

Shop With A Cop Rewards GRIC Students



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School Resource Officers from the Gila River Police Department and MMA Fighter Patrick Williams (far right) pose for a picture at Fox 10 studios in Phoenix with the three students chosen for the "Shop with a Cop" activity on Dec. 19.

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Gila River Indian News

A local Mixed Martial Arts organization is making an impact outside of the ring by treating three exemplary Gila River Indian Community students to an early Christmas morning.

Gila River Police Department School Resource Officers and MMA fighters teamed up to

bring cheer to three students from schools across the Community through the "Shop with a Cop" program on Dec. 19.

Instead of Santa's red sleigh, a GRPD black and white patrol car lead the way, but it wasn't to nab criminals. And this Santa didn't wear a red suit or a long white beard, it was the Chief Executive Officer for World Fight-

ing Federation, Thom Ortiz.

The opportunity to go shopping days ahead of Christmas was a bit of a surprise for Lorenzo Casas a third grade student at St. Peter Indian Mission School, Junior Pancott a seventh grade student at Sacaton Middle School and C-Jay Stevens a fifth grade student at Gila Crossing Community School.

Ortiz is also the co-founder of WFF, a mixed martial arts (MMA) cage fight promotion company that hosts their bouts at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino.

In his previous endeavors, Ortiz lead a successful tenure as a wrestler and coach at Arizona State University, but some of his success has been through leading charitable efforts to help out local communities.

"There were things people did for me like my dad who paid my entry fee to my first fight. Its things like that that really make a difference in someone's life," he said.

Accompanying the students were officers Manuel Duarte, James Milano, Ester Poolaw and Rochelle Rodriguez who nominated them among their school peers.

Before the shopping commenced the group made an appearance on the FOX 10 Arizona Morning Show to talk about the purpose of the program.

Patrick Williams another MMA competitor and friend to Ortiz stepped forward to support the morning activity.

He said this was the best way he could express his gratitude by using the opportunities afforded

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GRPD Investigates Christmas Eve Homicide

By GRIN Staff

The Gila River Police Department was contacted by Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino on Dec. 24, 2015 at 8:47 p.m. for reports of a suspicious man with a gun. Minutes later the man shot and killed 52-year old retired Bakersfield, Calif., police officer Frank Pascua in the parking lot.

GRPD identified John Albert Campos Sr., 47, as the suspect.

Immediately after the shooting occurred, Campos allegedly carjacked the vehicle of a man who was passing by.

Campos is considered armed and dangerous, and if located please call 911 immediately.

The initial suspect named was Frank Rojas, 25. Rojas is the son-in-law of Campos.

The FBI is offering up to \$5,000 for information leading to Campos' arrest.

Pascua, the victim, worked for Bakersfield Police Department from 1997 to 2003 and also served in the U.S. Marines.

The family has started a crowdfunding campaign at www.gofundme.com/frankpascua.

If you have any further information reference these crimes please contact Detective Vanessa Turner (520) 610-9000 or Detective Rob Hawkes at (520) 610-2791.

GRFD Honors Staff with 20 Years of Service



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GRFD Deputy Fire Chief Kathy Garcia presents a commemorative plaque to the children of the late Deputy Chief Dave Martin, who passed away Nov. 1. L-R Jessica Martin, Cody Martin and Nicole Monsey.

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The Gila River Fire Department held a special celebration for three firefighters who have served the Community for 20 years.

The late Deputy Chief David Martin, Captain John Martin and Lieutenant Salvador Erivez Jr., were recognized for their service at Rawhide Western Town & Steakhouse on Dec. 19.

All three individuals served with GRFD since the Community made it a full-time fire department in 1994.

Each of the honorees received a special silver plated fireman's axe and a plaque designed by Community artist Aaron Sabori from District 6.

A video presentation of the three firefighters was shown look-

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Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

GRIC employees cheer on Ryan Duran (center) for winning the 2015 Governor's Employee of the Year Award.

Fitness Instructor named Employee of the Year

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The final employee function of 2015 was an afternoon filled with fun and activities. Employees from GRIC's workforce convened at Flipside, a family entertainment center in Gilbert, for food, bowling, arcade games and more on Dec. 18.

This year the annual gathering was called the 2015 GRIC

Employees Mix & Mingle. With plenty of mixing and mingling going on, the real star was Ryan Duran who was named the 2015 Governor's Employee of the Year.

Duran and the other Employees of the Month from 2015 were recognized during a special presentation. Duran was voted as the winner of the Employee of the Year by his fellow GRIC employ-

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- Must be a GRIC member
- Be in high school, age 16-17, at time of the tour
- Submit an essay related to the telecommunications or technology industry
- Submit (2) personal references (teacher, counselor, etc.)
- Complete a Power Point presentation to the GRTI Board and the districts upon return of trip.

**Deadline to apply is
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NOTICE: Cobell Settlement Probate Documents

Deadline: **June 20, 2016**

* Time is running out to compile and submit the probate paperwork needed to claim the *Cobell* settlement funds of deceased class members. *

If a *Cobell v. Salazar* class member passed away before receiving their settlement funds, and you are their heir or the administrator of their estate, you may be able to claim the funds.

To claim a deceased class member's *Cobell* funds, one of the following types of documents must be mailed to: Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877, and postmarked by June 20, 2016:

- A federal probate order; or
- A state or tribal probate order; or
- Documentation showing the appointment of an Executor, Administrator, or Personal Representative of the estate; or
- A will that has been approved through a probate order; or
- A valid small estate document from an approved state.

* Any funds that are unclaimed by June 20, 2016 will automatically go into a Cobell scholarship fund.

More information is available at: <http://www.cobellsettlement.com> or by calling the Indian Trust Settlement at 1-800-961-6109.

NOTE-The following information is only applicable to residents of OREGON. If you require assistance you should consult an Estate Attorney.

Do you need help with a small estate document or initiating a probate?

The Native American Program, Legal Aid Services of Oregon may be able to assist you. Please call us at: (503) 223-9483 or toll-free at 1-888-610-8764 for information. *Please note that even the small estate process involves time-consuming paperwork. Clients wishing to meet the June 20, 2016 Cobell deadline should contact NAPOLS as soon as possible, and no later than May 1, 2016.*

This flyer was prepared by the Native American Program, Legal Aid Services of Oregon (NAPOLS) for educational purposes only. The information on this flyer is not legal advice. NAPOLS is a statewide, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income Indian tribes, organizations, and Native people to promote equal access to justice.



2016 GILA RIVER ROYALTY PAGEANT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!!

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS Friday, January 15, 2016 5:00P.M.

Applications can be obtained at the GRIC Communications & Public Affairs Office, located in the Governance Center Executive Wing, Sacaton, AZ or at your local Service Center
Digital copies can be requested by e-mailing missgilariver@gric.nsn.us or calling (520) 562-9848

Miss Gila River Eligibility Criteria

- Young women between the ages of 18-24 years of age on or before: **Saturday, March 5, 2016**
- Enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community
- Have never before held the Title of Miss Gila River
- Must be a full-time high school or college student with a minimum 2.5 G.P.A. or employed full-time and in good standing with employer
- Must be single, never married, and have no children
- Must not be cohabitating (living) with an intimate companion
- Must be willing and able to uphold the image and leadership role of Miss Gila River throughout the twelve month reign

Jr. Miss Gila River Eligibility Criteria

- Young women between the ages of 14-17 years of age on or before: **Friday, March 4, 2016**
- Enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community
- Have never before held the Title of Jr. Miss Gila River
- Must be a full-time student with a minimum 2.0 G.P.A.
- Must be single, never married, and have no children
- Must not be cohabitating (living) with an intimate companion
- Must be willing and able to uphold the image and leadership role of Jr. Miss Gila River throughout the twelve month reign

****THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CONTESTANTS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE****

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COMMUNITY UPDATES

BY GRIN STAFF

Here are some regular updates on the on-going issues pertaining to the Gila River Indian Community.

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA) TAX FORM 1095-C INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEES OF GRIC and certain tribal entities (Effective January 2016 for 2015 tax year)

All employees of the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and the tribal entities whose health plans are administered by GRIC will receive a 1095-C tax form from your work place in addition to receiving a W-2 form. Both forms are needed to file your tax return by the April 2015 tax deadline.

What is a 1095-C Form Used For?

The Form 1095-C is an IRS form used to report your eligibility for employer-provided health care under the Affordable Care Act (the "ACA"). You will need a 1095 form to fill out your individual income tax return (e.g., IRS Form 1040 or IRS Form 1040EZ) for 2015. It may also be used for determining whether you are entitled to receive a premium tax credit (IRS Form 8962), for determining whether you are eligible for a health coverage exemption (IRS Form 8965), and to fill out the worksheet for figuring out your shared responsibility penalties, if any, on IRS Form 8965; contact your tax preparer for details.

Why am I receiving a 1095-C tax form?

The ACA requires nearly all Americans to have health insurance during calendar year 2015, and requires most employers to offer ACA compliant coverage. This form serves as proof to the IRS that you were offered ACA coverage, and whether you accepted that coverage, in order to avoid the individual "shared responsibility" penalties that can be imposed by the IRS. The 1095-C tax form will be mailed by January 31, 2016, unless an extension is granted by IRS.

If you were not employed and / or you purchased individual insurance from either the government "marketplace" or through an individual insurance carrier, you may receive a Form 1095-A or 1095-B instead, depending on the coverage you purchased. These are not provided by GRIC.

Native American Exemption

Please note that if you may be entitled to an exemption from mandatory health coverage under the ACA (and the associated IRS penalties) if you are a member of a Federally recognized Indian tribe, including certain Alaska Natives, and you were otherwise eligible for services through an Indian health care provider or the Indian Health Service (including Gila River Health Care). To claim this exemption, you will need to complete Part II or Part III of IRS Form 8965. Please consult your tax preparer for details.

If you have questions, please contact your business or tribal Human Resources Department for assistance.

Community Events

Friday, January 22
Family Movie Night
District 4 - Main Hall
6 p.m. - till end
More info: 520-418-3661

Saturday, January 23
Uhs-Keh 2 mile, 3 mile and 6 mile Run
North Blackwater at West End of Hohokum Rd.
More info: 520-215-2110, District 1 Recreation

Friday Jan. 29-30
District 1 Open Mens Basketball Tournament
Blackwater Multi-purpose Building
For more info: 520-215-211 District 1 Recreation

Saturday Jan. 30
Community Bingo
District 4 Main Hall
Snacks and drinks will be provided
For info: 520-418-3661

GRHC Health Workshops
HuhuKam Memorial Hospital on Mondays at 12pm
Jan 4 to Feb 22, 2016
Tuesdays at 12pm
Jan 5 to Feb 23, 2016
Komatke Health Center
Jan 7 to Feb 25 at 12pm
For more information, contact: 520-562-1200 ext. 7355

GRIC Department of Community Housing Public Notice Notice Finding of No Significant Impact Notice of Intent for the Release of Funds

Date of Notice: December 28, 2015
Gila River Indian Community
Department of Community Housing
P.O. Box 528
Sacaton AZ. 85147
Phone: (520) 562-3904

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Gila River Indian Community

REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 28, 2015, the Gila River Indian Community on behalf of the Department of Community Housing will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Southwest Office of Native American Programs for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant funds under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996, as amended, to undertake a project name known as the Demolition & Reconstruction of 18 Rental Home Units, located Project activities will occur in several;

Department of Community Housing (DCH) managed Housing Subdivisions located throughout the GRIC within Districts 3 thru 6, within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC).

The proposed action of the project is the complete Demolition and Construction of Eighteen (18) Single Family Homes, ranging from 2-5 Bedroom Homes to include driveways and curbing. The purpose of the project is to provide an overall better standard quality home for GRIC Community members & Tribal members by providing adequate, safe, code compliant, and energy efficient housing. The project budget is an estimated cost of \$4,200,000 and the period of performance of 9-months ending on September 30, 2016 funded with 2016, IHBG Funds.

NOTICE FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Gila River Indian Community has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the Human and Surrounding Environment. Therefore an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional information contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Gila River Indian Community, Department of Community Housing, 136 South Main Street, Sacaton, AZ 85147 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any Individual, Group or Agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Gila River Indian Community, Department of Community Housing Attn: Paul K. Flores, Project Manager at 136 South Main St. Sacaton, Arizona 85147 and/or (520) 562-3904, paul.flores@gric.nsn.us, for general inquiries regarding the proposed project.

All comments received by January 15, 2016 will be considered by the Gila River Indian Community prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice the Individual, Group or Agency they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Gila River Indian Community certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Southwest Office of Native American Programs that Stephen R. Lewis in his capacity as Governor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the Environmental Review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southwest Office of Native American Pro-

grams acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA, and allows the Gila River Indian Community to utilize Program Funds.


OBJECTIONS to the RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Southwest Office of Native American Programs will accept objections to its release of funds and the Gila River Indian Community's certification for a period of Eighteen (18) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request only if they are on one of the following bases: (a.) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Gila River Indian Community; (b.) the Gila River Indian Community has omitted a course of action or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c.) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58, before approval of a release of funds by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Southwest Office of Native American Programs; or (d.) another Federal Agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR, Part 58) and shall be addressed to:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Southwest Office of Native American Programs
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Pimmex visits RPY with shoes for Christmas



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Kris Allison (left), Carlos Munoz (center) and Santa Claus (right) stand ready to hand out pairs of shoes to children at the Residential Programs for Youth facility on Dec. 17.

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Gila River Indian News

The children at Residential Programs for Youth in District 3 sported new shoes for Christmas thanks to a local contractor.

PIMMEX General Contracting President, Carlos Munoz and special guest, Santa Claus visited the anxiously awaiting children on Dec. 17.

In Santa's big red bag were new pairs of Nike shoes for the children, which in their excitement laced up and showed the

RPY staff their new sneakers.

"The staff decided to do something around the holidays for the kids, because its one of the things we do to give back to the Community," Munoz said.

The distribution of gifts is in its third year, which Munoz sees as an annual tradition.

PIMMEX said they will continue handing out gifts every year for children who need it he most.

Munoz is thinking of doing a jacket drive for the youth next year that would

allow them to expand the amount of children who receive a gift.

The generosity is the result of being thankful for the opportunities he has received through owning and operating a business in the Community.

Munoz sees the gesture of giving much more meaningful when the children get excited and try on their new shoes.

Next year Munoz and his staff hope to make charitable contributions to other children in the Community.

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ing back at the history and accomplishments made in the last 20 years.

In speaking about the history of the department, GRFD Fire Chief Thomas C. Knapp emphasized David Martin's work and how he was instrumental in bringing his experience of firefighting to the Community.

"Today we congratulate the members of the department that reached the milestone of twenty years of service to the Community," said Knapp.

Former GRFD Fire Chief Mark Openshaw shared his memories of the department's early years and how like-minded individuals came together to build a competent core of firefighters.

"We all came together to start a full time paying fire department in 1994. I recall first setting foot in the fire station in Sacaton, looking through a fire truck that had almost every compartment bay empty."

Since then, Openshaw said GRFD has grown from humble beginnings to a fully operational fire department well equipped to answer the call.

Lt. Gov. Monica An-



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Top: Chief Thomas Knapp presents a commemorative axe to Lieutenant Salvador Erivez Jr. Bottom: Captain John Martin accepts an award from Lt. Gov. Monica Antone for twenty years of service.

tone gave thanks to all the firefighters for their sacrifices and service to make the Community a safe place.

She said GRFD has made a lot of progress,

which in the beginning was made possible through the passion and commitment exemplified by the three honorees.



Photo Courtesy of Sonja Luevano

Sonja Luevano (center) poses with toys that were donated at the "Cheer for Charity" event on Dec. 19.

Revolution Cheer Raises Gifts for Holidays

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A local business is bringing smiles to children on Christmas morning across the Gila River Indian Community.

At Revolution Cheer, a Casa Grande business owned and operated by District 1 Community member Sonja Luevano, they are bringing awareness to those in need each year during the holidays.

More than 200 participated in the cheerleading and dance competition "Cheers for Change 2015" at Vista Grande High School in Casa Grande on Dec 19.

For the 350 spectators

who came to the event, their only price of admission was an unwrapped toy.

In it's third year, they collected more than 350 gifts that will be distributed by GRPD officers to children in the Community.

Before starting her business and organizing the "Cheer for Change" charity event, Luevano was a cheer coach at Vista Grande High School and came up with the idea to raise funds for the cheer program.

After the success of the first event she realized it could open the door to other opportunities.

"I knew we could reach out further than what we were doing. We decided to pick a program each year to

donate to," said Luevano.

For the first year of the event in 2013, they collected more than 300 gifts for the "Toys for Tots" foundation.

Last year Revolution Cheer chose "Three Precious Miracles" and Spartans Closet (A McKinney Vento program assisting homeless students) as the recipients.

She said at this year's event they gave out 44 awards in 30 different divisions and categories.

In addition, "Officer William Lewis was critical in the organization of the receipt of the toys and even participated in the event as Santa Claus," said Luevano.

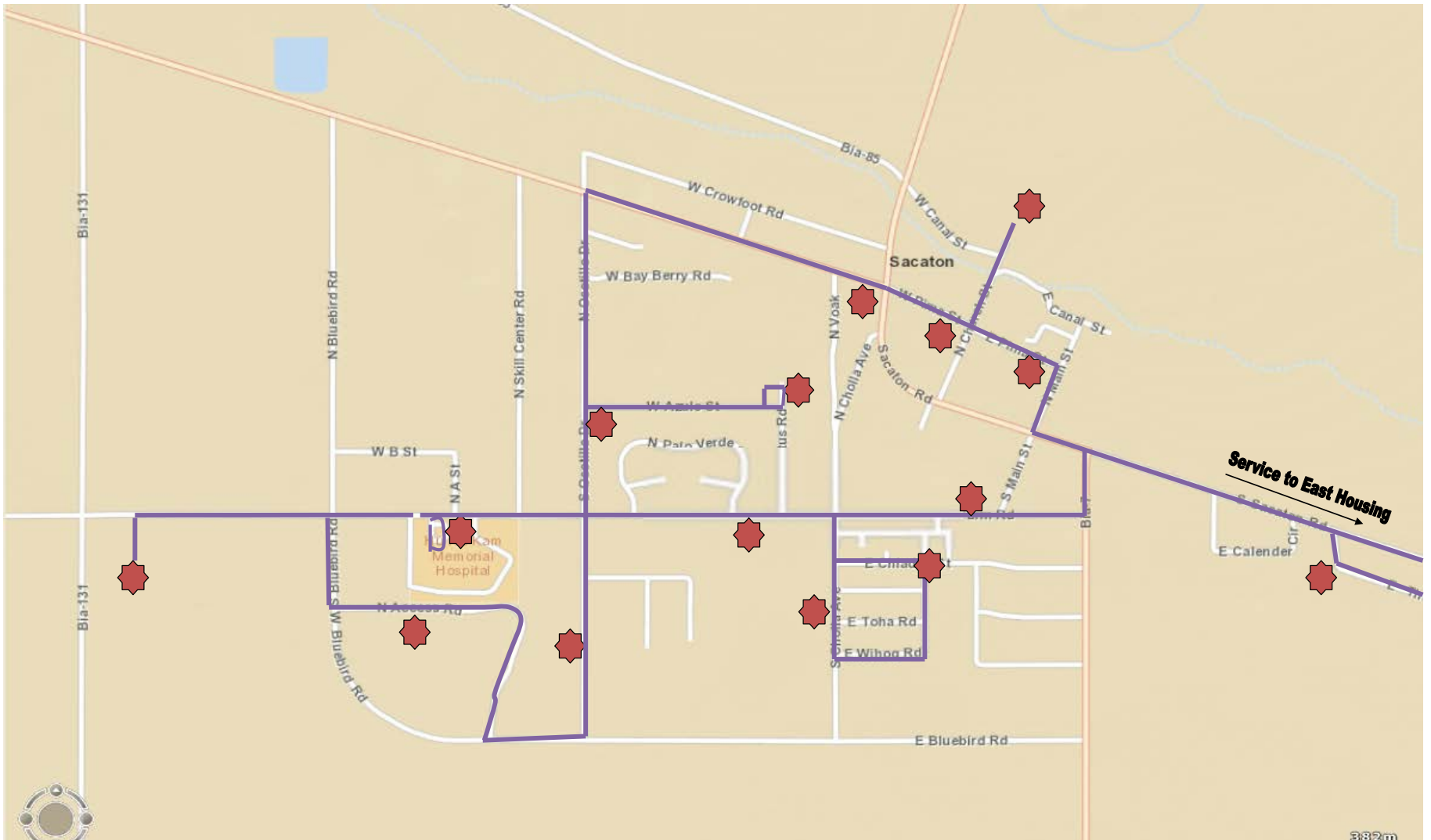
She would like to thank the outpouring of support from Vista Grande High School and their Cheer Coach Danielle Serna, Amy Kashner from K&S Sports in Casa Grande, Merle Norman, Supply 29, Sephora, DL Soap Co., McDonalds, Krispy Kreme, Western Trading Post, Primetime DJ Scott Smith, and the staff at Revolution Cheer Company, LLC.

Since the event has grown in just three years Luevano said, "It is an amazing feel-good event. We have multiple Community members and Community Members' children on our teams who will perform in the competition."

Transit Service in Sacaton Begins on January 11, 2016

GRICDOT will begin transit service to Sacaton in January. This is a FREE service to the Community and all buses are wheelchair accessible. For more information: 520-562-6110 For Rides: 520-562-6020 Email: sasha.pachito@gric.nsn.us

Sacaton Circulator



Map not to scale. Bus stops are not exact and may change due to service demand.

Stops include: Huhukam Hospital, Governance Center, District 3 Service Center, Library, Housing Areas, Boys & Girls Club, and More.

Courtesy of GRICDOT



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Officer Ester Poolaw picks out gifts with Junior Pancott at Wal-Mart for the "Shop with a Cop" program on Dec. 19.

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to him as a MMA fighter is to encourage the students to continue the path of success in school.

Williams said he was made aware about the program through Ortiz, which at the time he knew he couldn't pass up.

Afterwards they made their way to a Wal-Mart store in Chandler to look for their gifts.

Pancott was excited to find out that very same morning he was chosen to go shopping for Christmas gifts.

Duarte said the kids were chosen based upon

their grades and good conduct in class and that a lot of credit and thanks goes to the SROs.

He said the "Shop with a Cop" program would be around next year and Ortiz plans to take more students shopping.

Lorenzo picked out a tablet device and a basketball and he said he enjoyed spending time with the SROs and MMA fighters.

"It's very gratifying that we could put things together by giving me the opportunity to give back," said Ortiz.

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ees.

"I really enjoy my job and I'm blessed to be a part of the Gila River Indian Community," said Duran.

Duran works for Community Services as a Fitness Instructor and was the Employee of the Month for August 2015. Duran helps individuals train to reach their health and fitness goals. He provides compassion and encouragement to trainees of all levels. In his Employee of the Month nomination letter, Duran was given high praise from his former supervisor: "He is often described as patient, courteous, personable, and caring."

The other individuals on the 2015 Governor's Employee of the Year Ballot were Valencelio Smith-Chavez (aka Mrs. Rose), Jody Haynes, Corina Brown, Keith Harvey, Mary Giddens, Paul Shaw, Jo Ann Garcia and Jana Whitman.



Jaime Jackson/CPAO



Jaime Jackson/CPAO

Top: GRIC employees fill the bowling lanes at Flipside. Bottom: Former Governor's Employee of the Year Margaret Johnson aims for the corner pocket at Flipside.

A'AGA Something to be told

By Billy Allen

With apologies to Clement Moore: "all the tatmal are eaten and all through the ki, not a creature was stirring, not even a naggio." During our holiday season, many of us reflected upon the Christmas message with family and friends. Christianity is now a part of our O'odham himdag. It can be traced back to the arrival of Pa:l Kino in southern Arizona in 1691. When Pa:l Kino gave a sermon at San Xavier del Bac in 1692, curiosity drew some O'odham to go listen. It did not hurt that the pa:l had a new and delicious food: beef! That might have been the first camp meeting.

Teaching about the Bible is hard enough, but add in language issues, interpretation, skepticism, and outright rejection. The men of the cloth used different approaches to adapt the lessons. For the Yaqui, elements of Bible stories were presented as a play; Reverend Cook became fluent in O'odham to present the word; the Tohono O'odham were allowed to incorporate themes of O'odham life within the Christian message. Eventually tribal members took over and it is a tradition that continues today.

In 1940, Father Antonine was in charge of the missions near Bapchule. He wanted to reinforce the messages of the Bible by adding colorful murals. In searching for an artist, he arrived at Saint John's Indian School in Komatke (Gila Crossing). The resident priests told him of a highly talented O:b artist from San Carlos, who as a fifth grader drew "a magnificent face of the crowned and bleeding Christ." Jimmy Stevens, the O:b youngster left Saint John's to attend Brophy Preparatory School in Phoenix. There he played football, but much of his time was spent working to pay for his schooling. He did some commercial art pieces for downtown merchants, but it was not enough and he had to quit high school after three years. He married an O'otham girl, began a family and moved to Bapchule in 1940. Father Antonine's search ended where he had begun. Back then it was a daring

move, for an O:b to be in the midst of O'otham, but for Jim Stevens it worked out well.

Father Antonine approached Jim Stevens and asked him to paint twenty murals on the walls of six area missions, with the murals to coincide with the mission's patron saint. In the winter of 1940, the entire Stevens family moved to Ak Chin where Stevens began the first murals. Like a Native Michelangelo, Jim Stevens smoothed the adobe walls, drew rough sketches and began painting. Tribal members went to watch, but no one talked to the artist; just give a supporting pat on the back on their way out. When Jim Stevens finished the work, long lines formed outside Saint Francis Church to view the murals.

The Stevens family returned to Bapchule to begin work at Saint Peter's, which was then headquarters for the Franciscan Fathers. He studied the Scriptures to depict scenes in the life of the saint. He then went to work at Holy Family Mission in Blackwater and used several of his children as models. One of the murals had trees painted in it, and it was so realistic wasps tried to nest in them. At Saint Francis of Borgia in Sacate, he painted Natives attending Mass. At Sacaton Flats, he drew a portrait of the Sorrowful Mother. His last work was done at Saint Augustine's church in Chu Chui and portrayed the Crucifixion. All of the murals were finished in 1942.

With seven children to feed, Jim needed a more dependable form of income. He transferred his artistic talent to farming and soon had about 700 acres under cultivation in the Bapchule area. Jim Stevens had planned to return to art when

he could no longer farm. Many of these murals no longer exist. The murals "painted by a humble man for humble Indians in the center of a humble land."

This information was taken from an Arizona Highways Magazine article, titled Apache Artist in Pimiland by Henry Unger. It was published in October, 1963 and included are pictures of various murals.

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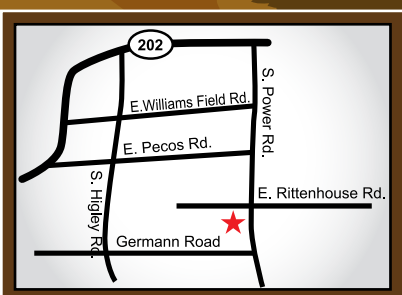
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AGRICULTURAL LEASE PAY OUT*

Friday, January 15, 2016

8:30am Seniors and Disabled
10am - 6pm General Landowners

Round House Café
 at SRPMIC Two Waters Government Campus
 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale 85256 - Look for directional signs

Checks not picked up on January 15th
 Pick up at Finance - Cashiers Office (Two Waters Bldg. A)
 Tuesday, January 19th through Monday, February 1st
 (**Please note that Monday, January 18th, is a SRPMIC Holiday**)

Checks with a valid address
 Mailed out Tuesday, February 2nd

Power of Attorney (POA)
 Only originals accepted
 Must be verified before release of check
 Verification done at pay out

Written Notes will not be accepted
 Power of Attorney required to pick up someone else's check

Questions
 Contact SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730

*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received and cleared through banking institutions by January 4, 2016



SEEN FLOODING? REPORT IT

Community members are being asked to report known flooding or drainage issues – such as regular flooding of properties and roadways – within District 6 to assist with the Komatke Area Drainage Master Study.

To report flooding:

- Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KomatkeFlooding> OR
- Send the location, date, and description of the flooding, as well as photos or video if available, to:
 Seaver Fields, III, Project Manager
seaver.fieldsiii@gric.nsn.us
 GRIC, Dept. of Land Use Planning & Zoning Flood Control Engineering
 291 West Casa Blanca Rd - P.O. Box E, Sacaton, AZ 85147

Flooding reports from residents will help confirm computer modeling of the flood hazards to produce the most accurate results for the Community's use.

The study will:

- **Identify flooding hazards** within the Komatke Village of District 6,
- **Prioritize flooding problems for possible mitigation** that pose the greatest risks to Community members and their property,
- **Develop possible options to minimize flooding hazards**, and
- **Recommend flood mitigation concepts and strategies.**

MORE INFORMATION

Seaver Fields, III, Project Manager
 (520) 562-6003 | seaver.fieldsiii@gric.nsn.us

Complete guide at www.grbc.tv

GRBC TV GUIDE

*Schedule subject to change.

GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS @ 7am, 11:30am, 4:30pm & 9pm*

	Tuesday 1/5	Wednesday 1/6	Thursday 1/7	Friday 1/8	Saturday 1/9	Sunday 1/10	Monday 1/11
12:00pm	Creative Native Tricksters	Creative Native Sweet Reflections	Creative Native The Hopi	Creative Native Honouring our Mothers	Creative Native Home Sweet Home	Creative Native Tricksters	Creative Native The Silversmiths
12:30pm	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk
1:00pm	Incas Remembered	Smoke Traders	Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand Creek	We Are The Indians	The Madoc War	Native Planet Ecuador	For The Rights of All: Ending Jim Crow in Alaska
1:30pm							
2:00pm	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles To Pay Respect	Samaqan Water Stories Sacred Head	Ravens and Eagles Stone Carver	Seasoned with Spirit	Storytellers in Motion	Ravens and Eagles In Our Blood
2:30pm	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Storytellers in Motion	Northwest Indian	Vitality Gardening
3:00pm	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Native Nation Building	Seasoned with Spirit	Vitality Health
3:30pm	From The Spirit	From The Spirit Terry McCue	From The Spirit Dale Auger	From The Spirit Tim Paul	People of the Pines Yuhaviatam Origin	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit Sean Couchie
4:00pm	Creative Native Sweet Reflections	Creative Native The Hopi	Creative Native Honouring our Mothers	Creative Native The Silversmiths	Making Regalia	Trail of Tears	Creative Native Cree Eye for the White
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	Trail of Tears	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS
5:00pm	Indian Pride	On Native Ground	Indian Pride	Storytellers in Motion	Voices Of	Trail of Tears	Working It Out
5:30pm	Oskayak Down Under	Voices Of	Down The Mighty River	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indians & Aliens		Back In The Day
6:00pm	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Indigenous Focus	Sacred Stick	First Talk
6:30pm	People of the Pines The World of Serrano	Making Regalia	People of the Pines Invasion and Response	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu The Feast Master		Native Report
7:00pm	Smoke Traders	Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand Creek	We Are The Indians	The Madoc War	Osiyo, Voices of Cherokee Native Report	Native Voice TV	Black Indians: An American History
7:30pm						On Native Ground	
8:00pm	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay	Wapos Bay
8:30pm	Fish Out of Water	Fish Out of Water Oujebougomou	Fish Out of Water Rafter Six Ranch	Fish Out of Water Navajo Village Center	Fish Out of Water Metis Crossing	Fish Out of Water Hay River Dene	Fish Out of Water White Mountain Apache
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	Back in the Day	Indigenous Focus	Rez Rides	Indians and Aliens	Moose T.V.	Native Shorts	Oskayak Down Under
10:00pm	For The Generations: Native Story &	The Activist	From Badlands to Alcatraz	Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand	Beyond Recognition	Smoke Traders	Gold Fever
10:30pm					Return of Red Lake		
11:00pm	Spirits for Sale		Walela	Amazonia Eterna	For the Rights of All: Ending Jim Crow in Alaska	Don't Get Sick After June	When I Hear Thunder
11:30pm		Rez					

Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday December 16, 2015, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:10 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz;

D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Angelia Allison (9:34); D5-Robert Stone

(9:15), Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Albert Pablo, Sandra

Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4- Nada Celaya, Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian

Davis, Sr., Vacant; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)

1. Christmas Caroling

Presenters: District 4 Head Start

THE DISTRICT 4 HEAD START CHILDREN SANG

SEVERAL SONGS FOR THE COUNCIL MEMBERS

AND THE AUDIENCE.

REPORTS

*1. Space Camp

Presenters: J. Kinnamon, Isaiah Francisco

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Integrated Ag Financial Technology Report

Presenter: Jon-Michael J. Nahon

REPORT HEARD

3. Department Of Community Housing – FY2015

Annual Performance Report – October 1, 2014 –

September 30, 2015

Presenter: Laurie Thomas

REPORT HEARD

4. FY 2015 Lone Butte Development Corporation

Audit/Semi-Annual Report Fiscal Year 2015

Presenters: Corrine Wilson, REDW, Esther

Manuel, John Roberts

REPORT HEARD

5. Gila River Farms – Financial Statements And

Independent Audit's Report

Presenters: REDW, Tiffany Horne REPORT HEARD

6. GRHC FY15 Annual Report

Presenters: Myron Schurz, GRHC Representatives

REPORT HEARD

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR

A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING

RECONVENED AT 1:47 P.M.]

7. Gila Crossing Community School Quarter 2 Report

SY2014-15

Presenter: Jeremy Copenhaver

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. Gila Crossing Community School Quarter 3 Report

SY 2014-15

Presenter: Jeremy Copenhaver

REPORT HEARD

9. Sovereignty In Education Program Grant Year II

Presenter: Aaron Allery

REPORT HEARD

10. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending November

2015 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Mike Jacobs

REPORT ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The First Amendment To

The Retirement Plan For The Employees of The Gila

River Indian Community Effective January 1, 2015

(G&MSC motioned

to forward to Community Council with recommenda-

tion for approval)

Presenters: Sharon Harvier-Lewis, Catherine Lang-

ford

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Establishing The Permanent Water

Fund To Fund Annual Water Related Costs In

Perpetuity (G&MSC motioned to forward to

Community Council with recommendation of

approval)

Presenter: Javier Ramos

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving Tribal Education Allocation

Funds For Schools Located Within The Gila River In-

dian Reservation SY 2015-2016 (G&MSC motioned

to forward to

Community Council with recommendation of approv-

al, ESC concurs)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Family Education

Rights And Privacy Act (FERPA) Agreement

Between The Bureau Of Indian Education And

The Gila River Indian Community (ESC forwards

to Community Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-

Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite

Lease On Allotment 1054 Located On Allotted

Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River

Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council

with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Duane Johns

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. A Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement

Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gila

River Cellular General Partnership (D/B/A Verizon

Wireless) Regarding The Construction And Opera-

tion Of A New Communication Facility Within District

Two Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for approv-

al, EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation

for approval with updated map)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Elizabeth Antone

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Land Buy-Back Program Update and Request to

Identify Priority Tracts (Executive Session) (NRSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval of List as priority listing)

Presenters: Office of General Counsel

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Letter from Secretary Washburn (Executive Ses-

sion)

Presenters: Office of General Counsel

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

AND MOVE FORWARD AS PRIORITY

TRACKS LISTING TO THE US LAND BUY

BACK PROGRAM AND TO ENTER INTO A

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE

US LAND BUY BACK PROGRAM

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REFER THE

LETTER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY

WASHBURN FOR FURTHER ACTIONS TO THE

COMMUNITY'S LITIGATION TEAM

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT

OGC TO INITIATE THE PROCESS FOR A

CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTION TO REMOVE

ANY PROVISIONS IN THE COMMUNITY'S

CONSTITUTION IN REQUIRING SECRETARIAL

APPROVAL OF ADOPTED ORDINANCES OR

RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Declare Vacancy and Call for Special Election

for Chief Judge (LSC forwards to Community

Council to Declare Vacancy of Chief Judge

position and call for a Special Election on

February 9, 2016 in accordance with the

approved Election Schedule)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE A

VACANCY AND CALL FOR A SPECIAL

ELECTION FOR THE CHIEF JUDGE POSITION

FOR THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

AND THAT THE SPECIAL ELECTION BE

HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2016 IN

ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED

ELECTION SCHEDULE

2. Reaffirmation of Interim Chief Judge (LSC

forwards to Community Council with

recommendation to reaffirm Judge Jay Pedro as

the interim Chief Judge until March 2, 2016)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REAFFIRM

JUDGE JAY PEDRO AS THE INTERIM CHIEF

JUDGE UNTIL MARCH 2, 2016

3. Certification of District 5 Special Election

Results (LSC moved to forward to Community

Council for Certification of the District 5 Special

Election Results)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY

THE DISTRICT 5 SPECIAL ELECTION

RESULTS

4. Senior Assistant General Counsel – Attorney

Contract (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to

forward to Community Council)

Presenters: Office of General Counsel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

5. Deputy General Counsel – Attorney Contract

(Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to

Community Council)

Presenters: Office of General Counsel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

MINUTES

1. August 19, 2015 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. September 2, 2015 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>REVIEW COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS THURSDAY,

DECEMBER 17, 2015

>WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND THANK YOU FOR

THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH WERE EXPRESSED

>GRIIDD MEETING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19,

2015, 9:00 A.M.

>ROBERT'S RULES TRAINING THURSDAY, DE-

CEMBER 17TH AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:22 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

**Casa Blanca Community School
Fall Semester 2015 Awards and Recognition
Congratulations!**

PERFECT or GOOD ATTENDANCE**Perfect Attendance**

Mila Acuna
Araseli Alvey Grijalva
Tyra Brown
Dennis Escalante
Larissa Evans
Elijah Joe
Henecee Lewis
Kaylee Luna
Damari Makil
D'Only Michael
Dolores Michael
Nevaeh Morgan
Maudicia Osife
Cheyenne Pedro
Gregoria Pedro
Nathan Thompson
Ana Briza Armenta

Good Attendance

Lloyd Brown
Adam Copperfield
Brandon Donahue
Jaycelyn Fulwilder
Araya Humeyumtewa
Chantel Joaquin
Anna Lima
Eleanor Lynch
Reyna Miguel
Sylvia Norris-Burnett
Daylen Vavages
James Zamorano
Melody Brown
Angelina Donahue
Raeleen Enos
Natalie Garcia
Reyna Isaies
Jaylen Lewis
Jacob Luna
Reyanna Makil
Jazmyn Norris-Burnett
David Rico
Zoe Youngman

Math Achievement

Danielle Lopez
Isaac Allison
Reyna Isaies
Niteyes Preston
Leticia Carmen
Darleana White
Richard Lopez
Joseph Lewis
Mila Acuna
Carli Justin
Nathan Garcia
Johnathan Duffy
Glorialynn Santos
Amaira Miguel
Nathan Thompson
Jerome Niedo
Kayne Nish
Orion Homer
Anna Lima
Maudicia Osife
Larissa Evans
Trant Jackson
Austin Concha
Araya Humeyumtewa
Gabriella Kisto
Frances Martinez
Velma Fulwilder
Damien Niedo

Tavaris Wright
Johnathan Duffy
Dynasti Lopez
Erick Montes
Mila Acuna
Eleanor Lynch
Constance Moreno
Dominick Franco
Mariana Jones
Royal Allen
Koda Manuel
Syndel Preston
Raven Jones
Jaylen Lewis
Jayme Webb-Holguin
Reyna Isaies
Evon Rivers
Annabelle Setoyant
Anala Ramon
Eric Fulwilder
Dylan Charles
Araya Humeyumtewa
Angelina Donahue
Brandon Donahue
James Zamorano
Amaia Copperfield
Armondo Osife

Reading Achievement

Carli Justin
Richard Lopez
Naylend Tekala
Rozlynn Rossel
Danielle Lopez
Glorialynn Santos
Niteyes Preston
Jerome Niedo
Trant Jackson
Gabriella Kisto
Kaleb White
Dynasti Lopez
Eleanor Lynch
Marian Jones
Syndel Preston
Eric Fulwilder
Evon Rivers
Annabelle Setoyant
Ya'lanie Widehat
Amaia Copperfield
AnaBriza Armenta
Orion Homer
Jayne Webb-Holguin
Triana Peters
Deena Miller
Imani Jones
Andre Humeyemptewa
Maudicia Osife
Isaac Allison
Leticia Carmen
Joseph Lewis
Christina Luna
Augustin Medina
Amaira Miguel
Manuel Molina
Kayne Nish
Shamera Percy
Jordan Rivers
Amaia Copperfield
Shamera Percy
Jordan Rivers
Maudicia Osife
Neveah Morgan
Devi Lopez
Zoe Youngman
Marina Juan

Constance Moreno
Gracie Makil
Dominick Franco
Koda Manuel
Joanna Eschief
Jaden Smith
Makayla Pablo
Mya Penunuri
Angelina Donahue
Natalie Garcia
Emily Marietta

Principal's Honor Roll

Reynold Donahue
Brooklyn Ahawheta
Aiden Florez
Landon Havier
Mekenzie Terraza-Burnette
Neveah Enos
Imperial Hugo
Marianne Begay
Maria Medina
David Rico
Cynsere Makil
Cesare Karp
Monterreol Hendricks
Isabel Zamorano
Milo Franco, Jr.
Joanna Eschief
Henecee Lewis
Dexton Pratt
Dynasti Lopez
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Evon Rivers

Board of Trustees' Honor Roll

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Zylus Jones
Jacob Luna
Joseph Wickey-Thomas
Araseli Alvey-Grijalva
Dave'ena Anderson
Eleanor Lynch
Syndel Preston
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Amaia Copperfield
Raquel Manuel
Amaira Miguel
Manuel Molina
Maudicia Osife
Jordan Rivers
Dominick Franco
Koda Manuel

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JOB POSTING: December 11, 2015 JOB CLOSING DATE: January 11, 2016

Salary Negotiable: \$45,000-\$53,045 (Full-time)

SCOPE OF WORK: The Executive Director is responsible for the successful leadership and management of the organization according to the strategic direction set by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall provide leadership management for the operational planning, program planning, human resource planning, and financial planning, community relations/advocacy and risk management for the operations and administration of activities for the corporation according to the policies established by the board; to supervise and evaluate performance of employees; submit progress reports at meetings of the board or its committees, and shall call attention of the board to any matters requiring action or attention; and provide an annual report on the conditions and activities of the San Xavier Allottees Association, Inc.

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

1. Bachelor's degree Political Science, Business or Public Administration and five (5) years' work experience in management; OR
2. A combination of education, training and work experience managing non-profit organizations;
3. Must have knowledge of QuickBooks and/or financial accounting practices.
4. Must be knowledgeable in program development, and data base management.
5. Must not have any criminal convictions involving white collar crimes within any tribal, state, or federal courts.
6. Extensive knowledge of allotted Indian Land federal policies and legislation preferred.
7. Knowledge of Indian Water Rights policies and legislation preferred.
8. Bilingual English/Tohono O'odham preferred.
9. Must have a valid Arizona Driver's License. No major traffic offenses.

APPLY TO THE SAN XAVIER ALLOTTEES ASSOCIATION, INC. BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS 5 P.M.

A. SXAA Application
B. Letter of interest: Attention: Mr. Leander V. Mase, President, Board of Directors.

C. Resume'
D. Writing sample: "What actions will you take to improve communication when assigned tasks (to your staff) are not completed on time or not completed properly?"

E. Two letters of references.

EMAIL AND POSTAL DELIVERY IS ACCEPTABLE:
Email: maxine.norrislopez@sanxavierallottee.org
Mailing address: 325 East Vamori Street, Tucson, Arizona 85756

SAN XAVIER ALLOTTEES ASSOCIATION INC.
HU991 SAN XAVIER ALLOTTEES ASSOCIATION, INC.
325 East Vamori Street, Tucson, Arizona 85756

Job Description
Job Title: Executive Director
Job Purpose: The Executive Director is responsible for the successful leadership and management of the organization according to the strategic direction set by the San Xavier Allottees Board of Directors (SXAA).
Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

Leadership

- Participate with the SXAA Board of Directors in developing a vision and strategic plan to guide the organization.
- Identify, assess, and inform the SXAA Board of Directors of internal and external issues that affect the organization.
- Act as a professional advisor to the SXAA Board of Director on all aspects of the organization's activities.
- Foster effective team work as a liaison between the SXAA Board and staff.
- In addition to the SXAA Chairperson of the Board, act as a spokesperson for the organization.
- Conduct official correspondence on behalf of the SXAA Board as appropriate and jointly with the SXAA Board when appropriate.
- Represent the organization at community activities to enhance the organization's community profile.
- Represent the organization and stakeholders at various meetings with different entities and other organizations.

Operational planning and management

- Develop an operational plan which incorporates goals and objectives that work towards the strategic direction of the organization.
- Ensure that the operation of the organization meets the expectations of its clients, Board and Funding agency.
- Oversee the efficient and effective day-to day operation

of the organization.

- Draft policies for the approval of the SXAA Board and prepare procedures to implement the organizational policies; review existing policies on an annual basis and recommend changes to the Board as appropriate.
- Ensure that personnel, client, donor and volunteer files are securely stored and privacy/confidentiality is maintained.

Program Planning and Management

- Oversee the planning, implementation and evaluation of the SXAA organization's programs and services.
- Ensure that the programs and services offered by the organization contribute to the organization's mission and reflect the priorities of the Board.
- Monitor the day-to-day delivery of the programs and services of the organization to maintain or improve quality of those services.
- Oversee the planning, implementation, execution and evaluation of special projects.
- Create and monitor contingency plans and change control in current and future planning projects.
- Plan and manage an Annual Allottee and Bi-Annual Meeting of 200 plus stakeholders or more.

Human Resources Planning and Management

- Determine staffing requirements for SXAA organizational management and program delivery.
- Oversee the implementation and continuous update for review of the human resources policies, procedures and practices including the development of job descriptions for all staff.
- Establish a positive, healthy and safe work environment in accordance with all appropriate legislation and regulations.
- Recruit, interview and select staff that have the right technical and personal abilities to help further the SXAA organization's mission.
- Ensure that all staff receives an orientation to the organization and that appropriate training is provided.
- Implement a performance management process for all staff which includes monitoring the performance of staff on an ongoing basis and conducting an annual performance review.
- Coach and mentor staff as appropriate to improve performance.
- Discipline staff when necessary using appropriate techniques; release staff when necessary using appropriate and legally defensible procedures.

Financial Planning and Management

- Work with staff and the SXAA Board of Directors to prepare a comprehensive budget.
- Work with the SXAA Board to secure adequate funding for the operation of the organization.
- Research funding sources, oversee the development of fund raising plans and write funding proposals to increase the funds of the organization.
- Participate in fundraising activities as appropriate.
- Approve expenditures within the authority delegated by the SXAA Board.
- Ensure that sound bookkeeping and accounting procedures are followed.
- Prepare budget amendments and modifications.
- Administer the funds of the organization according to the approved budget and monitor the monthly cash flow of the organization.
- Ensure that the organization complies with all legislation covering taxation and withholding payments.

Community Relations/Advocacy

- Communicate with the Allottees to keep them informed of the work of the organization and to identify changes in the community served by the San Xavier Allottees Organization.
- Establish good working relationships and collaborative arrangements with community groups, funding agencies, Tribal, State and Federal agencies and other organizations to help achieve the goals of the organization.
- Risk Management
- Identify and evaluate the risks to the organization's people (clients, staff, management, volunteers) property, finances, goodwill and image and implement measures to control risks.
- Ensure that the SXAA Board of Directors and the organization carry appropriate and adequate insurance coverage.
- Ensure that the SXAA Board and Staff understand the terms, conditions and limitations of the insurance coverage.

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA
FLOYD D. TOLEDO, JR.
Plaintiff,
Vs.
TERESA ANN BLACKWATER
Defendant.
TO: Floyd D. Toledo, Jr.
5008 E. Thomas Rd, #512
Phoenix, Arizona 85018

Case Number: DV-2015-0165
NOTICE OF HEARING: Civil

Please take notice that your Motion Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:
Sacaton Community Court
721 West Seed Farm Road
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(520) 562-9860
DATED: Friday, January 22, 2016 TIME: 9:00AM
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.



**Casa Blanca Community School
3455 W. Casa Blanca Road
Bapchule, AZ 85121**

**Vacancy Announcement**

**K-3 Teacher
Math Interventionist
Business Manager
Substitute Teacher
Administrative Support Assistant
Instructional Assistant**

How to apply:

For more information and online application please visit: <http://www.cbcschools.com/>

Benefits:

Medical (100% paid for individual), Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, 401K Retirement Plan, Competitive Salaries

School Information:

School is located 15 miles from Phoenix Metropolitan Area (15 minute drive)

Contact Information:

Contact Wendall Joe, Human Resource Coordinator, at 480-403-8595 Ext: 2551 for additional information or question regarding a position.

You can also email questions to: wjoe@cbcschools.com



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May the year of 2016 be a year of health, peace and prosperity.
Warmest wishes for a very Happy New Year!



Your friends at Gila River Health Care

INSULIN MEDICATION CHANGE

There has been a change in the preferred basal insulin at Gila River Health Care. Your provider may prescribe Levemir insulin instead of Lantus insulin.

What are Levemir and Lantus?

Both are basal insulins that are slowly released after a dose is injected. The injections are given once or twice per day. Both are clear liquids.

Why was I prescribed Levemir insulin instead of Lantus insulin?

Medication purchasing contracts change and when there is a substantial change, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee may recommend a different preferred medication. This is only done with careful review of the medications and it must have approval of the Medical Executive Committee as well. The change will give us a better value with the same efficacy.

Since Levemir costs less than Lantus, is it an inferior (less effective) product?

No, they are very similar and effective. In some health care systems, Levemir costs more than Lantus.

What is the difference between Levemir and Lantus?

Both are effective basal insulins. The formulation is slightly different and it may take a little bit more Levemir to reach the same result as Lantus. There no other significant differences.

How do I get the best results with the new insulin?

Continue to monitor your glucose at home regularly. Contact your provider if your numbers are running higher or lower than is normal for you.

What if I have more questions?

Contact the Pharmacy or Primary Care Provider or team so they can help.

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

Primary Care Department: (520) 562-3321 Ext. 1495
Pharmacy: (520) 562-3321 Ext. 1405

Komatke Health Care

Primary Care Department: (520) 550-6000
Pharmacy: (520) 550-6000 Ext. 6022

Ak Chin Health Clinic

Main: (520) 568-3881



FAREWELL

Dr. Leonard Sanders



Join us as we bid farewell to longtime medical provider and friend of the Gila River Indian Community.

Dr. Leonard Sanders has served the Community since October, 2006 and will be departing

Gila River Health Care at the end of December.

Although we will miss him, we fondly wish him success, as he has been a dedicated, hardworking practitioner and has contributed his time, energy and knowledge to the betterment of our Community.

THANK YOU DR. SANDERS

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483 W. Seed Farm Road
Sacaton, Arizona 85147

(520) 562-3321
(602) 528-1240

Komatke Health Center

17487 S. Health Care Dr.
Laveen, Arizona 85339

(520) 550-6000

Ak-Chin Clinic

48203 W. Farrell Road
Maricopa, Arizona 85239

(520) 568-3881

Gila River Indian Community
Crisis Line

1-800-259-3449

El Niño

Winter Preparedness

Be Prepared. Be cautious. Be Winter Rain Ready.

National Weather Service approximates a

95%

Chance El Niño will continue into winter 2015-2016

Be Prepared!

Be Informed During a Disaster

- *Watch the news on TV,*
- *Listen to the radio,*
- *Sign up to receive emergency notifications by uploading the phone application GRIC OEM through your android phone or iphone*

Turn Around Don't Drown

Never try to cross a flooded roadway. It takes just 6 inches of water to float a vehicle.

Anywhere it rains, it can flood

- *Ensure your home is prepared for heavy rains.*
- *Pay attention to flood watches and warnings,*
- *Be ready to move to higher ground.*
- *Don't walk or drive through flood water*

Be Prepared to Evacuate

- *Pack a "go kit"*
- *Have a 72-hour Kit*
- *Create a Family Disaster Plan*

The risk is real. Be prepared.

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