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O'otham New Year is defined by the changing of the seasons. It recognizes the summer solstice and invites the monsoon rains to nourish the arid desert land.

The Community held an O'otham New Year Gathering with an all-night chuth at the Sacaton Fairgrounds from Saturday evening, June 18 to sunrise on Sunday, June 19. A chuth is a type of social dance that begins in the evening and ends at sunrise.

The New Year celebration is a representation of the changing of the season; it doesn't have to be held exactly on the solstice (which, this year, was on June 20). During this time of the year, many O'otham also harvest baithaj from the ha:shañ and "sing down the rain" with prayers for a good monsoon and healthy harvest.

The evening began with a thoka tournament held in the orange light of the lowering sun. Two teams from Gila River and one from the Tohono O'odham Nation faced off in fierce, friendly



O'otham New Year

The Community celebrates O'otham New Year Gathering June 18-19

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The O'otham New Year Gathering started on June 18, Saturday evening, to sunrise on June 19.

competition. The women showed their toughness, battling each other for the ola (the "puck") and enduring the 117-degree heat.

As the sun slid behind the

Estrella Mountains, the gourds began to rattle in time.

Hundreds attended the O'otham New Year Gathering, a

sort of revival of the type of cele-

bration that would have been held long ago. For the past three years,

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State Bar of Arizona holds annual convention at Wild Horse Pass

Brittany Burnette
Gila River Indian News

On June 15, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis made a brief introduction speech to open the Annual 2016 State Bar of Arizona convention at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass.

Gov. Lewis welcomed the State Bar members to the Gila River Indian Community. "Though we are a sovereign nation, we function side by side with hundreds of members of the Arizona Bar as partners, as colleagues,



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From left, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Scott Bales, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Rod Lewis.

as clients, and as employers," he said.

Rod Lewis, the father of Gov. Lewis, was the first Native American to become a member of the State Bar of Arizona and developed the Indian law section of the bar during the early 1980's. He addressed the relationship between the State Bar and the Community. "It's been a good relationship, all of our attorneys are members of the State Bar and with the Community, so they are a major part of our lives..."

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Home Owners Team turns over final house to D5 family



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Johns family along with the Home Owners Team, Community Council representatives, District 5 staff and others, cut the ribbon on the new home, June 16.

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A home is the foundation of every family. It is a place where countless memories are made over the years.

Irving and Arlene Johns outgrew their small humble home, which they lived in for 47 years.

The Johns' received the keys to their new home in District 5 on June 16, on the heels of a huge project directed by the Community.

They received the last home built out of 477 residences erected under the direction of the Gila River Home Owners Team.

It is the conclusion of a nearly two-year long project that took the coordination of the Community and external stakeholders beginning with the first home that was

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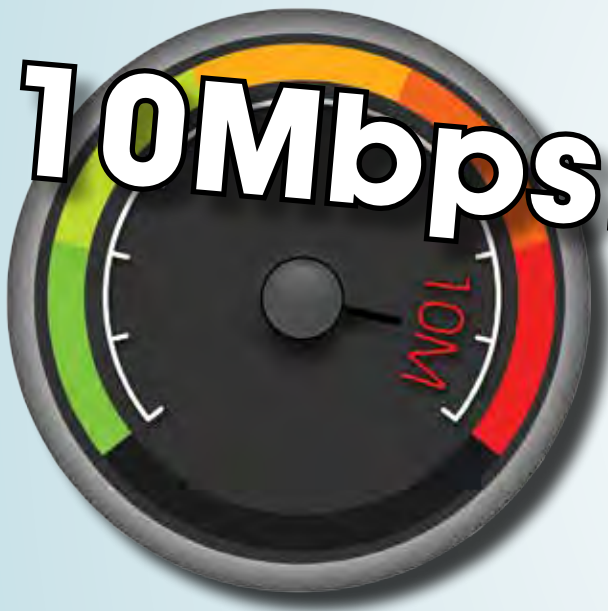
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In loving memory of Yvonne Jose (1984-2015)



As I sit in my cell thinking of you, you make my heart skip a beat drifting on a memory under the night sky twisting on the tunes, "Love and Happiness" by the Al Green, dedication of the Art Laboe show, I wish on you my night star woman to carry my sorrows away as the sun goes down. I smile with so many frowns my heart is broken. I feel the emotional pain of defeat, taste the swell of hopelessness. They say the longest river is the river of tears but tears won't mend my heart or cleanse my soul. I cry myself to sleep, tears on my

pillow, pain in my heart because you're not by my side. I'm looking for redemption just afraid to say the name so caught up in pretending mile upon mile got no direction, negating reality afraid to seek and accept the truth, I'm looking for a happy ending, all I'm looking for is you. Until we meet in another realm, you're my star in the sky, I'm your man behind the moon saying that I love you, so I will tell the world how I feel about you, that's just the way it has to be, forever 1-4-3, may you rest in peace.

Elmer Miller "Jr."

A heartfelt thanks

It is rare in an ordinary life when an opportunity presents itself for each of us to take time to "realize that we receive a great deal more than we give and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich."

This is such a moment for our families to express deep appreciation for the many people and organizations who showed their support as our beloved family member, Malorie Annette Miguel, passed away and was laid to rest.

From the bottom of our hearts please accept our thanks, love and respect.

The Miguel, Lewis & Robles Families

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Thank you from the Oliver-Ojeda Family

On behalf of the family of the late Violet M. Oliver-Ojeda, it is cherished and respected of the following choirs, groups, individuals and churches who shared songs of devotion: Unity for Christ, The Morago Family, Gospel Road, White Dove, Gila Crossing Presbyterian, The Upper Room, Clarence Garcia, Christina Silvas, Reginald Martinez, Kathleen Harris and Sandy Harvey. In addition to Pastor Darlene Vasquez, Pastor Randy Ruiz and his wife Linda Ruiz, Elder Anthony J. Hill and Pastor Annette Lewis. Assistance by Tribal Social Services-Burial Assistance, Elderly Services, GRHCC Dialysis support staff, GRIC Police Department and GRIC Judicial Branch.

Furthermore, the family would like to acknowledge all who donated food, items, their time, attention and help with the gravesite preparation (digging). Violet's dear cousins and friends from Window Rock, Arizona, Fort Hall, Idaho and Washington State (Stillaguamish Tribe) who came to be by her side are to be admired and commended.

May God thru Jesus Christ watch over each and every one of you, Bless you in a special way only our Heavenly Father can do and continue the wisdom and compassion you display to your fellow man. Violet will be missed but not forgotten. Thank you, the Oliver & Gilmore Family.



From the Jonah F. Ray, Jr. family

On behalf of the Ray Family; we would like to thank all that came out to pay respect to our brother Jonah F. Ray, Jr.

He was an educator and mentor of our O'odham tradition and culture.

Jonah participated in the Uni-

ty Run and re-burial ceremonies.

He will be greatly missed by all who's lives he touched.

Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, attendance, and especially the songs.

With much appreciation,
Russell C. Ray and Family

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Gov. Lewis during his address at the State Bar of Arizona annual convention on June 15. Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

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Gov. Lewis encouraged the State Bar attorneys to review issues involving Native American tribes, and to be helpful in their community. He addressed his father, who had a successful career in the legal profession and chose to come back and serve the Community with pride and integrity. Gov. Lewis concluded his speech by encouraging the members to learn as much as they can in the seminars, and to enjoy their three-day stay at the Sheraton Grand.

The annual convention was a three-day event for members of the State Bar of Arizona; this event also provided 50 seminars, and opportunities to network. The State Bar of Arizona is a non-profit organization that is supervised by the Arizona Supreme Court, and has been around for over 83 years. Rod said the State Bar is composed of all the attorneys who have passed the State Bar exam. They regulate the legal proceedings of Arizona and address issues on behalf the general public.

BIE Acting Director visits the Community

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Bureau of Indian Education Acting Director Anne Marie Bledsoe Downs visited the Gila River Indian Community to get an on-the-ground perspective from education and tribal leadership on June 23.

Before traveling to the Governance Center, Downs visited the Tribal Education Department offices and Blackwater Community School to get familiar with the Community's education needs and services.

Tribal Education Department Director Isaac Salcido said the Community is

in the midst of completing a BIE Sovereignty in Indian Education grant by December, which has been awarded to four other tribal nations.

The SIE grant provides funding to tribal education departments as a way to bolster the support of tribal control and operation of BIE funded schools.

Salcido said communication is crucial between the Community and BIE and that it is a positive sign for them to visit the Community and tribal leadership.

The assessment can compare third graders from all of the schools located in the Community together to

get a picture of how they are performing across the board.

"We are doing a student academic assessment across the Community. [We] are the first Native community to be doing [this] with tribal and BIE schools," said Salcido.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said the BIE is being very proactive by taking an interest in GRIC's BIE funded schools.

He said, "It is beneficial to serve tribes in Indian Country where they are wanting to provide technical services to the tribes and the schools while working with tribal leadership in a respectful manner."



BIE Acting Director Anne Marie Bledsoe Downs (left of Gov. Lewis) visited GRIC tribal leadership, Tribal Education and the Education Standing Committee. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

One of the more pressing needs of the Community is the advocacy for the improvements to schools, like the Gila Crossing Com-

munity School campus that is in need of new infrastructure. "We would like to work in a very collaborative way

with the BIE to get schools like Gila Crossing Community School to get new infrastructure," he said.

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4:00pm	Mohawk Girls <i>Offers a surprising inside look at Native youth culture in the 21st century.</i>	Back In The Day <i>Halfway</i>	Oskayak Down Under	Voices Of	Down The Mighty River <i>The River That Heals</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>Saginaw Grant</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Chickasaw Cultural Center</i>	
4:30pm	Native Report	Native Report	People of the Pines <i>Crossroads</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Uncharted Territory</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu <i>Bush Medicine</i>	
5:00pm	Native Voice TV	GILA RIVER BROADCASTING CORPORATION ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY	After The Gold Rush <i>World leaders debate the causes and effects of global warming.</i>	LaDonna Harris:Indian 101 <i>Taught to members of Congress and others for more than 35 years.</i>	GILA RIVER BROADCASTING CORPORATION ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY	People of the Beautiful River <i>A plot that caused the Maliseets of Viger to lose their ancestral lands.</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People <i>Native Report</i>	
5:30pm	On Native Ground Youth Report <i>Billy Mills</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Partic-Inaction</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Wapos Falcon</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Too Deadly</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Treasure of the Sierra</i>	Wapos Bay <i>There's No "I" In Hockey</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Partic-Inaction</i>	
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7:00pm	Native Shorts	Indians and Aliens <i>Mabel Sam</i>	Back In The Day <i>Halfway</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Burt Seabourn</i>	Rez Rides <i>Chasing the Dream</i>	Champions of the North <i>Sisters</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Birth of a Station</i>	
7:30pm	Why Treaties The Chippewa ceded some 11 million acres of land to the United States Govm't.	The Activist <i>Suspicious circumstances surround the arrest and imprisonment of two American Indian activists.</i>	Alaska Tribes- The Story of Federal Indian Law in Alaska	Good Meat <i>A journey to get healthy by converting to a traditional Lakota diet.</i>	When I Hear Thunder <i>Tradition of boxing intact on reservations across Arizona, where young men train in gyms often run by their fathers.</i>	Don't Get Sick After June <i>U.S. gov't's failure to provide health care in fulfillment of federal treaty</i>	California Indian: A Tribal Story <i>A Pomo Indian radio host, helps the Tule Lake Rancheria out of danger from a seedy casino investor.</i>	
8:00pm	For The Generations: Native Story and Performance	Rez	Smokin' Fish <i>One man navigates between the modern world and an ancient culture.</i>	Across The Creek	Animal Songs	American Outrage <i>The US gov't has spent millions persecuting two elderly women.</i>	Dreamer	
8:30pm	Australia's Shame <i>For hundreds of years the white colonials saw the Aborigines as a primitive race, destined to die out.</i>	Video Letters From Prison <i>A heartwarming story about the power of love and family.</i>	Urban Rez <i>Explores the controversial legacy and modern-day repercussions of the Urban Relocation Program.</i>	Incas Remembered <i>Wondrous people who once ruled half S. America before falling to the Spanish Conquistadors.</i>	Choctaw Code Talkers <i>The empowering chronicle of Choctaw Soldiers as the original Code Talkers during World War I.</i>	We Are The Indians <i>For centuries, their ancient way of life has shielded them from Westernization.</i>	Original Patriots: Northern California Indian Veterans of WWII <i>Vets speak of Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima and D-Day.</i>	

Housing Owners Team delivers last of 477 homes from page 1

turned over in March of 2015.

When they cut the ribbon on their new home, Irving said they were blessed to have the support of the Community throughout the whole process from start to finish.

“I want to thank all the workers and everyone that was involved with the building of our home,” said Irving.

For the Johns, things seemed to come full circle as many of their children and grandchildren were present to celebrate their new blessing.

According to Arlene, the Community used to reach out to families to assist them in building new homes.

This time around it was a little different and the Community enlisted the help of over seven entities from within and outside of GRIC to build the homes.

Kautaq Construction Services, LLC General Manager Don Williamson said, “We take a lot of pride in what we do. We take into consideration the fact that

[we] are building a place of security and comfort for the families that will be moving into [these] homes.”

Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation Chief of Staff Doris Hugo-Shaving praised all of the departments and entities that were involved in the Community-wide home construction project.

There were many smiles to go around on the morning of the ribbon cutting as everyone who was involved in the project looked back at what had been accomplished this far.

Hugo-Shaving said, “It is quite an amazing accomplishment. It was a coordinated effort between the various departments and entities involved in the project.”

Amazing because such a project has not been achieved before by any other tribal community.

The Acting Director of Housing Development, JoAnn Garcia said it was quite a learning process to build so many new homes for Community members across all the districts.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Arlene and Irving Johns thank the Community for all their support and for everyone who was involved in the project.

“We hope to continue [this] process to be able to provide homes for members of the Community. Most of all it is an honor to see people receiving their new homes,” said Garcia.

Hugo-Shaving said, “It’s been really exciting to drive around the Community and see the new homes that [we] have built for the Community.”

District 2 Council Rep-

resentative, Carol Schurz said it is a huge celebration for the Johns and the HOT group.

“Everyone contributed to the success of where we are at today. We have that experience now of building 477 homes,” said Schurz.



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Arlene Johns cuts the ribbon on her new home in District 5.



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Tribal Ed. recognizes GRIC high school and college grads



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis congratulates a graduate as TED Director Isaac Salcido looks on.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone congratulates a student at the banquet honoring high school and college graduates.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

With the echoes of graduation celebrations fading, there is still a reason to celebrate the accomplishments of the Community's high school and college graduates.

The Tribal Education Department hosted a graduation banquet to recognize the Community's graduates at the District 7 Multipurpose Building on June 17.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said that it was an honor to personally sign the dozens of certificates awarded to them for their hard work.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone said the honor was all hers, because there are so many students going on to do important things in their lives. It will allow them opportunities only available through a college education.

One student traveled quite a ways to attend the banquet from Neosho, Mo.

Alaya Nicole Clayton said it was an exciting experience to visit the Community all the way from her Midwestern home.

She graduated from East Newton High School in May and will be attending Missouri Southern State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in radiology.

The visit to GRIC was extra special, because her grandmother Carlotta George and high school best friend Annie Lezure made the trip to the Community.

Clayton said, "[It] excites me to be around graduates who share a common interest in [their] education and to see that we come from different places as Community members."

Another high school graduate wants to combine his interests in law and business together.

Gabriel Madrid is from District 3 and is excited about attending the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University to begin his studies as a psychology major.

The Coolidge High School graduate won't be taking a break from academia for long.

He will be traveling to Atlanta, Ga. to attend a Future Business Leaders of America conference and competition from June 29 to July 2.

"I've always been interested in business and law. When I took a business class in high school that really set my interest in what I want to do," he said.

To end the program, two graduates, Marissa Sunna and Candalerian Preston, provided remarks on achieving their education goals.

Sunna, District 5, graduated from Vista Grande High School. She said her family is the main force behind her desire to get a college degree.

She will be attending Chandler-Gilbert Community College and then plans on transferring to the University of Arizona with an emphasis on medical coding and billing.

Preston, District 5, received her Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Arizona. She is optimistic for the future because more tribal members are obtaining college degrees allowing for more creative approaches to solving some of the tribes pressing issues.

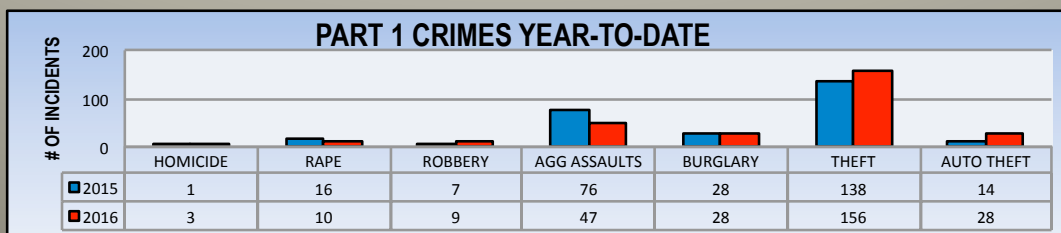
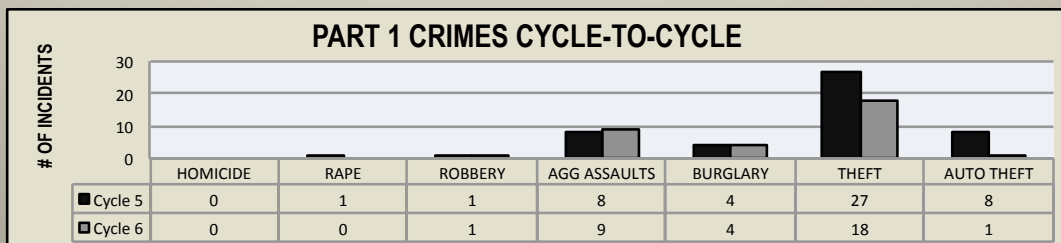
"When you speak, you speak for our people, when you act, you act for our people," she said.

TED Director Isaac Salcido said, "If [we] keep graduating students like [these], the Community is going to be in good hands."

Compstat Report from 5/17 - 6/13 courtesy of GRPD

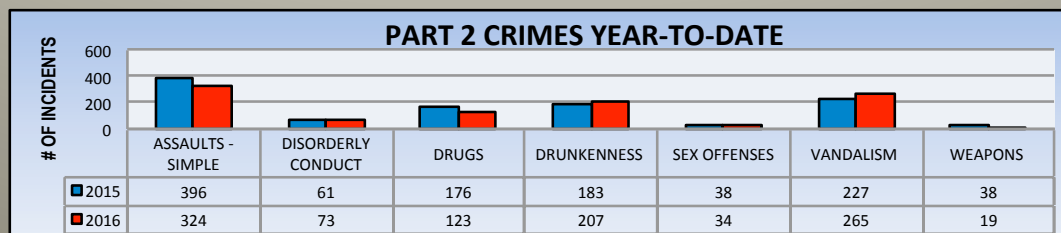
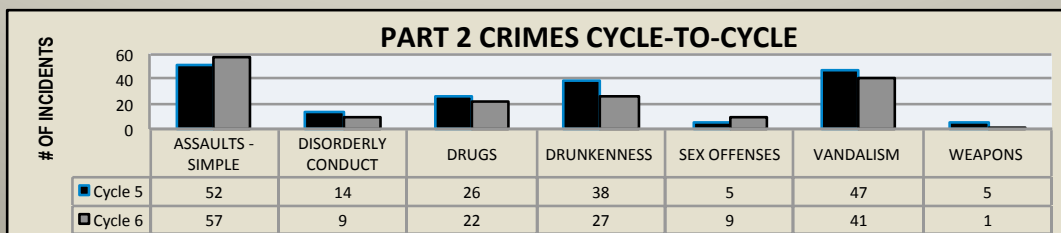
Community Wide – Part 1 Crimes

PART I CRIMES CYCLE-TO-CYCLE	Cycle 5 4/19/16 - 5/16/16	Cycle 6 5/17/16 - 6/13/16	% Change	PART I CRIMES YEAR-TO-DATE	12/30/14 - 6/15/15	12/29/15 - 6/13/16	15/16 %Chg
HOMICIDE	0	0	0%	HOMICIDE	1	3	200%
RAPE	1	0	-100%	RAPE	16	10	-38%
ROBBERY	1	1	0%	ROBBERY	7	9	29%
AGG ASSAULTS	8	9	13%	AGG ASSAULTS	76	47	-38%
BURGLARY	4	4	0%	BURGLARY	28	28	0%
THEFT	27	18	-33%	THEFT	138	156	13%
AUTO THEFT	8	1	-88%	AUTO THEFT	14	28	100%
TOTAL VIOLENT	10	10	0%	TOTAL VIOLENT	100	69	-31%
TOTAL PROPERTY	39	23	-41%	TOTAL PROPERTY	180	212	18%
TOTAL PART I	49	33	-33%	TOTAL PART I	280	281	0%



Community Wide – Part 2 Crimes

PART II CRIMES CYCLE-TO-CYCLE	Cycle 5 4/19/16 - 5/16/16	Cycle 6 5/17/16 - 6/13/16	% Change	PART II CRIMES YEAR-TO-DATE	12/30/14 - 6/15/15	12/29/15 - 6/13/16	15/16 %Chg
ASSAULTS - SIMPLE	52	57	10%	ASSAULTS - SIMPLE	396	324	-18%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	14	9	-36%	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	61	73	20%
DRUGS	26	22	-15%	DRUGS	176	123	-30%
DRUNKENNESS	38	27	-29%	DRUNKENNESS	183	207	13%
SEX OFFENSES	5	9	80%	SEX OFFENSES	38	34	-11%
VANDALISM	47	41	-13%	VANDALISM	227	265	17%
WEAPONS	5	1	-80%	WEAPONS	38	19	-50%
TOTAL PART 2	187	166	-11%	TOTAL PART 2	1119	1045	-7%



A'AGA

Something to be told

By Billy Allen

A couple of generations past, in this s-toñ or hot season, akimel farmers would have liked the rain to come and drop the temperature but preferred the dark purple clouds to be hooked by the tall mountains in the east. Then the akimel would soon be swollen and flow into canals leading to prepared fields with debris rich su:dag. The second growing season would have begun and end with the first frost. When some of our forefathers moved to different villages, they remained loyal to their mother or home fields. It was told one

O'otham farmer would run to his Casa Blanca fields before sunrise, irrigate, and then run back to Blackwater in the evening. To be called s-vagima or hard-working was a compliment as well as a way of life for O'otham and Piipaash. Hopefully July will live up to its O'otham moniker, Jukiabig or "rainy". Today the s-toñ or heat limits outdoor activities but it was not always like this. The southwest was a bee hive of activity even as the heat lay upon the jeved or land.

When a Spanish expedition was looking for an

overland trail to California, it came through our jeved. The leader, Juan Bautista de Anza, labeled the Casa Grande as the Palace of Montezuma. A fellow traveler, Padre Francisco Garcés asked the locals who built the structure and was told the Hopi were responsible for the Casa Grande. In spite of knowing the Hopi resisted Spanish influence, Padre Garcés wanted to go to their villages and preach the gospel. Padre Garcés marched into Oraibi in July 1776. The Hopi were not very courteous; the padre doesn't get to deliver his message and will leave the way he came. In early September, he will pass through our jeved on his way back to San Xavier.

Early explorers noted the akimel ran underground

when it was s-toñ. Where the water re-emerged in the riverbed settlements arose. Sacate was such a village; close to where the Arizona Eastern Railroad would eventually cross the Gila River. The railroad first arrived at Maricopa Junction/Maricopa in 1879 and plans were made to extend a branch to Tempe, Phoenix and Prescott. Since this railroad would cross our jeved, permission had to be given and the O'otham/Piipaash refused. Arizona's congressional delegate had Congress pass a right-of-way bill. The railroad delivered sacks of silver coins to buy land from the Natives. At a railroad camp, 12 Sacate "landowners" were paid \$700 dollars for the value of their land and crops. Later the Maricopa

Railroad Station store would purchase wheat raised by Native farmers at the going rate of 80 cents per 100 pounds. The railroad would reach Phoenix on July 4, 1887. Today the southern portion of the Maricopa to I-10 highway is still elevated because of the periodic flooding of the Akimel.

Nat Love was born a slave who drifted west when the Civil War ended. He arrived in Deadwood, South Dakota in 1876. He entered the July 4th rodeo competition and won the roping, saddle and bronc riding contests. This earned him a new moniker, "Deadwood Dick". Mr. Love found work rounding up cattle along the Gila for the Gallinger Ranch, he had a talent for reading cattle

brands. While rounding up cattle along the akimel, our warriors attacked and captured the cowboy. His life was spared because warriors respected his ability to fight. While being nursed back to health, he stole a pony and escaped into West Texas. According to the Documenting the American South website, there may be some stretching of the truth in Love's book, "Life and Adventures of Nat Love," published in 1907. This in spite of Mr. Love's claim his book is for "those who prefer facts to fiction." But it is good reading.

Time to look outside and see if it's going to rain.

Information was taken from "Peoples of the Middle Gila" by John P. Wilson and "Cultures of Conquest" by Edward Spicer.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

On a patch of olive tree farmland just west of the I-10, a crew of seven workers hacks at an endless sea of weeds, slowly but effectively beating back the unwanted plants in an effort to nurture the 217,000 olive tree saplings growing across 355 acres on Gila River Farms.

As to why the farm will be growing so many olive trees, Tiffany Horne, GRF General Manager, said that from the very beginning of the farm's investment into the olive trees, the intention for the new crop was to produce olive oil.

"The price of olive oil has consistently gone up over the last few years and we have the ability to either sell it in bulk or we can bottle it and sell it under the Gila River Farms label," said Horne.

Overseas olive oil scandal boosts U.S. local market

Now that the word has been out for a few years on how many of the overseas bottles of olive oil, sitting on local supermarket shelves may be fake, local olive farms and olive presses have experienced growth with new groves popping up all over the United States.

Earlier this year, Forbes reported that 80 percent of the Italian olive oil available on the market is in fact not olive oil at all. It was found that many Italian olive oils were either low-quality, of unknown origin, or at worst, an outright fake made with vegetable oil mixed with fragrance and coloring.

While this is terrible news for shoppers who've been duped into buying possibly fake bottles of olive oil, this is great news for American olive oil producers, who, according to the Wall Street Journal are making fresher and more



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Workers from Gila River Farms tend to the olive tree saplings on a patch, which should begin producing olives in 2018.

flavorful olive oils that clearly state a date and location of harvest on their bottles.

GRF is looking to join the ranks of those local olive oil producers and begin serving up their own delicious Gila River Farms label brand.

It's all about the olive oil

The olive saplings, which were all hand planted in October 2015, are the end result of years of research conducted by GRF. GRF, working in conjunction with Agromillora Nursery located in Sacramento, Calif., decided on three varieties of olive trees, the Koroneiki, Arbequina, and Arbosana.

"Those three produce the best olives for the oil itself. You can blend those three different varieties of olives to make different tasting oil," Horne said.

GRF also chose those olive tree types because they are super high-density trees, meaning, they are planted on a trellis system



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One of the 217,000 olive tree saplings at the olive grove on Gila River Farms.

and can be harvested by machine, requiring less labor from workers and produce more consistent crop yields.

However, while GRF has planted close to a quarter of a million olive trees in its fields and looks to see its first yield sometime in 2018, there is still the question of an olive press.

"We really want to press the olives here ourselves," said Horne. "These trees are capable of producing up to five tons per acre. So, for each tree, that equates to 1.2 to 1.3 gallons per tree, per year. We would like to market it under the Gila River Farms or Gila River Indian Community name. Have it all, from start to finish, an end product that the Community is producing here," said Horne.

With the know-how and research into growing and maintaining the olive trees done, the plan seems like a slam-dunk, except for one very large hurdle—the \$700,000 price tag for a standard olive press.

While GRF doesn't currently have the funds to purchase an olive press, they are hoping to build one over the next 18 months.

Horne emphasized that even if the farm is unable to build an olive press before their olive trees begin to produce fruit, the farm will be able to sell their olives as a commodity or have the olives pressed at another location.

"There is a huge demand in California for olive oil," said Horne. "To the point that they would pay us for the freight, for us to ship the olives there in containers."

"There are lots of options," added Horne, "Buying the olives as a commodity is in demand, so, it's not just the oil that is profitable but also the olives themselves."

Olive trees and the desert climate

With olive oil becoming a popular local crop in the U.S. and GRF having purchased and planted over 200,000 olive trees plus looking to build their own olive press, the future of the new crop looks good. But one big question remains. Will the olive trees thrive in the Southern Arizona climate?

"They do," said Horne. "We did a lot of research, soil sampling, water sampling, [and] testing to make sure that the micronutrients in the soil was suitable for growing in this climate. Typically, these olives are grown in a Mediterranean type of environment...[and] grown a lot in the Middle East, [which is] very hot. This climate here is comparable to that and it makes sense for us," she said.

Even though Arizona is not suffering the same debilitating drought conditions that California is experiencing, water is still a precious commodity and

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O'otham New Year Gathering

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The O'otham New Year was celebrated at the Fairgrounds' Cultural Circle.

Pamela Thompson, GRIC Community Manager, has organized the Celebration at the fairgrounds' Cultural Circle.

"It's really exciting, and it's grown, and it really instills pride in you as an O'otham, and if you haven't attended before, I invite you [next year] because... it's an exciting place to be."

A group of 60-plus basket dancers from all across the Community opened the night with a series of dances such as The Swing and "What Kind of Flower?" Later, a group from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community also participated

with a number of traditional Pee Posh songs and dances.

This year, the Communications & Public Affairs Office and the Office of the Community Manager teamed up to help Thompson organize and fund the event. The offices paid for meals for guests as well as give-away baskets and gifts for the singers.

Barnaby Lewis is a regular at the O'otham New Year Gathering. He stays up all night, singing more than 100 unique songs with different groups.

"There was a variety of different bird series songs

that we sang, mostly because we wanted the people to hear the tremendous variety of melodies and tunes," he said. "There are blackbird songs, swallow songs, oriole songs, macaw songs...all of these songs have stories in them, but [also] they're all social dance songs."

In a distant corner of the fairgrounds a group of men, led by Antonio Davis, aka Gohk Hapoth, and his brother Joe Davis, learned to play an old men's game called "gins" (pronounced with a hard "g" as in "gains").

The game is played

on a large board of sorts, made out of holes dug into the earth and participants positioned in the cardinal directions. Players toss sticks into the air and move tokens around the board like Hasbro's "Sorry" according to markings on the sticks.

"You [begin] from the West, and then you go counter-clockwise," Davis instructed. "Every community's rules are different, [but] for our rules, all the sticks must land in the square, or what they call the realm, [and] they can't land on each other or on their sides."

Bets (usually possessions, not money) are placed in the middle before gameplay and the winner takes the pot.

Like the modern New Year celebrated on January 1, this is primarily a social event, albeit with more cultural weight and, for some, an element of spiritual rejuvenation. The focal point of the night is spending time with family and friends.

Laughter was abundant, and everybody danced



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at one point or another. A few dozen stayed the whole night and didn't sleep a wink.

Thanks to the extra funding from the Community, guests were well fed with catering from the Sunna family. Organizers provided dinner, a midnight snack of menudo and yeast rolls, and burritos and fruit as part of a complete breakfast.

As the first light of dawn began to creep into the sky, the veil of night

lifted, details revealed themselves, and the tempo of the drum and gourds quickened. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis led the dances for the final half-hour and the singers ended the night with the Oriole Bird Song.

Around 5:20 a.m. the sun crested over the San Tan mountain range. The circle of dancers wrapped in upon itself to thank the singers in a line of handshakes and weary smiles. And then they dispersed, ready to start the New Year.

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District 3 O'otham Ñeok class harvests ha:shañ baithaj



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The District 3 O'otham Language class pose during the baithaj harvest with each holding a ku'ipad.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

As the baithaj harvesters picked their fruit from the tops of the towering cacti, a layer of clouds shielded them from the harshness of the sun, signaling the sky-bound treasure of the coming rainy season.

The ripening of the baithaj (Saguaro cactus fruit) marks a significant time of the year for the O'otham. This is the turning

of the season – field planting is done; rain is soon to come. O'otham mark their New Year with celebrations, prayers, and baithaj picking.

Late last month, District 3's O'otham Ñeok (Language) Class went on an excursion into the Gila River desert to gather baithaj.

The baithag is the fruit of the ha:shañ (Saguaro cactus). Baithag and baithaj refer to the same thing, but baithag is used when the fruit is still affixed to the

cactus; baithaj is the fruit after it's fallen.

For D3 residents, this is the first baithaj gathering to happen in a long time.

"This is our first annual ha:shañ baithaj harvest for the District 3 community," said Tammy Histia, one of the O'otham Language Class instructors. "As [long] as I've...lived in District 3, we've never had a harvest and I'm glad that the O'otham Ñeok Class had a chance to come out here and experience harvesting."

The O'otham Language Class is open to the public and language learners of all ages; you don't have to be from District 3 to attend. Histia and Anthony Gray teach the classes on Thursday evenings at the D3 Service Center. They are also the Cultural Coordinators for the Tribal Education Department.

The class met on the evening of June 16 for a special lesson about the baithaj and how to make a ku'ipad, which is the long pole used to knock down the baithag.

Robert Johnson of the Huhugam Heritage Center, Language Department, has been helping many districts plan their baithaj harvests for many years. He brought a number of hand tools and taught the participants how to cut the vap'pai (Sagua-

ro cactus ribs), sand them down and bind them together to make longer poles. He also showed them how to attach the machchud, the crosspiece on the end of the poles that gives the tool its pushing and pulling power.

Johnson said that to the O'otham, ha'ha:shañ are like people, and should be treated with the same amount of respect and dignity you'd give to a friend or relative.

The next Thursday, the D3 group met up at the service center again, this time as the sun was rising, and drove to an area of desert where ha'ha:shañ flourished.

"Now when you get your first baithaj, you're going to put some right here on your chest, and you're going to bless yourself," said Johnson. Everyone standing around him grabbed a little red pulp from the center of a baithaj and rubbed it just below their necks.

Johnson, an elder from District 4, has been exploring our desert landscape for more than half of his life and uses desert plants for traditional purposes. There is more to the desert than meets the eye.

The Saguaro cactus fruit is a delicious product of our desert's most recognizable succulent, and birds enjoy it as much as we do.

Many of the plump, red baithag tricked the people, who knocked them down only to find a hole in the side of the fruit where a bird had already gotten to the tasty inside.

In late April to early May, the ha:shañ hiosig (Saguaro flower) blooms. "After pollination, the flowers dry out and the baithag starts to ripen," said Johnson.

The baithag are ripe when they are red on the ha:shañ and beginning to burst on their own. After pulling down a few of the fruits, the people cut them open with a gagithaj to reveal the juñ (the edible part of the fruit) inside. A gagithaj is the stem of the Saguaro flower. It has a very sharp edge and is perfect for cutting the baithaj open.

After opening the baithaj, the red fruit is slid out of its shell, into a bucket.

When the fruit is cut open and all the pulp is collected, Johnson instructed the class to lay the eldag (the fruit's rind, or skin) on the ground with the open side face up, toward the sky. This is a prayer, asking the Creator for rain to come nourish the land, he said.

The group harvested as much baithaj as they could in the sunlight of the early morning hours. All of the

baithaj fruit was collected into one bucket and will be made into sitol, a desert treat and a fantastic natural sweetener.

Johnson said a major part of making the baithaj harvest available to Community members is to hopefully bring out more children to teach them about their culture while they are still young.

Serenity Gray, Anthony's 10-year-old daughter, said this was her first time on a baithaj harvest. She said she had a lot of fun reaching the tops of the ha'ha:shañ and learning how to get the fruit from the cactus.

Baithaj picking is a time of purity and prayer, said Johnson. "Our hearts are good, we think good thoughts, and...when we put the eldag up like that, we're asking for rain from the Creator."

This time of year, groups and families from around the Community go out into the desert to harvest the cactus fruit. There is still a little bit of time left before all the ripe baithaj are gone. Histia and her group are going out again on Saturday, July 2 near the Sacaton Mountains. If you're interested in joining the group, call Histia at (520) 562-3662, extension 230.

Youth Council holds annual Youth Conference at UltraStar

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The world is full of people telling you what to do and advertisers telling you how to be, but the youth of this generation are on a mission to shape their own future.

The theme of the 26th Annual Gila River Youth Conference, "Shapeless," is a nod to the idea that individuals don't fit a mold, and, with the right encouragement and opportunities, the youth are free to define themselves.

"We are many shapes and colors, and just one shape doesn't define us," said the Youth Conference Female Co-Chair Autumn Cooper (District 4).

The Gila River Youth Conference is hosted by the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council every year, but it's not just for youth council members.

According to registration numbers, nearly 400 GRIC youth attended the 26th Annual Youth Conference this year from June 23 – June 24.

For the second consecutive year, the Gila River Youth Conference was held at the UltraStar Multi-tainment Center in the Ak-Chin Indian Community. UltraStar is a family-friendly center with fun activities like bowling, laser tag, pool tables, and arcade games.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

The Youth Conference facilitators pose outside the UltraStar Multi-tainment Center.

ment Center in the Ak-Chin Indian Community. UltraStar is a family-friendly center with fun activities like bowling, laser tag, pool tables, and arcade games.

The conference is a place for the Community's teen crowd to make new friends and learn new things.

This year, workshops included Remains of our Ancestors, by Edie Thomas, where students learned about the Akimel O'otham from archaeologists per-

spective, and Eth Jeved (Our Land), a presentation by Culture Coordinators Anthony Gray and Tammy Histia about the "geographical knowledge of our ancestors through stories, songs, and memories," according to the instructors.

Culture classes were a major part of the conference this year. "There was pottery; we had a language class; we had the history; and gourd making," said Enrique Holguin, the Youth Conference Male Co-Chair.

"Then the culture night. We have it every year, but this time we actually all came together as four tribes, our sister tribes."

On the evening of the last day, the youth held a culture night. All four of the O'otham sister tribes came together to sing traditional songs and wrapped the room in a social circle dance.

Other workshops had students discussing sex education, suicide prevention, conquering obstacles,

leadership, health, empowerment, financial management, and many other life-skills that adolescents rarely have the opportunity to discuss openly.

Basketball slam-dunk artist and international star Kenny Dobbs offered a dose of inspiration and left the students awestruck with his story and b-ball skills.

The Phoenix native and Choctaw Nation citizen spoke about his faith and cultural pride while stressing the importance of gratitude and never giving up, then he gave a demonstration on the blacktop basketball court.

"He came from a really bad background...and that's something that we can relate to," said Holguin. He said Dobbs is an inspirational figure and shows that by seizing opportunities and fighting bad influences, you can shape a better future for yourself.

"My favorite thing from this year's conference was a presenter that we had," said Sarah Francisco (District 6). "Her name is Matika Wilbur and she spoke on what it means to be indigenous to her."

Wilbur (Swinomish

and Tulalip) is a world-famous photographer. She has been photographing indigenous people for years and spoke to the youth about her latest effort, Project 562.

"Her whole thing is she shows what she values through photography. ... She wants to kind of break the stereotype of what it means to be Native American."

Francisco said she was inspired by the courage it took for Wilbur to strike out on her own, despite the challenges.

"She took a really huge step in doing that, but look where she is now. [Don't be] afraid of what comes next, just go for it if you feel it's right and just do it if you're passionate about it."

The Youth Conference is also a place for the Youth Council to recruit and vote in new representatives. Youth from all seven districts attend the conference and are encouraged to vote for their respective district reps.

The conference ended on a high note with chicken scratch music from D Faktion Nyne.

Local skaters hit the streets of Sacaton for Go Skateboarding Day

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

As a boiling hot Arizona sun beat down on the Gila River Indian Community and most people were taking shelter indoors, the Community's youth were out en masse at Sacaton's skate park, June 21, for Go Skateboarding Day, an annual worldwide skateboarding holiday.

Around 60 skaters and spectators participated in the skateboarding event, which featured timed races, trick competitions and prize giveaways.

The event was held at two locations with the first half of the competition taking place at Sacaton's skate park and the second half at

the old Gila River Fire Department parking lot where volunteers setup makeshift skate ramps and grind rails.

Skaters of all ages, from 30-somethings to the very young, joined in on the fun as family, friends, and a Gila River Fire Department engine crew watched the skaters perform a variety of tricks.

Gale Whitson, who came to the event to watch 15-year-old local skater Taymen Chatlin take part in Go Skateboarding Day, was surprised at how good many of the young skaters were.

"I think it's pretty cool. It must take a lot of practice for them to get up that high," said Whitson of the skaters launching themselves off ramps and into the air.

"I remember when Taymen was small and just starting out, it was very hard for him," said Whitson, "He would say 'I can't do it', but I would say, 'You have to try, you have to keep practicing until you get it right, because that is what it is [all] about. If you want to become better, you need to practice,'" she said.

And it appears that Chatlin took Whitson's words to heart.

As the event drew to an end, Chatlin tirelessly tried to land a 360 Flip to win the best trick competition. Time after time he attempted the challenging trick to no avail, at times almost landing the trick while at other times crashing hard into the ground.



Taymen Chatlin performs at trick during the Go Skateboarding Day event in Sacaton

Brittany Burnette/GRIN

Finally, as the event was moments away from ending, Chatlin raced towards the wooden ramp one last time.

The crowd watched in near-silence as he charged up the ramp and into the air, flawlessly performing a 360 Flip and landing solidly back on the ground. Cheers erupt-

ed from the crowd and event host Reuben Ringlero congratulated the young skater for winning the best trick competition, earning him a brand new Cowtown skateboard.

When asked what it felt like to finally land the trick he had been working so hard

to pull off, Chatlin said, "It felt great, really great."

The Gila River Fire Department engine crew handed out Cowtown skateboards to the competition winners and tossed a variety of additional prizes to the crowd.

The Go Skateboarding Day contest winners were: Justin Webb, Chandler Granillo, Eusabio Juan, and Taymen Chatlin.

The event was hosted by Seven Layer Army and the Gila River Wellness Center and sponsored by Gila River Sand & Gravel and Cowtown Skateboards.

For more information about upcoming local skating events contact Paul Molina at sevelayerarmy@gmail.com or visit www.sevenlayerarmyskateboards.com

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Provided by Department of Environmental Quality and Chemical Tribal Emergency Response Commission
Gila River Indian Community

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) extends beyond items such as used motor oil, batteries and paint. HHW are products we purchase every day that contain materials that could harm

us or the environment if improperly handled. Common products that could be HHW are pesticides, cleaners, paints, stains, personal care, and electronic products. Look for words such as 'warning,' 'caution,' 'flammable,' 'toxic,' 'poison,' etc., on the labels.

Many of these products are not used up and are stored in homes, basements and garages across

the Community. While these products may be safe to use, we must remember that these same products are considered a hazardous waste, and the disposal of the leftover product must be handled properly.

HHW is sometimes disposed of improperly by individuals pouring wastes on the ground, down the drain, into storm sewers, or by putting them out

with the trash. Improperly discarded household hazardous wastes have the potential to contaminate septic tanks or waste water treatment systems and may present hazards to children and pets.

If you use products with hazardous components, purchase and use only the amount needed. Leftover materials can be shared with neighbors or donated to a charity, business, or government agen-

cy.

Many communities have started special collection days or permanent collection sites for handling household hazardous waste. While the Gila River Indian Community does not currently offer a household hazardous waste collection day, surrounding communities and county agencies offer collection/disposal services.

Reach out to your Chemical Tribal Emergen-

cy Response Commission District Representative on more information on how you can help keep your family household safe and aware of what is being used in your home.

For additional information on the proper handling and disposal of HHW contact the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality Waste Program at (520) 562-2234 or www.gric.org.

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Gila River Public Transit has received several transit bus themes. Now we are asking for your participation in determining which one is best. The chosen theme will influence the final bus wrap design.

Please vote now for your favorite bus theme shown below!



To submit your vote, email **Greg McDowell** at Gregory.McDowell@gric.nsn.us or mail your vote to GRIC DOT at PO Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147. You may also call to place your vote at Gila River Public Transit Dispatch at 520-562-6020. All votes must be in by July 15, 2016. Thank you for participation.

Two Gila River photographers show the Community through their eyes



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Anissa Garcia and Richard Stone at the Huhugam Heritage Center where their photo exhibits are currently on display through August 12.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Two young Gila River Indian Community members are allowing Huhugam Heritage Center visitors a peek into how they perceive their own culture and lands at a photography exhibit titled I'agchulith heg eth Jevedga: Our Land Offerings, which will be on display through August 12.

The exhibit, which is split into two separate displays, showcases the photographic works of artists Richard Stone, 19, and Anissa Garcia, 21.

Richard Stone, who

comes from District 5 and found much of his inspiration for his photographs during long walks through the desert.

"That was the time I wasn't really doing anything, just school and coming home," Stone said. "It was boring and I don't like to just sit around and watch TV. I like to say active... and walk around Vah-Ki and take pictures."

Stone's photographs depict the Community's natural landscapes, vegetation, and areas typically unknown to the average person.

"No one really recog-

nizes Gila River for what it could be. They think it is just dried up and there is nothing, but, in the little corners you can find beautiful nature."

While Stone's exhibit showcased the Community's natural beauty, Garcia's captured its culture.

Garcia, who comes from District 3, said her interest in photography began in middle school and continued on into high school where she took photography classes.

Garcia's photographs all portray women holding traditional O'otham baskets with their faces hidden or turned, which she says, is so the viewer focuses their attention on the baskets.

And while taking photographs for the exhibition, Garcia found the motivation within herself to learn more about her own culture and try her hand at the older and more traditional art of basket making.

"Myself, I am a basket dancer," said Garcia. "I dance with the Gila River Basket Dancers [and] I wanted to focus on the basketry of the O'otham people. I have always wanted to learn how to make my own basket and with this exhibit, it only pushed me to [do] it, so now I'm learning to make my own baskets," she said.

For more information about the exhibit call the Huhugam Heritage Center at 520-796-3500.

Softball players from GRIC attend softball camp at Arizona State



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Young ladies from various Community softball teams in GRIC came out to attend the Arizona State University Softball camp for a three-day clinic held at the Alberta B. Farrington Stadium and the Verde Dickey Dome from June 20-22. The camp helps players improve on their performance and features hitting, defensive strategy, pitching and many other keys to the game. Many of the girls were excited to attend the clinic to get a hands-on perspective from ASU players and coaching staff, who lead them through a series of drills.

Gila River Farms olive grove from page 7

luckily for GRF olive trees don't require much water.

"The trees are suitable for desert climates," said Horne. "They actually don't need a lot of water. Olive trees in general are very hardy trees."

But while the trees are suited for the desert climate, and are relatively pest resistant, there is one problem that the young saplings face. Weeds.

"One of our biggest issues are weeds in the field. Just maintaining the weeds is tough. We have a crew

of people out here who are hand chopping the weeds," said Horne.

A crew of seven people goes out six days a week just to maintain weed growth around the young olive trees, she said.

Those weeds can smother the trees and keep their roots from taking, which is why the farm is looking into installing a drip irrigation system instead of their current arrangement of flooding.

"[Drip irrigation] is really the optimal way to water them," said Horne. Currently [we are] flooding.

The trees grow fine with flooding, but then again we have lots of weeds. We are watering weeds as well as the trees," she said.

Though the weeds are a nuisance for the seven-person work crew that battles them on a daily basis, their efforts are not in vain. The olive trees and their roots have been inspected by an expert and deemed to be in good health and thriving at Gila River Farms.

By 2018 the olive trees will begin producing olives and because the trees are expected to produce for the next thirty years, the Gila River Indian Community will have plenty of time to taste the fruits of its labor.

Sacaton Middle & Elementary School
Fall Registration Day

July 6th Last names starting with A thru L
July 7th Last names starting with M thru Z
8am til 3pm in the Middle School Library

New applicants will need to bring:


- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Immunization Records
- Court Orders or P.O.A. (if any)
- Withdrawal Form
- Report Card or Promotion Certificate
- Proof of Residency (no P.O. Boxes)
- Certificate of Indian Blood



Returning Students:




- Proof of Residency (no P.O. Boxes)
- Court Orders or P.O.A. (if any)
- Immunization Records (6th grade only)





Gila River 2016

Men's and Women's Wellness Camps

Need a Kick-Start?

Do you feel like you could benefit from losing a few pounds and trim down your waist size? We can help! Come and learn some great information on healthy eating and physical activity that will get you feeling great and on a path to wellness.




All camps are held on Saturdays from 9:00am - 3:00pm

FREE Lunch and Snacks!	7/9: D-5 Service Center
	7/16: D-3 & D-4 at D-4 Service Center
	7/23: D-1 & D-2 at D-2 Service Center
	7/30: D-6 & D-7 at D-7 Service Center

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

Pre-registration is encouraged. Camps are for Gila River Indian Community members only.

Funding provided by the Gila River Indian Community Tobacco Tax Grant, administered through the Office of Special Funding and the Community Services Department.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • June 15, 2016

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday June 15, 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 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz

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, Barney Enos, Jr., Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird (9:25)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)

1. Introduction of Kim Watts, TCH Director of Nursing

Presenter: Dean Kidder, TCH Administrator

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2. Introduction of Kelly Gomez, Assistant

Community Manager OCM, Introduction of Christina

Floyd, Director, Tribal Health Department

Presenters: Pamela Thompson, Community

Manager

MS. PAMELA THOMPSON INTRODUCED MS. KELLY GOMEZ AND MS. CHRISTINA FLOYD. MS. GOMEZ PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND HER GOALS. MS. FLOYD PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND.

REPORTS

1. Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport Authority

Presenters: Jane Morris, Brian O'Neil, Ryan Smith

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Gila River Health Care Tobacco Tax Grant Semi-Annual Report October 1, 2015-March 31, 2016

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors

REPORT HEARD

3. North Central Groundwater Investigation and Clean-up Project

Presenters: Ondrea Barber, Glenn Stark

REPORT HEARD

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community To Apply For A Grant to Assist In Implementation Of Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval: LSC concurs)

Presenter: Office of General Counsel

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving A Supplemental Cooperative Agreement To Conduct A Desert BigHorn Sheep Population Survey In The Sierra Estrellas (Komatke, Vii Lyxa) By The Arizona Game And Fish Commission, In Conjunction With The Gila River Indian Community's Department Of Environmental Quality, For The Preservation And Conservation Of the Desert BigHorn Sheep (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council for recommendation for approval with noted changes; NRSC concurs; and with correct spelling of Alha; CRSC concurs)

Presenters: Ondrea Barber, Russell Benford

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Submittal Of A Letter Of Inquiry And Application For An Award Of Funds From The Keepseagle CY Pres Funds, The Native American Agriculture Fast Track Fund (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council for recommendation of approval; NRSC & EDSC

concur)

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Head Start To Submit A Supplemental Grant Application For Head Start Early Head Start Program Cost Of Living Adjustment To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start (G&MSC motion to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections)

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Head Start To Submit A Supplemental Grant Application For Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Cost Of Living Adjustment To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start (G&MSC motion to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections)

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Early Head Start To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start American Indian/Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion And EHS-Child Care Partnership Grant For Year Two Of The Five Year Grant (ESC motion to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; GMSC concurs)

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving The Submission Of Year One Of The Five Year Grant Application To The American Indian Alaska Native Program Branch, Head Start Bureau, Department Of Health And Human Services In Order To Provide Refunding For The Head Start/Early Head Start Program (ESC motion to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; GMSC concurs)

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving The Final Joint Stipulation Of Settlement, Including Exhibit 1, Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Of America To Resolve And Settle The Community's Trust Accounting And Trust Mismanagement Claims Against The United States

Presenter: Office of General Counsel

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning & Zoning Commission Appointment For Harry Williams As District Six Planning & Zoning Commissioner (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council for recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT HARRY WILLIAMS

2. Gila River Farms Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Budget Packet June 1, 2016- March 31, 2017 (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council for recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Tiffany Horne

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE

3. Child Care and Development Fund Plan 2017-2019 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Melissa Madrid

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. Gila River Gaming Enterprise, Year End Audit Report For FY 2015 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council in Executive Session under New Business)

Presenters: Steve Harris, Janice Ponziani

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

5. Gila River Indian Community Department Of Tribal Programs And Administration Audit Wrap-Up (Executive Session) (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council in Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

MINUTES

1. December 16, 2015 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. March 3, 2016 (Regular)

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3. March 16, 2016 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>GRADUATION BANQUET, FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016, 6PM, DISTRICT 7

>ASU HIGH SCHOOL PREP TOUR STILL SCHEDULED

>FINAL TURN OVER THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016, 10AM


>EDSC PLANNING SESSION AT SHERATON ON FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016, 9AM

>VETERAN'S MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016, 10AM, GOVERNANCE CENTER

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:54 A.M.


* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



Gila River Police Department

Citizen's Police Academy

August 9, 2016 – November 1, 2016




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

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

To register, please complete the application and return it to the Gila River Police Department by August 5, 2016. **No applications will be accepted after that date.**

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

- ✓ Be a minimum of 18 years old
- ✓ Enrolled member or reside in the Gila River Indian Community
- ✓ Employees of the community or any of its enterprises
- ✓ No Misdemeanor or Felony convictions
- ✓ Must have a valid Arizona Driver's License
- ✓ Successfully pass a Criminal background investigation



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

For more information about the Citizen's Police Academy please contact:
Officer Caroline Brown
Gila River Police Department
(520) 562-7105
caroline.brown@gric.nsn.us

PICK UP APPLICATIONS AT ANY DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER OR AT THE GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

2016 Constitutional Amendment Special Election: Recap

May 3 Vote fell short of the required 30 percent of voters needed for the results to be valid

GRIN Staff Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community held a Special Election on several proposed constitutional amendments to the GRIC Constitution on May 3. The proposed amendments were based on recommendations from the Tribal Constitution Reform Project as a way to pursue self-determination through the reconstruction of its Constitution (adopted in 1960) to better suit the Community.

In order for the results to be valid, the Special Election needed 30 percent of 6,463 registered voters to participate—approximately 1,939 voters. The election did not meet this requirement. According to the results of the vote, certified by the Community at the second regular monthly meeting of the Community Council held May 18, 1,118

ballots were cast. The vote fell 821 voters shy of the 30 percent.

When voters went to the polls on May 3, they were posed with five questions for “Yes” and “No” votes on changes to the GRIC Constitution.

According to the official results, voters voted “Yes” on Questions 1, 3 and 5, and “No” on Questions 2 and 4. The three “Yes” votes were for changes to Article VI-Qualifications (Question 1), Article IX Vacancies (Question 3), and Article III-Membership and Article XV-Powers of the Gila River Indian Community (Question 5).

Voters voted “No” on proposed amendments to Article VII-Appointed Officials and Committee Members (Question 2) and Article VIII-Tenure of Office and Article Elections (Question 4).

Total ballots cast

District 1	57
District 2	102
District 3	272
District 4	148
District 5	213
District 6	207
District 7	96
Absentee	63
Total	1158

QUESTION #1 ARTICLE VI-QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS

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

A NO vote will maintain the current Constitution language.

	Totals	%
YES	781	68.15%
NO	365	31.85%

QUESTION #2 ARTICLE VII-APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

A NO vote will maintain the current Constitution language.

	Totals	%
YES	489	43.16
NO	644	56.84

QUESTION #3 ARTICLE IX-VACANCIES

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

A NO vote will maintain the current Constitution language.

	Totals	%
YES	599	53.01
NO	531	46.99

QUESTION #4 ARTICLE VIII-TENURE OF OFFICE ARTICLE X-ELECTIONS

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

A NO vote will maintain the current Constitution language.

	Totals	%
YES	486	42.41
NO	660	57.59

QUESTION #5 ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP ARTICLE XV-POWERS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

A NO vote will maintain the current Constitution language.

	Totals	%
YES	588	52.17
NO	539	47.83

Even though the most recent GRIC Constitutional Amendment Election is over, Community members still have the chance to make their voices heard at upcoming amendment elections, which will cover a variety of important issues facing the tribe.

A decision by the Community Council will determine when the next Constitution Amendment vote will take place.

JOM Advisors host farewell breakfast for Coolidge seniors and CAP students

Submitted by Terry Willis GRIC JOM Student Advisor

On Thursday May 12 Coolidge Johnson-O'Malley Student Advisors provided a farewell breakfast for 26 graduating seniors from Coolidge High School and Coolidge Alternative Program. Students gathered together with the JOM Team and were joined by special guest speakers Isaac Salcido, GRIC Tribal Education Director, and members of Education Standing Committee. Mr. Barnaby Lewis provided an opening blessing and also sang a song.

Mr. Salcido congratulated all the students and wished them well on their new journey. He explained to the students the importance of education and going to college.

Education Standing Committee Chairman Mr. Arzie Hogg spoke to students and shared that they have a great opportunity here with the tribe. He also spoke on a personal level and shared some of his own life experiences with students and told students never to give up.

Mr. Joey Whitman, ESC Vice Chairman, also congratulated all the students and shared whatever you do work hard at it! Mr. Whitman stated life can be difficult sometimes but to press on and don't stop after High School.

Junior-Senior JOM student Advisor Ms. Terry congratulated students and shared that she was very proud of each of them and spoke from her heart. She stated it has been quite exciting watching these students all the way from middle school and now graduating high school. She stated some students faced many challenges but overcame them. Ms. Terry stated each senior was confident and had a direction and vision in place.

JOM student Advisors-Nikko Davis, Jerry Curley and Richard Blackwater CAP Student advisor, also congratulated students. Ms. Terry spoke on behalf of JOM Coolidge team. I felt students had much success with many highlights throughout the year. Principal Dawn Dee Hodge also gave a closing statement and gave congratulations to all students and shared how excited she was for each of them. Ms. Hodge added students worked very hard. After guest speakers concluded students ate a

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CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Now Accepting Applications
Teacher (1st Grade): \$37,382 - \$57,782 School Year
Teacher (3rd Grade): \$37,382 - \$57,782 School Year
Math Interventionist: \$37,382 - \$57,782 School Year
Bus Driver \$11.65 - \$22.05 School Year
Library Technician \$12.17 - \$22.05

School Year
Instructional Assistant \$10.15 - \$20.49 School Year
Instructional Assistant (ESS) \$10.15 - \$20.49 School Year
Traditional Agricultural Instructor \$12.17 - \$22.05 School Year
Substitute Teacher \$125 Day Intermittent
Administrative Assistant (Principal) \$12.17 - \$22.05 Year Long
Administrative Assistant (HR/Business) \$12.17 - \$22.05 Year Long
Business Manager \$50,000 - \$74,602 Year Long
School Benefits:
1. Medical/Dental/Vision
2. Life Insurance
3. 401K Retirement Plan
4. Employee Assistance Program
Located 16 Miles from Metropolitan

Phoenix, 15 minute drive from Chandler, Arizona
Contact Information: Wendell Joe Human Resources Coordinator (480)403-8595 Ext. 2551, wjoe@cbschools.com
For Additional Position Information and Online Application Visit: <http://www.cbschools.com/Employment>

conceptual cost estimates to mitigate the identified flooding concerns. At each public meeting, the study team will present the status of the study, the data collection that is underway and solicit your comments and feedback. You are encouraged to attend one of the three scheduled public meetings to learn more about the Casa Blanca ADMS.



Photo submitted by Terry Willis

Tribal Education Department Director Isaac Salcido speaks with graduating seniors from Coolidge High School and CAP programs on May 12.

homemade breakfast and got to participate in a drawing with raffle prizes from JOM advisors. Barnaby

Lewis gave the closing blessing.

Congratulations once again class of 2016!!

Casa Blanca Area Drainage Master Study
The Gila River Indian Community (Community) is conducting public outreach meetings for the Casa Blanca Area Drainage Master Study (Casa Blanca ADMS). The Casa Blanca ADMS is intended to identify drainage and flooding problems in the District 5 study area and to develop preliminary alternative measures with

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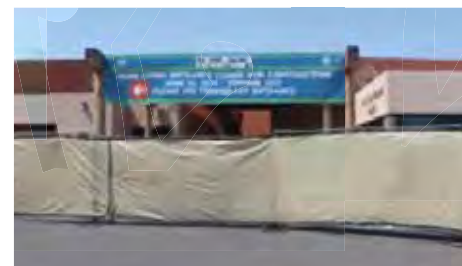


HHKMH FRONT ENTRANCE CLOSED UNTIL SUMMER 2017 NEW TEMPORARY ENTRANCE OPEN

In an effort to address the shortage of patient treatment space, expansion and remodeling efforts are underway at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital. Once construction is completed, these projects will help fulfill our mission and vision and will greatly enhance the patient experience to include improved patient privacy, accessibility, safety, security, and convenient access.

Since the Main Entrance to HHKMH is closed until the summer of 2017, there are some important things to know:

1. If you are parking on the north side of HHKMH, you must enter at the newly-established, Temporary Entrance located on the east side of the hospital.
2. If you are a walk-in patient, you will need to check-in at the new, Temporary Registration Desk (designated for walk-in patients only).
3. If you have an appointment and you park in the north lot, you must go through the New Temporary Entrance.
4. Primary Care patients with appointments or who are visiting Medical Imaging and Lab should check-in at the Main Registration Desk.
5. Patients visiting the Pharmacy may use any entrance and do not need to stop at either Registration Desk.
6. Go to **GRHC.ORG** for more information.



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

JULY 4, 2016, CLOSURE

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, Komatke Health Center, and the Ak-Chin Clinic will be **CLOSED** on Monday, July 4, 2016.

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Saturday Clinic will be open July 2, 2016.

If you need immediate assistance, visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital or call 911. Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

Heat & Dehydration Warning

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- An excessive heat warning has been issued throughout Arizona.
 - Extremely hot temperatures can affect your health.
 - Most vulnerable are the elderly, those who work or exercise outdoors, infants and children, the homeless or poor, and people with chronic medical conditions.
- Early symptoms include: headache, thirst, and muscle cramps.
 Serious symptoms include: weakness, skin that is cool to the touch, fast but weak pulse, nausea, and fainting.
 Severe symptoms include: hot and red, dry skin, fast and strong pulse, sweating that has stopped, and unconsciousness.

Stay cool and in air-conditioned buildings.

- Limit outdoor activity, especially midday during the hottest part of the day, and avoid direct sunlight.
- Check on at-risk friends, family, and neighbors at least twice a day.
- Take cool showers or baths to lower your body temperature.
- Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.

IMPORTANT PATIENT INFORMATION

ZIKA Virus

Zika is a Flavivirus carried by mosquitos.

Daytime is most dangerous
Mosquitos that spread chikungunya, dengue, and Zika are aggressive daytime biters. They can also bite at night.

Use Insect Repellent
Look for the following active ingredients:
- DEET - PICARIDIN - IR3535 - OIL of LEMON EUCALYPTUS (Para-menthane-diol)

Wear Protective Clothing
Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and use insect repellent. For extra protection, treat clothing with permethrin.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Marcy Hamblin
Infection Prevention Specialist
(520) 562-3321 Ext.1556**

**DAY OF HOPE FOR PROFESSIONALS
SAVE THE DATE!**

2016 Day of Hope for Professionals
Saturday, September 10, 2016
 Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Conference Center
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 For any questions, please contact the Life Center at (520) 562-7940.

2016 Summer Family Health Event

"Bringing Wellness to You in Your Community"

Child and Adult Immunizations - Well Child Exams - Labs - Sports Physicals - Blood Sugar Checks - Blood Pressure Checks - Cancer Screenings - Diabetes Education

**Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

District 2	July 5	July 7
District 1	July 12	CANCELLED
Ak-Chin	July 19	July 21

For more information, please contact
 Robin Henry, FNP
 Community Outreach Mobile Unit
 (520) 610-2379

ELDER'S CIRCLE

Parking at HHKMH

With the closure of the front entrance at HHKMH, 10 newly-established parking spaces are available for the elders.

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Department of Community Housing WATER SAFETY 2016



As summer approaches and we all take advantage of the warm weather with our children, there are a few important things to remember when protecting our families in and around pools, canals, rivers and/or lakes.

Drowning is the leading cause of injury death for children age 1 to 4.

Swimming pools pose the greatest risk for submersion injury for toddlers and preschoolers.

As drowning happens quickly and quietly, adults watching kids in or near water should avoid any distracting activities, such as reading books, talking, texting, visiting social media sites on their phone, and using alcohol or drugs.

DROWNING IS SILENT

DROWNING PREVENTION TIPS

- *Learn CPR*
- *Keep toddlers within arm's reach when they are in water*
- *Make sure your children wear a Coast Guard-approved life vest*
- *Watch your kids the entire time they are in the water*

For additional information contact
Department of Community Housing Drug Elimination Crime Prevention & Safety Program
(520) 562-3904

Resource: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – www.cdc.gov/dcs/RequestForm.aspx

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