crafts, performing arts, gym, etc.)
- Ability to organize and supervise members in a safe environment
- Valid State Driver's License (if applicable)
- Mandatory CPR and First Aid Certifications.

DISCLAIMER:

The information presented indicates the general nature and level of work expected of employees in this classification. It is not designed to contain, nor to be interpreted as, a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, qualifications and objectives required of employees assigned to this job.

NOTICE

A copy of this proposed ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinator's offices and the Community Council Secretary's office.

It is anticipated that this proposed ordinance will be considered by the Legislation Standing Committee Meeting during the regularly scheduled meeting on the March 29, 2016 at 1:00pm, Community Council Secretary's Office, Conference Room "B".

Community members may comment on the proposed ordinance at the Legislative Standing Committee meeting or by contacting their Councilmember(s) and/or the chairperson of the Legislative Standing Committee. Comments may also be sent to: The Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Program, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147.

CHAPTER 6. WASTEWATER AND RECLAIMED WATER MANAGEMENT

15.601. General Provisions.

A. Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the proper disposal and management of wastewater and septage, provide minimum performance standards and water quality limits for wastewater treatment, and provide safe utilization of reclaimed water, which is a valuable resource. This chapter is also designed to prevent and minimize environmental degradation and contamination of surface water and groundwater; and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the members, nonmembers, residents, and employees of the Gila River Indian Community. This chapter is designed to achieve these purposes through establishing standards, regulations, and permits.

B. Authority.

1. The Community enacts this chapter under its inherent civil legislative, adjudicative and regulatory authority and pursuant to the express delegation of authority by Congress

ASU PROFESSIONAL CAREER FAIR

"The Native American Alumni Chapter (NAAC) of Arizona State University and the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (AICCAZ) are co-hosting a Professional Career Fair on March 16th from 5pm to 8pm at Old Main at ASU. There will be a discount for exhibitors for early bird registration. Registration for job seekers is free.

Seminars will be available exclusively for ASU Alumni members. The topics for the seminars are: resume writing, interview tips and employment opportunities with Indian Health Services. Please contact Lei-Lani White at lwhite@asu.edu for any questions.

Registration for exhibitors is available at: https://engage.asu.edu/eventapi_simple_event?id=a0z30000003H-H19AAG&site=a0J3000000DK48EAD

15. NCAI Winter Session Presenters: Community Council MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN TO ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND AND HAVE IT PAID THRU DUES & DELEGATIONS

MINUTES

1. November 4, 2015 (Regular)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>ESC WORK SESSION WITH SCHOOL BOARDS/ ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE TRIBAL ALLOCATION, FEBRUARY 12, 2016, 9AM

>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AT THE WILD HORSE PASS CASINO REGARDING SUN VALLEY MARINA BUSINESS PLAN, FEBRUARY 4, 2016, 9AM

>LSC MEETING REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS, FEBRUARY 5, 2016, 9AM

>JASPER MARRIETTA CELEBRATED HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY

>DANNY ESCHIEF FUNERAL SERVICES FEBRUARY 9, 2016 & FEBRUARY 10, 2016

>CAROLDEAN MCDONALD FUNERAL SERVICES FEBRUARY 5, 2016 & FEBRUARY 6, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:31PM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

under the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 461 et seq., which provides the Community authority to organize, adopt the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community (March 17, 1960) and to enact laws and ordinances governing conduct within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation, 25 U.S.C. § 476.

2. The Community enacts this chapter to regulate certain activities within the Reservation as prescribed by Montana v. United States, 450 U.S. 544 (1981). The Community finds that persons engaged in conduct or activities within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation pursuant to a commercial dealing, lease agreement, contract, permit, or other arrangement or activity have voluntarily and explicitly agreed to the jurisdiction of the Community and are subject to regulation under the laws, ordinances and regulations of the Community. The Community finds that the activities regulated under this chapter, if left unregulated, pose an imminent threat to the political integrity, economic security, health, welfare and environment of the Community.

3. Further, separate from Montana, and pursuant to the Community's sovereign power to exclude nonmembers, the Community enacts this chapter to regulate certain activities occurring on tribal land within the Reservation and affirms the Community's adjudicatory authority over such certain activities occurring on tribal land within the Reservation as prescribed by Water Wheel Camp Recreational Area, Inc. v. LaRance, 642 F.3d 802 (9th Cir. 2011).

4. The authority to manage and regulate wastewater within the Reservation inherently lies within the retained sovereign power of the Community.

C. Scope.

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In Re Case: S.LUCERO

Docket Number: CV -2015-0310

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 ordered.

HEARING FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

Sacaton Community Court
721 West Seed Farm Road
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(520) 562-9860

DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016
TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Gila River Indian Community Council will be considering a revision to the Children's Code.

A copy of the proposed revised Children's Code in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office. This revision will be considered at the February 23, 2016 Legislative Standing Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Community members may comment on the proposed revised Children's Code by contacting their Council member(s) and/or Councilwoman Jennifer Allison, the Chairperson of the Legislative Standing Committee. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of General Counsel, Post Office Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85147.

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

5.101. CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

A. The Gila River Indian Community Court shall have criminal jurisdiction over any Indian who commits any offense in violation of the Gila River Indian Community Code ("code" or "GRIC code"), when the offense occurs within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation.

B. Nothing in this title shall be construed as limiting the civil or criminal power of the Community over non-Indians other than the express limitations imposed by the law of the United States.

HISTORY: GRIC Code §5.101 (2009).

5.102. INDIAN DEFINED.

A. An Indian is any person who is any of the following:

1. Is a member of, or is eligible for membership in, a federally recognized Indian tribe;

2. Has ever been eligible for membership in a federally recognized Indian tribe;

3. Is an Alaskan Native and member of a Regional Corporation as defined in Section 7 of the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act; or

4. Possesses some degree of Indian blood and maintains tribal or federal government recognition as an Indian. Tribal or federal government recognition as an Indian can be established by considering the following factors, in descending order of importance:

a. Tribal enrollment;

b. Government recognition formally and/or informally through receipt of assistance reserved only to Indians;

c. Enjoyment of the benefits of tribal affiliation; or

(A copy of this proposed ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinators' offices and the Community Council Secretary's office.)

CHAPTER 1. TITLE AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

7.101. Title.

A. Title Seven shall be entitled the Children's Code of the Gila River Indian Community (the "Children's Code") and shall govern actions taken by the Community for the protection of children and adjudication of juvenile offenders subject to its jurisdiction.

B. Copies of the Children's Code shall be available from the Community Council Secretary's Office of the Gila River Indian Community.

7.102. Purpose.
A. The Gila River Indian Community (the "Community") hereby affirms its interest in the protection of all children residing within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation (the "Reservation") and its authority to provide assistance to children and families in need of rehabilitative services and to safeguard reservation residents from harm. To these ends, no matter adjudicated hereunder shall affect a result contrary to the Community's interests in promoting the protection of children and the welfare and safety of reservation residents.

B. In any action taken pursuant to the provisions of this Title, whether administrative or judicial in nature, the best interest of a child shall be given greater weight than any other interest present in a child in need of care matter and in no instance shall a family be kept unified to the detriment of a child's interest in being free from maltreatment.

C. Parents shall be responsible for the safekeeping and control of their children and shall be held responsible for the acts of their children. To the degree possible, a parent's right to control his children shall not be violated and families shall be kept whole; disruption in a child's custodial environment shall remain the measure of last resort available to the Community.

D. To the extent practicable, consistent with the Community's interest in preserving the peace and safety of the Community, actions taken regarding offenses committed by a child shall effect and support the rehabilitation of the offending child.

E. All matters shall be conducted in compliance with the Indian Civil Rights Act, 25 USC § 1301 et seq., P.L. 95-608, 82 Stat. 73, 77, to ensure that the rights of children, their parents and guardians are protected. All parties shall be treated fairly and uniformly when they appear before the Children's Court for matters arising under this Title.

F. Matters adjudicated before the Children's Court shall compel the provision of child and family services which emphasize the prevention of and timely response to child maltreatment. The Tribal Social Services Department is hereby authorized to provide services appropriate to such end.

G. Subject to other express provisions of this section, the customs and traditions of the Pima and Maricopa peoples shall be supported and promoted to the greatest practicable degree in matters arising hereunder. In matters involving children who are members of other Indian Nations and other cultures, the

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for CEMEX Construction Material South, LLC's air quality operating permit will begin on February 29, 2016. Public comments will be accepted in writing until March 29, 2016, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received. CEMEX is located within the Gila River Sand & Gravel Maricopa Plant in District 4 and will be permitted for Particulate Matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM10), Particulate Matter (PM), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) emissions.

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 may be reviewed during normal business hours at the DEQ offices. 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

For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 or visit our offices located at 45 S. Church St., Sacaton, AZ 85147. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Presenter: Rebecca Hall
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO RECOMMEND THAT GOVERNOR LEWIS COMPLETE THE LETTER AS REQUIRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

12. Declaration of Vacancy (1) Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Subject To The Code Of Conduct (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council to declare vacancy and advertisement for 60 days, subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: John Lewis
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE VACANCY AND ADVERTISE FOR 60 DAYS
13. VA Complaint (Executive Session)

Presenter: Linus Everling
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE FILING OF A CIVIL COMPLAINT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

14. Permanent Water Fund (Executive Session) (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council to request a Special Council meeting on February 18, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18, 2016 AT 1:00 P.M.

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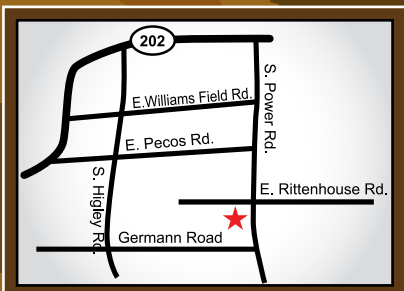
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